

Town meeting Report – 12/04/17

Report from the Chairman of the Finance Committee

This last year we have had a change in the Chairmanship of the Finance Committee and a new team has been gathered to manage the finances of the Council. For some year's ex- Councillor Eric Bird had been Chairman of the Finance Committee and had guided this Council towards financial stability, and has largely achieved the goal.

I have taken over the reins of the Finance Committee and together with my team of Councillors are continuing the good work of ex-Councillor Bird.

In ex-Councillor Bird's last budget we reduced the precept claim on the residents of the Redenhall with Harleston Town Council area by 2.98%.

It is noticeable that on the current bills that are dropping on your doormats, this Council is the only one which has succeeded in reducing our claim on your money, this time by a further 1%. We achieved this by a carefully planned frugal budget as we are aware of how the precept affects our residents.

Though we obviously cannot promise to continue to reduce the precept claim on your pockets, the Finance Committee will be doing its best to mitigate any changes adversely affecting our finances.

Barry Woods – Chairman – Finance Committee