# FRPC Parish Council for The Farnhams

## Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 7:00pm

### Parish Finances

Katherine Damsell
Chair of Finance Committee

#### Last year plans- What have we done

- Budget for the year ahead considerations
  - Aiming to return to full reserve balance- We are now in compliance with the Government Guidelines
- Projects 2023 onward
  - Playground stage 1 looking to utilise Public Works Loan Board A loan was secured
  - Planning playground stage 2 this is now a picnic area for all to enjoy
  - Guide hut demolition due June 2023 completed now the picnic area
  - Take back control of maintenance of Kingsway and plan for future year improvements contracts and ideas being reviewed. We have a contract in place to ensure the grass is maintained.
  - Boundary Corpse plans started will continue in 2024
- Aware of inflationary pressure that might reduce available spend for projects
  - Watching electricity and maintenance contracts We have put in place standard contracts

2023/2024 Total income =£220,000 95% Precept = £210,000 5% Grants and Rent = £10,000

76% Non-Discretionary

Woodlands and Open Spaces
Maintaining Playgrounds
Keep the Villages Tidy
Christmas Lights
Flagpoles
Residential Streetlighting
Maintaining St Mary's Churchyard
Public conveniences
Maintaining Statutory Compliance
Financial Management

24% Discretionary

Seasonal Planting
Parish Projects
Protecting Green belt
Neighbour Plan
Grants
Community Engagements

#### Looking Forward 2024/2025

- Put in place a performance management practice to ensure value and quality for all our contracted works
- Review of all the Parish Assets to ensure secure for the future
- Engage with Farnham Park on their plans and impact to the Playground
- Support the projects for the Parish and look to secure more funding for other public bodies were possible.
- Review all the policies to keep up to date with all guidance