Pett Parish Council First Quarter (April to June)
Financial Report 2025-2026

Current Account

Total Receipts for the quarter were £19,136.23

The first half of the precept has been received: £17,500 following the increase in council tax this year to cover the cost of running the public toilets in Pett Level. Magazine sales came to £1,427.50 and donations from the public towards the conveniences taken were £205.62. Finally cash back on the charge card £3.11.

Total net of vat payments for the quarter summed £10,921.01

Taking on the management of the public conveniences has been the focus of the parish council so donations will be agreed this quarter. The council running costs for the quarter are slightly over 25% of the total budget. The annual insurance was around £200 more than budgeted and office costs are high but this may even out with the annual parish meeting being included as office costs rather than being covered by the contingency budget. The internal audit fee was slightly less than expected.

The penultimate Public Works Loan repayment of £630 was made for the grant to the village hall.

On the recreation ground savings were made with the voluntary labour on the tennis court drainage and crow's nest rope so only the part was paid for at £8.74. The annual emptying fee for the two dog bins fell marginally below the budget at £316.33.

Again savings were made through voluntary labour to the council noticeboard at the village hall has been rejuvenated to last a few more years costing only £50.47.

The Public conveniences service cost have been passed to the parish council before the lease has been agreed and signed between Rother District Council and Pett Parish Council. It has proved difficult to catch up with the service bills as it was only after several months did paperwork advising of this reach Pett PC. All services were handed over on the 10 April 2025. No electricity costs have been paid this quarter. As expected the removal of foul water is proving expensive due to the volume: £728.00. Fresh water bill was for only £108.85 and I am not sure if the meter has ever been read. Whilst it may not be possible to make savings here, the cleaning costs (£1,088.71) should be less now the cleaner is employed by the parish council. The latter has led to the facilities being far cleaner. The solicitor reviewed the proposed lease (£940) and gave some useful advice and during discussions it became apparent that the RDC may continue to insure the facility and reclaim the cost from Pett PC. Keys and other items had to be bought such as cleaning in progress signs to get things up and running and these came to £101. Total costs for the toilets came to £3,086 and donations from the public were £205.

Project remember funds covered the cost of commemorative flags of £63.96 but there is a recharge to be made to Beckley PC, leaving £1,314.14.

No costs have been allocated to the Community Infrastructure funds held leaving that still at £7,096.19.

At the 30th June the bank balance stood at £40,882.36

Within the bank balance stated above, the council holds the following ring fenced sums:
Noticeboard military canal – this has been reduced as one board is being replaced by another

organisation but the grant funding remains	£800.00
Noticeboard Wreck post	£1,000.00
Community Infrastructure Levy	£7,096.19
Reserve 50% precept	£13,000.00
Board & Brew (games club)	£400.00
Project Remember	£1,314.14
	£23,610.33

Leaving £17,272.03 till the final half of the precept in September. It is not yet possible to be certain what the final cost of the toilets will be.