



Bilsington Parish Council

Ashford, KENT

Report Number: BPC/26/05

To: Bilsington Parish Council
Date: 7 May 2026
Status: Public Report

Subject: STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

SUMMARY: This report attaches the Statement of Accounts for 2025/26.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The Parish Council is asked to agree the recommendations set out below because the Council is required to present an Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2026.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. To receive and note Report BPC/26/05.**
- 2. To approve and endorse the Annual Governance Statement at Section 2 of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2026.**
- 3. To approve and endorse the Statement of Accounts at Section 2 of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2026.**
- 4. To authorise the Chairman of the Parish Council meeting to sign the Accounts contained within the Annual Return for 2025/2026.**

1. INTRODUCTION

REPORT BPC/26/05 attaches the Annual Return and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 along with the Annual Governance Statement. The Statement of Accounts presents fairly the financial position of the Parish Council and its income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2026.

2. CONTACT OFFICER AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

If you have any queries about this report please contact The Responsible Finance Officer of the Council

Tel: 07714300986 or email: clerk@bilsington-pc.gov.uk prior to the meeting.

Background Documents:

The following background information has been used in the preparation of this report.
All audit working papers.

Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2025/26 for

Bilsington Parish Council

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2026 £	
1. Balances brought forward	7,896	8,751	Please round all figures to nearest £1. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures must agree to underlying financial records. <i>Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.</i>
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	8,011	9,780	<i>Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.</i>
3. (+) Total other receipts	77	714	<i>Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.</i>
4. (-) Staff costs	5,301	5,371	<i>Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.</i>
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	<i>Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).</i>
6. (-) All other payments	1,932	4,849	<i>Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).</i>
7. (=) Balances carried forward	8,751	9,025	<i>Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).</i>
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	8,751	9,025	<i>The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.</i>
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	8,215	13,266	<i>The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.</i>
10. Total borrowings	0	0	<i>The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).</i>
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	Yes	No	
11. Do the figures in the accounting statements above exclude any Trust transactions?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>For guidance refer to the Practitioners' Guide sections 2.31 to 2.33.</i>

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2026 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval.

Date

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

as recorded in minute reference:

Signed by Chair of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved