

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Village Centre

Construction is going well, and we recently were awarded a grant of £88,250.00 from WREN for phase two of the project. This relates to work which was removed from the initial build contract to meet our budget of £850,000, and includes a commercial standard kitchen, first floor meeting room suite, Photovoltaic cells, and floor covering throughout.

The Council was obliged to add a significant sum to the precept to support unexpected fees. You will see this when you receive your Council Tax bills.

It will look like a large amount, but the extra sum added for the Village Centre equates to 40p a week for a Band D property. This will mean every household is contributing towards an amenity which will provide new, much needed, services for every one of us.

Here is a table showing the initial build costs and sources of funding. The WREN funding and associated phase two works are not included.

Village Centre Costs		Village Centre Funding	
Build contract	850,000.00	Big Lottery	550,000.00
Fees	10,000.00	Other grants	44,000.00
Contingency	42,500.00	Parish Council	189,000.00
Total	902,500.00	Fundraising	3,000.00
In addition		Public works Loan	150,000.00
Fees	31,000.00	DVCA	10,000.00
Reserves replacement	12,500.00	Total Funding	946,000.00
Total costs to date	946,000.00	Notes: Parish Council funding includes precepts from previous years, this year, and the repayment to reserves.	
Notes: Some unforeseen architect and legal fees were incurred. This also includes provision for potential legal fees relating to the footpath diversion.		DVCA is fundraising for the Centre and for furniture and equipment.	