

Acton Burnell Frodesley Pitchford Ruckley & Langley Parish Council

Financial Report for 2025/26

The Council received a precept of £7,240 from Shropshire Council to enable it to fulfil its statutory obligations.

General Parish Council expenditure, as shown in the year end accounts, was £8,944.88 (total expenditure including VAT, grants and restricted funds was £11,654.74).

Putting aside restricted grants and funds, with the amount received in interest and VAT and NI refunds, the Council spent £378.74 less than its income for the year.

At the close of the financial year 2025/26 the Parish Council held unrestricted general reserves of £5,417.68. This figure is within the recommended reserve for a Parish Council.

The Council also held restricted funds of £1,460.45 CIL Neighbourhood funding and £108,901.41 Lightsource Community Benefit Funding. Therefore, the total amount held by the Parish Council at year end 2025/26 was £115,779.54.

CIL Neighbourhood Fund

The Council did not receive any additional CIL funding in 2025/26. The Council spent £996 from this fund in 2025/26 on repainting the phone boxes in Acton Burnell and Pitchford. This leaves £1,460.45 unallocated funds. However, the Council has been informed that it will receive an additional £12,656.75 in 2026/27.

Lightsource Community Benefit Fund

The Parish Council received £15,439.22 as a Community Benefit payment from Lightsource for the solar parks within part of the parish.

This money is held in a separate account as a Community Fund and is used to fund community projects. During 2025/26 the fund contributed a total of £859.28 in grants to the Village Views newsletter and Pitchford Village Hall broadband, and £25 to mow Roman Road, in addition to spending £523 on the parish's defibrillators.

Governance

The Parish Council reviewed its Financial and Risk Assessment documents in May 2025 and these will be reviewed again and updated in May 2026. The Council was audited by an internal auditor in April 2026 and was found to have met all its financial control requirements. The Council has in all aspects of its financial dealings adhered to strict guidelines ensuring that all decisions represent best value for money for the community.

Anna Morris, Clerk & RFO
2 May 2026