

Notice of meeting

16th January 2025

Councillors are summoned to a meeting of South Marston Parish Council on **Tuesday 21st January 2025 at 7:30pm** in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to join the meeting.

Kevin Morgan, South Marston Parish Council

Agenda item	Supporting info	Start time
Open 10 minutes	None	7:30pm
1. Apologies	None	7:40pm
2. Declarations of interest Members are reminded that they should declare any interest they have in an agenda item at the start of the meeting or, if not previously foreseeable, during any discussion of the matter concerned.	None	7:40pm
3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17th December 2024	Website	7:40pm
4. To receive Ward Councillor update		7:40pm
5. To review and update the Parish Council actions	Actions	7:45pm
6. To review and update the Parish Council calendar	Timeline	7:55pm
7. To review and discuss the Clerk's Report	Report	8:00pm
8. To review and comment on Planning & Highways matters: S/24/1430 Re: Change of use of swimming pool building to 2no. dwellings. At: Burton Grove Farm, Highworth Road South Marston Swindon SN3 4SG Deadline: 10 th January 2025 - Objection submitted prior to this meeting citing a number of issues including lack of footpaths, road access and the annex policy S/OUT/24/0128 Re: Outline application for the erection of up to 57 no. dwellings with access from Thornhill Road, footpath improvements and public open space (Means of access not reserved). At: Crown Trading Estate, Thornhill Road South Marston Swindon Deadline: 2 nd January 2025 - Response agreed by SPWG covering a number of issues, and submitted prior to this meeting S/24/1472 Re: Erection of external plant to facilitate operation of commercial laundry including external concrete tank, prefabricated steel containers to the rear of the premises and installation of GRP dosing containers. At: Stirling Court, Stirling Road Swindon SN3 4TQ	SBC planning website	8:10pm

Deadline: 13th January 2025 - Response of no comment agreed and submitted prior to this meeting S/HOU/24/1479 Re: Creation of new vehicular access to Priory Lodge, closure of existing vehicular access, erection of new boundary treatment and gates and associated ancillary works. At: Priory Lodge, Thornhill Road South Marston Swindon Deadline: 13th January 2025 - Response of no comment agreed and submitted prior to this meeting S/RES/24/0923 Re: Erection of 134 dwellings and provision of public open space with associated infrastructure and earthworks (layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) - Reserved Matters from previous outline permission S/OUT/13/1555. At: Land At Parcels R8 And R9 (East And West Of Old Vicarage Lane) , Land North Of A420 New Eastern Villages, South Marston Swindon Deadline: 13th January 2025 - Response submitted prior to the meeting, noting that any further concerns will be raised in future Reserved Matters consultations S/OUT/23/1514 Outline application for the erection of up to 80 dwellings and open space with all matters reserved other than means of access. Redlands Phase 2, Redlands Farm Wanborough Road Swindon SN4 0AA Deadline: 16th January 2025 S/24/1480 Re: Renovation of existing brick building to provide all driver amenity and demolition/removal of flat roof prefabricated building, covered seating area, and three shipping containers. At: Swindon Truck Stop, Oxford Road, Stratton St Margaret Swindon Deadline: 30th January 2025 S/COND/22/1820 Re: Discharge of condition 27 (Old Vicarage Lane/A420) from Outline Planning Permission S/OUT/13/1555 – signalised junction At: Land North Of A420, Eastern Villages Swindon Deadline: 27th January 2025 S/ADV/24/1517 Re: Display of Estate Signage. At: Land At Laines Way, Swindon Deadline: 4th February 2025 S/24/0981 Re: Change of use from agricultural land to residential curtilage, boundary treatment and ancillary works. At: Priory Lodge, Thornhill Road South Marston Swindon Deadline: 29th January 2025		
9. To review and approve Risk Assessment documentation		8:20pm

10. Reports from Working Groups a) Communications b) Open Spaces c) Allotments d) Rights of Way	Reports	8:30pm
11. Reports relating to Expansion Strategic Planning Working Group	Report	8:50pm
12. Other reports a) SMRA & Play WG b) Parish/Borough Liaison	Reports	9:00pm
13. Finance - To review and approve finance statement and payments - To review and approve Q3 financial management report - To discuss and agree precept requirement for 2025-26	Finance Statement	9:20pm
14. Matters brought forward by or with the consent of the Chair	None	9:30pm

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Actions:

PC – Parish Council, OSWG _ Open Spaces Working Group, CWG – Communications Working Group, AWG – Allotments Working Group, SPWG – Strategic Planning Working Group, FWG – Finance Working Group, NPC – Neighbourhood Planning Committee, SBC – Swindon Borough Council, NP – Neighbourhood Plan, SMRA – South Marston Recreation Association, NEV – New Eastern Villages, GDPR – General Data Protection Regulations

In Progress – started but no significant progress yet

Progressing – some notable progress has been achieved

Done - means that action is complete but there may be a need for a follow-up.*

Meeting & minute	Area	Action	Progress update	Owner	Review date
May 22 21/22-23	Working Groups	Allotment water installation. More TW visits. Possible progress.	On hold	BT	Unknown
Aug 23 65/23-24	Working Groups	Website changes. Clerk and editor met, options reviewed.	Progressing	Clerk & editor	Ongoing
Apr 24 175/23-24	Actions	Crown timber – application received and response submitted	Progressing	SPWG	Feb 25
Aug 24 59/24-25	Calendar	Risk Register to be reviewed	Progressing	Clerk	Jan 25
Aug 24 64/24-25	Working Groups	Village garden – BT to progress changes.	Progressing	BT	Ongoing
Sep 24 81/24-25	Working Groups	BT to investigate backup contractors for maintenance work.	Progressing	BT	Ongoing
Oct 24 90/24-25	Actions	Hedge on Hod Corner between Keypoint & Crown Timber. Responsibility unclear, escalated to Highways via Cllr Vallender.	Progressing	Clerk	
Oct 24 92/24-25	Clerk's Report	Wiltshire Prepared – clerk to meet with Highworth TC in new year.		Clerk	Feb 25
Nov 24 100/24-25	Open 10 Minutes	War memorial lettering – one quote obtained, seeking another	Progressing	Clerk	Jan 25
Nov 24 105/24-25	Council Calendar	School license to be updated and invoice issued to Blue Kite, the new academy.	Progressing	Clerk	Jan 25

Added in December 2024					
Dec 24 119/24-25	Council Calendar	Move annual finance items on calendar.	Done	Clerk	

Dec 24 121/24-25	Planning	S/OUT/24/0128 Crown Timber – SPWG to discuss & submit response by 2 nd Jan	Done	SPWG	
Dec 24 122/24-25	Financial regulations	Clerk to file and upload to website	Progressing	Clerk	
Dec 24 124/24-25	Working Groups	Clerk to update Schedule of Charges	Progressing	Clerk	
Dec 24 124/24-25	Working Groups	Fallen tree FP15 – SBC rejected job, dealt with by LCA.	Done	Clerk/LCA	
Dec 24 125/24-25	Expansion	SPWG to review CADC 2		SPWG	

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Calendar:

DECEMBER 2024		
Responsibility:	Activity:	Progress
Communications Working Group	Produce January edition of Community News	Done
Council administration	Consider SMRA MOU and grant	January
Council administration	Clerk to circulate draft service contracts for approval	Done
Council administration	Remind school licence fee due	Done
Agenda items:	- Agree SMRA MOU and grant - Review draft service contracts	
JANUARY 2025		
Responsibility:	Activity:	Progress
Allotment Working Group	Send New Year email/letter to tenants	
Council administration	Review and propose precept amount	Progressing
Council administration	Notify SBC of precept amount	Progressing
Council administration	Issue contracts to suppliers	Progressing
Finance Working Group	Confirm appointment and date for internal auditor	Progressing
Council Administration	Produce 3rd quarter Financial Management report	Done
Finance Working Group	Meeting to review Financial Management Report and confirm budget recommendation (if needed)	Progressing
Open Spaces/Footpaths	Review SBC maintenance	
Agenda items:	- Review and approve precept amount and inform SBC - Review and approve 3rd quarter Financial Management Report - Review and sign new supplier contracts - Review SBC footpath maintenance	
FEBRUARY 2025		
Responsibility:	Activity:	Progress
Communications Working Group	Produce March edition of Community News	
Council administration	Confirm appointment of internal auditor	
Agenda items:	- Approve appointment of internal auditor - Review and approve budget - Review staff remuneration	

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Clerk's Report:

Report details	
Report Date:	January 2025
Report written by:	Clerk
Inclusion in PC meeting:	January 2025
Agenda item number:	7
Public or confidential:	Public
Overview	
Audit Insurance Lengthsman War Memorial SM Brook report	
Item	Progress/activity update
Audit	I have confirmed the availability of Rosie Darkin-Miller if council is happy to proceed with her services again. Estimated cost based on previous years ' hours would be approx. £445 +VAT. Suggested dates are for around end May early June, for audit signoff at the June meeting – we have done the audit earlier for the last two years ready for the May meeting but that has proven to be a rush with the timing of some payments.
Insurance	The new container/workshop has been added to our insurance at a value of £6,500 – an additional interim premium is required of £13.57 which is included in this months' payments.
Lengthsman	Mark Rostill has given notice of leaving the role – discussion to be held over the role's renewal and potential candidates.
Memorial refurb	One quote has been obtained from James Long Masons, price of approx. £500 +VAT. This has been circulated for information. Further quote has been sought but no response received as yet.
Wilts & Berks Canal Trust renewal	Renewal for membership is due – bill for £25 is included in this months payments. Council to agree to carry on membership.
South Marston Brook	Various emails and concerns have been raised about the brook and Cllr Hole has been in correspondence with those concerned and Panattoni. A report is included below.
Correspondence	Several documents were received for the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust. Can councillors notify the clerk if they wish to receive copies of the various updates from the trust.
Actions or queries for consideration by the Council at PC meeting	
Council to approve use of Rosie Darkin-Miller for internal audit. Council to agree to continue W + B Canal Trust membership. Councillors to notify clerk if they wish to receive updates from W+B canal Trust. Note the report on South Marston Brook.	

Report on SOUTH MARSTON BROOK

16th January 2025

Cllr Nigel Hole

On Monday 6th January we received complaints of garden flooding (muddy) from the brook at the lower end of the village and shortly after reports of a large volume of muddy water in the brook where it comes through to St.Julians. Despite best efforts we were unable to contact the site manager at Panattoni until the Tuesday morning who then launched an investigation to try to locate the cause. Photo evidence has been provided by several parties.

The site Manager Richard Reid came back to us two days later advising that, despite quizzing all his relevant sub-contractors, he was unable to confirm that the inundation originated on site and queried whether it had come across site from the Kingsdown workings. He did confirm that diggers/excavators were working onsite to landscape the brook as part of the SUDS/drainage package referenced in the recent CN article – this shouldn't by itself have caused the water event but could account for muddy water.

During the course of our own investigation it was established that the Environment Agency had been in attendance at the time of the inundation and we are awaiting the result of Councillor Vallender's enquiries with them, as to the purpose and outcome of that visit. We are also aware that the EA made a surprise visit to the Panattoni site while investigating, following a direct complaint from a village resident. Again, no information yet on the outcome.

Since Monday 6th there has been no further issue with garden flooding although slightly elevated water levels commensurate with normal rain patterns have been seen. While it is unsatisfactory not to have a definitive answer yet for what happened, it is at least beneficial that awareness of the village concerns over this has been raised considerably with the Panattoni site team.

We await the outcome of the various investigations and this will determine if any further steps or enquiries are required.

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Communications Working Group report:

Report details	
Report Date:	14 th January 2025
Report written by:	Sylvia Brown
Working Group meeting date:	
Inclusion in Parish Council meeting:	January 25
Agenda item number:	10
Public or confidential:	Public

Overview	
Community News Print costs Website revamp	
Progress/activity update	
Community News	January edition completed and distributed. Great picture content this time. New MP Will Stone as contacted us and asked if we would like him to write articles – to be discussed.
Print costs for next year	Orchard Press confirmed they would not charge extra for a 28 page edition (4 extra pages) to compensate for the 20 page edition last November. This could give us flexibility if we thought a major ‘development’ splash in a single edition would be useful – photos/plans etc of the start of the roads and Phase 1 build?
Website revamp	Sharon is working now on the ‘Village Development subpages’ for which there is a click-through from the home page. 3 vertical blocks, labelled ‘Plan Progress’, ‘Latest News’ and ‘MOLA Dig’ each with summary information, with click through to pages with more information. This is thought to be the neatest way for readers to access info. It will help us rationalise but easily update new plans received/approved, whilst retaining info that won’t change eg the original planning permissions. Sharon attended the SMRA meeting last Tuesday to discuss how best to create a SMRA webpage and how information should be presented. One topic was whether 100 Club sign-up and Village Hall bookings could be enabled through the website, but the difficulties of doing both, at this time, were identified.
Actions or queries for consideration by the Council at PC meeting	
Views sought on responding to Will Stone MP about Community News contributions	

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Open Spaces Working Group report:

Report details	
Report Date:	14 th January 2025
Report written by:	Barry Thunder
Inclusion in PC meeting:	January 2025
Agenda item number:	10
Public or confidential:	Public
Overview	
Lengthsman Village Garden Weed control Replacement of Recreation Ground trees	
Progress/activity update	
Lengthsman update	Mark has resigned his role and will be ceasing his duties during February 2025. We will look for alternative support or a replacement for his role. He will be missed and hopefully he will have some time to assist on key tasks over the coming months.
Orchard Meadow & St Julian's	Plans are coming together for fruit tree planting in Orchard Meadow and the pre-preparation work in mid-February. Support will be welcomed!
Oxleaze Woods & Morses Lane	Awaiting a response from SBC Community Forest team.
Village garden	As for Orchard Meadow Pre-planning work support required for Mid-February. Bush trimming work to be completed by CPB teams before Spring.
Village pavements & gutters	It would be helpful to have some recommendations/suggestions for weed control locations to target our contractors with for the pending spraying work in the new financial year.
Recreation ground Trees for Climate change.	With support from WWT, we will be marking out planting locations for trees/hedges to be planted in early March. We plan to hire a turf cutter to save planting time by removing turf on all planting location. Support with the work will be appreciated!
Actions or queries for consideration by the Council at PC meeting	
Councillors, please note the above. Suggestions for weed spraying areas welcomed from Councillors. Support with turf cutting is required prior to the main tree planting dates. Please form an orderly queue to place you name onto the volunteer list!	

Allotments Working Group report:

Report details	
Report Date:	14 th January 2025
Report written by:	Barry Thunder
Inclusion in PC meeting:	January 2025
Agenda item number:	10
Public or confidential:	Public
Overview	
Thames Water – awaiting next step Allotment vacancies – advertising for tenants required Honda memorial garden Collapsed drainage pipe	
Item	Progress/activity update
Tenancy agreements	New clauses still to be added to take account of a future water connection and defining bonfire activity. Outstanding until water supply connected. Hopefully during 2025?
Thames Water connection	We await the next step.
Plot vacancies & usage	Tenancy changes have given an opportunity to resize some of the overlarge plots, together with a change of use to an outside storage compound. A net gain of two plots. Together with end of year tenant changes, will require us to offer an incentive to a wider area for new tenants. This to be discussed with Kevin in due course.
Bellway S106 Funds	Several of the plots that will become vacant will require refurbishment/clearing, so some of the S106 funds will be directed to cover these costs. This will follow on from the above point.
Allotment site, tool security and new storage	Delivery scheduled for January 2025. All costs paid.
Honda Memorial Garden - windmills	All bar one unit silenced. One reported for noise 14 th Jan 2025.
Collapsed concrete drainage pipe.	Recent inspection has shown a wider area of collapse than originally seen. Reported to Honda contact 14 th January.
Raised flower beds in heritage garden	Beds to be relocated when weather suitable.
Actions or queries for consideration by the Council at PC meeting	
Councillors, please note the above items.	

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Rights of Way Working Party:

Verbal update if required.

Strategic Planning Working Group report:

Due to councillor workload report to be circulated separately prior to meeting.

SMRA report:

Due to councillor workload report to be circulated separately prior to meeting.

Parish/Borough Liaison report:

Director for Secure Communities and Partnership Working has contacted the five largest Parishes to attempt partnership working on delivery of the Swindon Plan. My view is that it is currently a bit woolly and that they should be concentrating on the two Central Parishes where there is most need.

Shared Leadership meeting suggested that they are more open to developing a structures engagement with Parishes. Due to hold a Forum WP meeting on this early next month.

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Finance

January 2025

Account balances:

Account	Balance date	Balance
Unity Trust	31/12/2024	£53,531.19
Nationwide	06/01/2025	£86,786.04
Hinckley & Rugby BS	06/01/2025	£60,060.74
	TOTAL:	£200,377.97

Payments

Payment method	SMPC ref	Payee	Reason	Dept	VAT	Total
BACS 22/01/2025	0148	Mandy Larcombe	Bookkeeping	Admin	£0.00	£122.50
BACS 22/01/2025	0149	Allbuild	Pitch marking	SMRA	£36.00	£216.00
BACS 22/01/2025	0150	Allbuild	Waste collection	Open Spaces	£24.70	£148.20
DD 16/01/2025	0151	Lloyds Bank	Various	Admin, Comm Eng, Open Spaces	£9.31	£118.64
DD 30/12/2024	0152	Scottish Widows	Pension	Admin	£0.00	£228.30
BACS 22/01/2025	0153	SMS Services/Mark Rostill	Lengthsman tasks	Open Spaces, Trees	£0.00	£154.00
BACS 18/12/2024	0154	Staff	Salaries	Admin, comms	£0.00	£2,017.93
DD 23/12/2024	0155	HMRC	Month 10	Admin	£0.00	£340.15
BACS 22/01/2025	0156	Clear Insurance	Add new workshop container	Admin	£0.00	£13.57
BACS 22/01/2025	0157	SMRA	VH Hire	Admin	£0.00	£138.00
BACS 22./01/2025	0158	Wilts & Berks Trust	Annual membership	Admin	£0.00	£25.00
				TOTALS:	£70.01	£3,522.29

Credit Card summary form

Month: January 2025

Cardholder: Kevin Morgan

Payee	Reason	Dept	Code	Net	VAT	Total	Receipt attached
Vonage	Phone Line	2	7080	£13.33	£2.67	£16.00	Y
Lloyds Bank	Monthly fee	2	7605	£3.00	£0.00	£3.00	Y
Amazon	Stationery – post it notes	2	7100	£10.79	£0.00	£10.79	Y
Amazon	Stationery – A4 paper	2	7100	£20.74	£4.15	£24.89	Y
Microsoft	Office licenses	2	7080	£25.80	£5.16	£30.96	Y
	TOTALS:		TOTALS	£73.66	£9.31	£85.64	

Cardholder: Barry Thunder

Payee	Reason	Dept	Code	Net	VAT	Total	Receipt attached
Lloyds Bank	Monthly fee	2	7605	£3.00	£0.00	£3.00	Y
<u>Timpsons</u>	Replacement keys	7	7250	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	Y
Carpenters Arms	Refreshments	5	7225	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00	Y
	TOTALS:		TOTALS	£33.00	£0.00	£33.00	

Finance Working Group Report

To SMPC Meeting 21.1.2025

Q3 Financial Management Report 2024-25

The FWG met on 13.1.2025 and reviewed the Q3 financial position. One amendment was made to the draft figures. A grant from Harris Trust to SMRA for £3,416 had mistakenly been paid by BACS into the PC accounts but was returned in January 2025. The corrected figures are as shown below.

Q3 Financial Management Report 2024-25

Department	Balance at 1.4.2024	Income to date		Expenditure to date		Balance at 31.12.2024	note:
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual		
2	ADMINISTRATION	9,680	33,096	31,557	25,828	23,371	17,866
3	COMMUNICATION	2,072	11,201	10,232	9,763	11,055	1,249
5	COMMUNITY ENGT	3,561	1,000	1,300	847	1,110	3,751
6	ALLOTMENTS	1,179	1,426	2,120	1,395	1,243	2,056
7	OPEN SPACES	4,093	12,500	12,500	16,292	11,919	4,674
	TOTAL General Reserves	20,585	59,223	57,709	54,125	48,698	29,596
9	PROJECT/RESERVE FUNDS						
	Election fund	1,980					1,980
	IT fund	787					787
	Allotment deposits	900	0	100	0	50	950
	Community Forest Tree Fund		0	11,562	0	1,148	10,414
	Tree Maintenance	5,000					5,000
	Property contingency	5,000					5,000
	Facilities Reserve	5,000					5,000
	TOTAL projects/reserves	18,667	0	11,662	0	1,198	29,131
10	PHASING fund	44,025			1,201	1,201	42,824
11	SMRA Reserve	4,534	12,144	12,444	12,144	7,579	9,399
12	BELLWAY S106 FUNDS						0
	Bellway S106 Allotment	31,061			0	10,629	20,432
	Bellway S106 Oxleaze CF	2,766					2,766
	Bellway S106 Community Facilities			59,533			59,533
	CIL Income			7,696			7,696
	Bellway S106 Sports & Play	45,690			0	43,275	2,415
	Total Bellway S106	79,517	0	67,229	0	53,904	92,842
	Overall Totals	167,328	71,367	149,044	67,470	112,580	203,792

1	Approved overtime paid to editor for work done last year but billed this year.
2	Majority of allotment rent income received in 1st quarter - can seem like unanticipated income but budgeted through year so should still balance to budget at year end.
3	Allbuild discrepancy reported in q2 now rectified. Lengthsman hours for open spaces approximately one third of budgeted cost for the year.
4	Drawdown fund for community forest - hours billed to lengthsman mainly for watering.
5	Allotment s106 includes purchase of container/workshop
6	Additional s106 income received from SBC for Community Facilities
7	CIL of £5228 from Chapel Lane and also £2467 from Westwinds (from 2017)
8	This cost is mainly the Motoric Track installation.

Report prepared by Kevin Morgan, Clerk and RFO

Recommendations on the level of SMPC Precept for 2025/26

The FWG considered the base data available on anticipated Band D equivalents provided by SBC, the current level of reserves and the longer-term outlook for SMPC financing as we, eventually, move into a period of growth in housing numbers over the next 5 years.

Band D equivalents

As reported to the December meeting, SBC is forecasting a reduction in Band D equivalents for next year to below the figure we were experiencing 2 years ago, largely as a result of the impact of collection rates and increased housing benefits. This means that, before we take account of any additional capacity or services next year, we need:

- A 3.5% increase to obtain the same income from the precept as we did 2 years ago.
- Between a 5 and 8% additional rise to counter the effects of inflation on costs over the past two years, plus the impact of additional National Insurance costs from April 2025.

If we raised the precept by 10% to cope with both these factors, our deficit on our proposed annual budget would be nearly £15,000.

Additional capacity and services

Last year, village maintenance suffered from the failure of SBC to undertake maintenance obligations on verges, hedges, footpaths and road clearance within and on the approach to the village. Residents made their feelings very clear online and at public meetings on the need for appropriate maintenance for both safety and amenity reasons. SMPC eventually used its own funds to clear verges in some parts of the village and undertake maintenance tasks that had not been budgeted for.

With SBC unable to guarantee appropriate and timely maintenance work next year, SMPC intends to finance significant work, done early in the year, through the precept. This will mean an increase in Open Spaces contractor costs but will be cheaper than trying to remedy the situation at a later date.

The administration workload is now growing with constant planning and development submissions, as well as the time approaching when we are likely to have complex administration associated with the land transfer for the expanded school. We are budgeting for an increase in clerk hours to 'scale up' our staff capacity, as councillors are now unable to take on any additional workload using unpaid volunteer time.

Using our 'free' reserves to reduce the anticipated deficit for 2025/6

The Parish Council has accumulated significant funds over the past decades to help us deliver infrastructure cost and costs associated with transition eg legal fees and project management for the expanded Village Centre whilst the village is tripling in size. Many of these funds are restricted to particular uses eg sports and recreation, landscaping, allotments and community facilities. Nevertheless, we do have some 'free' reserves.

The problem is that, if we scale up our services, any sizeable use of ‘free’ reserves will have to be repeated each subsequent year until for perhaps the next 3 years – the shortest forward time period before we benefit from increased precept from housing developments in the parish.

As an example, if we set the overall precept rise at 20% for next year, we could possibly use over £20,000 of our reserves in the next 3 years to support our ongoing costs – funds that could have been used to finance much needed improvements in the village.

Options for setting the parish precept for 2025-26

The FWG, having discussed the detailed information provided, has decided to recommend three options for the Council to consider. The Band D Precept column is the amount to be paid to the Parish Council by the ‘average’ household.

% increase	Band D Precept	Additional cost per Band D		Precept income	Predicted deficit for the year
		per year	per week		
12	£159.19	£17.06	£0.33	£69,007	£13,381
15	£163.45	£21.32	£0.41	£70,855	£11,533
18	£167.71	£25.58	£0.49	£72,704	£9,685

The FWG recommends we adopt the third option, an 18% rise to £167.71 per Band D household, which represents an increase of less than 50p per week.

Notes:

- The ‘average’ Band D household paid £2,192 to Swindon Borough Council last year to finance SBC services, Fire and Police Services and South Marston Parish Council.
- The precept proposed is considerably lower than the current precept levied by most of the larger parishes, including Highworth, Wroughton, Stratton St Margaret, and Central Swindon parishes.