

## Clerk's report – Office and Finance Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

### 8.3 EMR Funds as at 31.01.2026

	Account	Opening Balance	Net Transfers	Closing Balance
321	EMR - Comm Asset Rnl & Repair	12,468.97	-97.00	12,371.97
322	EMR - Elections	9,500.00	800.00	10,300.00
323	EMR - Office Equipment Replace	389.19	1,443.00	1,832.19
324	EMR - Speed Reduction	500.00	5,000.00	5,500.00
326	EMR - Old Church	1,440.00	6,242.00	7,682.00
328	EMR - Lucy Stone Precinct Project	18,405.94	0.00	18,405.94
329	EMR - Play Equipment Replacement	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
330	EMR - Open Spaces Maintenance	7,895.00	3,761.75	11,656.75
350	EMR - Lightsource Grant Funds	13,564.58	-7,008.50	6,556.08
351	EMR - Almond Field	6,841.54	6,452.00	13,293.54
354	EMR - Devolution Costs	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
355	EMR - Public Toilets	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>71,005.22</b>	<b>33,593.25</b>	<b>104,598.47</b>

### 8.4 Village Green Pond Project

Following a recent Pond Survey conducted by Rachel Bicker, the Full Council agreed at its November meeting to seek guidance from The Conservation Society (TCV) regarding the requirements, both in terms of cost and time, for implementing recommendations 2 and 4 from the report:

- Pt.2 Remove invasive shrubs (Bamboo and Portuguese Laurel) and consider re-planting with native flowering and fruiting species such as Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Crab Apple, Rowan, Wild Service.
- Pt.4 Continue sensitive coppicing of small stands of trees on north bank to encourage regeneration, never impacting more than 1/4 of the area in a 3 year period. Stack the cut materials in dense habitat piles. To be sensibly done, not to expose the north bank.

TCV has advised that the work could be completed in two days, with a current daily rate of £450. This fee covers between 5 to 10 volunteers, the provision of all necessary tools, equipment, personal protective equipment (PPE), insurance, running costs, and oversight of the task. TCV also offers to promote the event locally to encourage community participation; Annie has already identified several residents interested in getting involved. TCV recommends scheduling the work in September.

For replacing invasive shrubs, TCV operates an initiative entitled I Dig Trees—Free Trees for Communities Across the UK—and can facilitate volunteer-led tree planting under the same day rate. As the trees are delivered in December, a separate community planting day can be organised for this activity.

Current known costs: 3 days @ £450 = £1,350

#### 8.5. i Cart Barn-style structure at Fingerpost Field

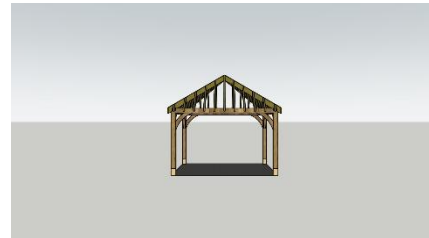
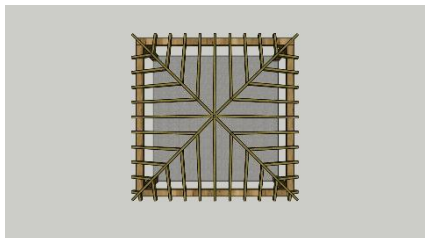
AW has obtained further information on constructing and installing a Cart-Barn style structure to provide covered seating.

An example of build a 3.6 x 3.6m, covered in reclaimed clay tiles – as below would cost £13k + VAT.

For which the frame Specification would be as follows -

- 150 x 150 oak posts
- 150 x 150 oak eaves beams
- 125 x 75 curved oak braces
- 145 x 45 treated softwood main rafters
- 170 x 45 treated softwood hip rafters

In addition, there would need to be a base and seating – perhaps in the form of a U shape using 3 benches. The total anticipated cost is less than £22k + VAT



## 8.6 CIL Funds as at 31.01.2026

	Account	Opening Balance	Net Transfers	Closing Balance
320	EMR - CIL - unallocated	99,043.56	-73,062.33	25,981.23
332	EMR - CIL - Ringmer NHP	24,746.70	0.00	24,746.70
334	EMR - CIL - Bus Shelters	7,591.66	-7,591.66	0.00
335	EMR - CIL - Skatepark	9,526.34	8,250.46	17,776.80
340	EMR - CIL - Shopping Precinct	32,000.00	0.00	32,000.00
341	EMR - CIL - Cycle path Extn	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00
345	EMR - CIL - Village Gateway	13,000.00	0.00	13,000.00
347	EMR - CIL - Ringmer Rifle Club	35,000.00	-35,000.00	0.00
348	EMR - CIL - Affordable Housing	0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
349	EMR - CIL - Infrastructure Project	0.00	300,000.00	300,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>270,908.26</b>	<b>292,596.47</b>	<b>563,504.73</b>

8.7 The latest VAT refund of £2,083.31 was received on 09.01.26

<b>9.1</b>	<b>S137 Budget = £2,500</b>	<b>Payments made: £1,945</b>	<b>Balance £555</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patina £250</li> <li>• KSS Air Ambulance donation £300</li> <li>• Ringmer Dramatic Society £300</li> <li>• Ringmer Village Hall £300</li> <li>• St Peter and St James Hospice £500</li> <li>• Bonfire and Carols on the Green £295</li> </ul>		

<b>Lightsource:</b>	<b>After payments made:</b>	<b>Balance £6,556</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Almond Field pond £5,500</li> <li>• Almond Field fencing £1,000</li> <li>• Love Our Ouse £482.25</li> </ul>		

9.3 Grants – CIL – payments made: None

### CIL to be paid to RPC April 26:

LW/21/0694	Thakeham 1	£91,192.47
LW/24/0343		£13,640.03
LW/24/0401		£39,771.47
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£144,603.97</b>