

A scenic view of a canal with narrowboats, surrounded by lush green trees and a path leading to the water. The scene is framed by dense foliage, with a dirt path leading from the foreground towards the canal. Two narrowboats are visible on the water, and the background shows a hazy landscape with more trees and a building.

Freshford Annual Parish Meeting

7.30 pm, 26th April 2018

Agenda

- Apologies for absence
- Minutes of APM held on 28th April 2017
- Report of temporary Responsible Financial Officer
- Chairman's Report
- Development Plans for the Village Hall
 - Nick Stevens, Martin Walker
- Development Plans for St Peter's Church
 - Penny Murray, Martin Walker
- Any questions?
- APM 2019 – Wednesday 24th April

All documentation will be published online - FreshfordVillage.com



**Responsible Financial
Officer's Report
2017/18**

Financial Report 2017/18

- Balance in account is - £27,099 (£8,609)
- Income for year - £44,213 (inc. £25,000 precept and £4,065 Parish Sweeper Scheme)
- Other income included
 - Community Infrastructure Levy - £10,082
 - Grant from CCB for hedge-laying - £2,000
 - Grants/donations towards memorial benches
 - Sponsorship for The Bulletin (5 issues) - £1,451

Expenditure 2017/18

- Expenditure was £27,072 (£54,340)
 - Last year included large grant for play equipment
- Mainly routine expenditure
 - Administration
 - Maintenance – Street sweeping, Tynning, Cemetery
 - Street lights and electricity
 - Tynning loan instalments
 - Support for Village Hall
- Some work in progress not yet billed



Chairman's Report 2017/18

Your Parish Council

- **John Adler, Vice Chairman**

- IT, Broadband, Mobile phone, PC rep – Memorial Hall, Chair - Bathavon South Forum

- **Nick Stevens**

- NP projects, Highways/Rail & Bus services, VPA/Community rail partnership, Parish Charter Group

- **Jean Hawker**

- Tree surgery applications; Hedges, walls, footpaths; Street sweeping; FLiSCA trustee

- **Peter King**

- The Bulletin; The Galleries Shop and Café; VPA

- **Roger Paine**

- Planning policy & applications: PCC & Bath Preservation Trust

- **Martin Walker**

- Heritage and fixed assets; Planning applications; NP projects

- **Tom Maddicott**

- Community database; Website – FreshfordVillage.com

We also thank...

- Neil Butters
 - Ward Councillor
- Malcolm Shirley
 - Our flood rep
- Graham Jenkinson
 - Neighbourhood Watch
- Many other residents
 - who give their time and energy for the community
- FLiSCA
- The Horticultural Society
 - For the new bench on the Tynning
- The Cotswold Volunteer Wardens
- Avon & Tributaries Angling Association
 - Both for the work they do enhancing our environment



The Precept and the Budget for 2018-19

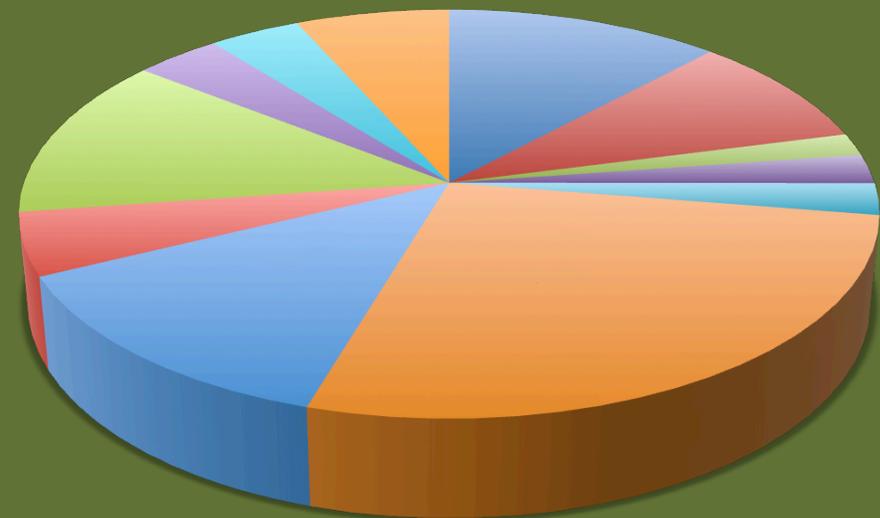
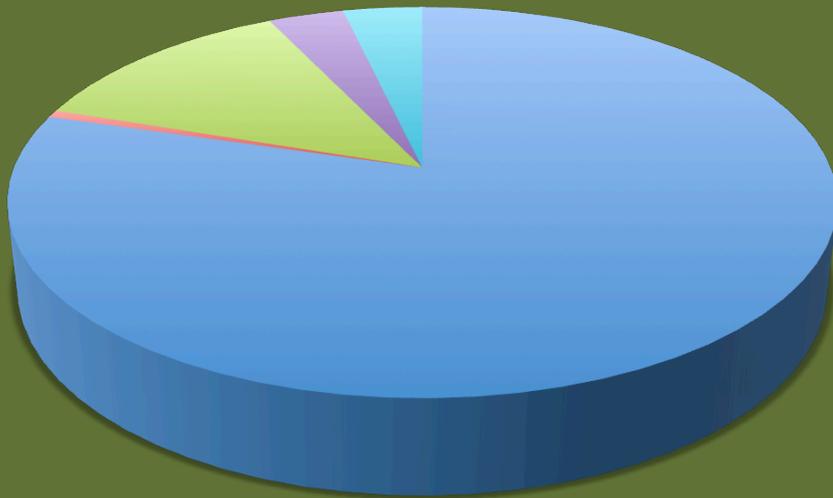
Precept 2018-19

- Increased by £1,000
- Brings Freshford's precept income to £26,000
- However, cost of precept to residents has *decreased* by 0.7% over last year
 - Because the Tax Base is greater

Budget 2018-19

Income - £32,712 (exc CIL)

Expenditure - £40,104



■ Precept

■ Cemetery Fees

■ Street Cleaning Funding

■ VAT refund

■ Bulletin Sponsor

■ Clerk's Salary

■ Insurance

■ Printing costs

■ Tyning

■ Cemetery

■ Misc Asset repair

■ Street Cleaning

■ Admin

■ Street Lighting

■ Tyning Loan

■ War Memorial

■ Subs & Donations

In the budget for 2018

- Street Lighting
 - completion of works on Church Hill and replacement of the light near Jasmin Cottage on The Hill: £7,850
- Cemetery
 - straighten and make safe headstones: £1,760
- Fingerposts
 - clean and repaint our heritage fingerposts: £1,000
- War memorial
 - contribution of up to 50% to improvement work: £1,500
- The Tynning
 - create a passing place on the lane: £2,500
 - open up the view from the 'sad bench': £585

The 'sad' bench...



...now has a view



A scenic landscape featuring rolling green hills under a clear blue sky. In the middle ground, a white house with a brown roof and solar panels is visible, surrounded by lush greenery and trees. The foreground shows a grassy slope with some bushes and a wooden fence. The overall scene is bright and sunny, suggesting a clear day.

Community Infrastructure Levy

- Charged at £100 per m² on new builds
- Ordinarily, 15% of CIL funds go to the parishes
- Because of our Neighbourhood Plan, 25% of CIL funds come straight to our community
- Must be spent on infrastructure development
- Freshford has started to receive CIL funds from the revised planning application at Freshford Mill

- The Parish Council has resolved to commit these funds to the Hall redevelopment
- CIL payments
 - **£10,082** in January 2018
 - **£10,082** in October 2018
 - **£10,082** in April 2019
- In reserve until drawn down by the Hall

A scenic landscape featuring a paved road that curves through a green field. In the background, there are several houses and a church spire on a hillside. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. Bare tree branches are visible in the foreground, and a large tree trunk is on the right. The text 'GDPR' is overlaid in the center in a yellow, outlined font.

GDPR

- New Data Protection rules
- We must have clear 'opt in' to the Community Database
- Two emails asking for 'opt-ins' have been sent
- All non-responders have been dropped
- But it's easy to opt back in at FreshfordVillage.com

Avoncliff Wood



- Early news! - Woodland Trust is negotiating to buy Avoncliff Wood
- Heads of Terms agreed but deal not yet done and dusted
- The plan is broadly to keep the wood untouched
- But if they find old logging tracks they might be opened up as footpaths

