**Finance, Risk and Change Report 2020/21**

This Committee comprises the Chairman of the Parish Council’s sub committees and the Chairman & Vice Chairman of Council. The remit of this Committee is to deal with all matters financial, regulatory, change projects and items not addressed by other Council Committees. Also it has oversight of the Parish Council’s risk registers.

2020 brought its challenges to maintain the Parish Council responsibilities but in new ways.

All Parish Council meetings moved on-line via Zoom and I pleased to report that not a single Parish Council or Finance, Risk and Change meeting or was missed.

Just before Lockdown in March 2020 the Parish Council launched its new website which proved invaluable in keeping the Parish informed during the year. The new site is very clear and easy to use. The specific Coronavirus pages were an immediate success and continue to be a source of information for the village.

The Parish Council also took the decision this year to improve its social media presence and you can now follow Henfield Parish Council on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/HenfieldParish) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/henfieldparishcouncil/) as well as [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/henfieldparishcouncil/)

We have also begun live streaming the main monthly Parish Council meeting so residents can see the work of the Council in action.

Some staff changes this year have enabled us to make changes to the work of the Parish Office and we welcomed Rebecca Grantham as our Operations Manager and Belinda Samrah as our Parish Administrator. The periods of lockdown have also allowed us to make improvements to the Parish Office installing protective screens and improving working conditions.

This Council is committed to maintaining services in the Village to as high a standard as finances allow for the benefit of Henfield residents and visitors.

Next financial year (2021/22) the Council precept will be increased to £298,056. This is an increase of 4.1% on a Band D equivalent property.

I hope that you feel from what you read in this year's report and those of the Council’s sub committees that we provide a good service for your money.

Elaine Goodyear

Chairman

Committee Members: Cllrs. Ann Donoghue; Jane Jones; Gill Perry; Malcolm Eastwood; Nigel Stevens