

Bradford & Cookbury Parish Council: Summary of Financial Year 2024-2025

The preceding year has been a good one for the Parish Council.

We have had interest from various persons in becoming a Parish Councillor, which means that from tonight we expect once again to have a full complement of councillors.

Our new Clerk is still with us and has settled into the role despite some challenges.

For example, the bank has not always been easy to work with and the Clerk has spent many hours on the phone trying to sort out the pitfalls they have put in our path. However, we hope that things will now continue to progress smoothly.

The Parish Council has been able to purchase some rather splendid notice boards, which are still receiving favourable comments.

Also, via the Dunsland Wind Farm income, grants have been made to the Village Hall & local school to name but 2 recipients, with other grants being made from the precept to support local organisations where appropriate. We have also continued to maintain the EV charging points at the Village Hall

The grants we make are restricted by the various rules & regulations in place - we cannot just spend money as we would perhaps like - but every application is looked at carefully, and if the criteria is met & funds permit, we do what we can to support those living and working here.

The lack of County Council funding for road maintenance has been a concern throughout the year, and looks likely to continue, and we have seen an increase in traffic as more people come to live in this area, with resulting road safety concerns.

We have also seen major changes to health care services which have impacted upon the lives of our parishioners. We hope that such matters as a decent pharmacy provision will return to the general area.

But all in all, Bradford & Cookbury are still good places to live in, and we hope that will continue to be the case.