



Chalgrove Parish Council

Budget & Precept Summary 2025/2026

Precept

What is a precept?

The precept is the tax that Parish Councils charge their local residents to cover spending on service delivery within the community. It is calculated as part of the council's budget and fills the gap between the council's planned expenditure and its estimated income. South Oxfordshire District Council collect this tax as part of your Council Tax payment, which is then split between your Parish Council, District Council, County Council, and Thames Valley Police.

Further details on how your Council Tax is used can be [found online](#).

Precept 2025/2026

For the financial year 2025/2026 Chalgrove Parish Council has requested a precept of £146,789.

For Band D properties this is equivalent to £120.11 per household per annum; an increase of £3.27 per household on the previous year.

This increase of 8% will be used to manage and maintain the Parish Council's facilities and to continue the services we offer to the community.

Budget 2025/2026

Areas	Expenditure	Income
Accounting	£1550	
Allotments	£2500	£500
Communications	£3500	
Donations	£11,100	
Emergency Planning	£5750	
Employment & Contractors	£116,949	
Establishment	£19,105	
Legal	£5000	
Parish Office	£2400	
Ken Batley Centre	£10,000	
Recreation Grounds	£23,215	£4500
Travel Costs	£150	
Utilities	£18,842	
Vandalism	£200	
Village Hall	£665	£13,500
Village	£5070	
Youth Club	£100	
Projects	£6500	
CIL		£5000
Grants / Reserves		£62,307
Precept		£146,789
Totals	£232,596	£232,596

Details of facilities & services provided, and projects for 2025/2026, can be found on the following page.



Facilities & Services provided by Chalgrove Parish Council

- Parish Office
- Chalgrove Youth Centre
- Sports Pavilion
- Under 8s Play Area
- Tennis Court
- Recreation Ground
- Outdoor Table Tennis
- Litter Bins
- Bypass Allotments
- Bus Shelters
- Memorial Garden
- Flood Alleviation
- Planning Application Reviews
- Events & Celebrations
- Chalgrove Village Hall
- Ken Batley Centre
- Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)
- Over 8s Play Area
- Skate Park
- Trees & Shrubbery
- Outdoor Fitness Equipment
- Dog Waste Bins
- Mill Lane Allotments
- Employment
- Memorial Green
- Emergency Planning
- Neighbourhood Planning
- Community Grants/Donations

This list is not exhaustive, and the Parish Council tend to take on responsibilities outside of their standard requirements due to budget and time constraints from the District & County Councils.

Projects for 2025/2026

Chalgrove Village Hall The Parish Council will continue with the necessary refurbishment work to ensure that the facility is fit for purpose for all local events. New air conditioning units, electrical work, new suspended ceiling, flooring, and general decoration will take place in Phase 2. Phase 3 will see new meeting room equipment and new tables and chairs for the main hall.

Pitch Improvements The Parish Council have pledged funding and will continue to work closely with the Cavaliers FC and the Oxfordshire FA to improve the pitch conditions.

Matthew Marriage Memorial Path The Parish Council are currently researching costs in order to lay a path on the lower recreation ground, allowing better access to all outdoor facilities, in memory of Matthew Marriage following funding from the Marriage family.

Skate Park Repairs will be undertaken to the Chalgrove Skate Park in order to fill in the cracks. A Committee will be formed, involving local residents, to decide the future of the Skate Park. The facility will eventually become unviable, and we propose to have plans in place to fund and create an alternative facility for skateboarding and similar when the time is right.

Trees Chalgrove Parish Council will be assessing the Jubilee Walk trees and replacing those that are overly damaged. Two oak trees will also be planted within the village to mark the 80th anniversaries of Victory in Europe Day and Victory over Japan Day. The Parish Council will also plant 12 cherry trees within the village in honour of the serviceman who died in the war.