

Finance & General Purposes Committee (F&GP)

The principle activities of F&GP are to:

- Safeguard the assets, including funds, of Hadlow Parish
- Support the Responsible Financial Office (the Clerk to the Council) in the conduct of financial systems and procedures
- Support the preparation of a budget that ensures value for Parishioners and monitor income and expenditure against that budget
- Make recommendations to the Parish Council for approval on all aspects finance and the general activities of the Parish Council

These activities are conducted through a regular series of Committee meetings at which we receive and review all items of income and expenditure, compared to budget, and recommend their approval by the Parish Council. In this context we are fortunate in having a very competent Parish Clerk, who also acts as Responsible Financial Officer, who, ably supported by her Administrative Assistant maintain up to date and accurate records.

Other activities of the committee in the last year have included:

- A risk management review of Parish assets and activities to ensure adequate insurances are maintained
- Ensuring the adequacy of open spaces and that they are fit for purpose.
- We have this year reviewed the content of two leases issued with regard to Parish assets
- Initiated and financed an extension of the Parish cemetery
- Undertaken a survey of the play area for children and invited proposals from selected companies to provide new equipment and facilities with due regard to the safety aspects of the proposed play area. Plans are currently available and we are in the process of securing funding from Council and external resources.
- Currently we are also in the process of supporting Hadlow Cricket Club in their organisation of the Community Fayre on **28th June, 2015**. We regard this as a great initiative by the Cricket Club and urge all Parishioners to give the event their full support.

Parishioners are always welcome to attend Parish Council meetings and gain a greater insight into Parish activities.

Thank you for your support during 2014/2015 and we look forward to meeting you.

Steve Richardson FCA

Chair, Finance & General Purposes Committee