

## **CHARLTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009**

### **Financial Report of Charlton Parish Council**

I have prepared the draft Receipts and Payments Account for the Parish Council for 2008/2009. They remain as Draft until they are approved by the Parish Council at the May meeting.

The Precept for 2008/9 was increased by £300 (3%) to £9,900. Compared with the previous year the provisional figures show that Receipts decreased by some £1,400. This is mainly attributable to the £2,000 grant received in the previous year 2007/8 for flood alleviation. Otherwise, income from the Cemetery and highway grants have been much the same, whereas bank interest has, not surprisingly, fallen

Payments for 2008/9 are up by some £1,800, compared with the previous year. Most of the payments are more or less unchanged, but there were increased payments for grass cutting at the Cemetery and the Village Green, additional work in the hedges at the Cemetery and a corresponding increase in VAT, which will be recovered. No account for street lighting maintenance was received.

The Parish Council is committed to paying £2,000 towards the refurbishment of Crophorne and Charlton Village Hall and is holding £2,050 received in grant aid towards flood alleviation in the Parish. This is held in the deposit account.

Parish Council finances are in a satisfactory state. The Parish Council will carry forward some £13,215 to 2009/10, about £1,000 more than the previous year: this does include the moneys for the Village Hall and the flood grants.

Roger Gurney, Clerk to Charlton Parish Council