

## **Great Chesterford Parish Council – Budget Report 2012/2013**

The 2012/2013 budget is to be agreed at the December meeting; accordingly a draft budget for consideration has been prepared and is being circulated alongside this report.

### **Current Year 2011-2012**

With the knowledge that the PC is to continue subsidising the Community Centre, alongside the need to keep any increase in the precept to a minimum, expenditure during the current year has been reviewed in order to make some savings.

The figures presented shown a year end balance of £11,315, significantly more than the £6,257 originally stated in the revised budget of May this year; this figure takes into account the additional £1,500 allocated to the Play Area.

You will note that Afternoon Teas have been removed from the document, as agreed at the November meeting, and the Snow Shovels and Salt Spreaders are to be purchased using the Emergency Planning budget.

### **Next Year 2012/2013**

Please take time to review the budget to ensure that nothing has been missed. You will note that £1,000 has been set aside for any Jubilee celebrations and £1,000 for production of a Neighbourhood Plan. (Is this enough?)

Having agreed to fund continuation of a Green Waste Skip next year members should note that no provision has been made to fund a replacement Civic Amenity Skip service (this service has been withdrawn by UDC). This is a well used service and the lack of it next year might lead to an increase in fly tipping.

If it is decided to adopt the draft budget with no additional items, and if it is agreed to aim for a reserve as suggested of £5,719 (is this enough?), the precept would need to be set at £46,500 representing an increase of £3,500 (8.14%).

A band D property currently pays £71.24 a year to Great Chesterford Parish Council; with a precept of £46,500 this will increase to £77.04 a year.

**Elaine Culling**

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