



Report for the Annual Parish Meeting, Georgeham Parish Council

Sue Keane - Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Financial year 2025 - 2026

This has been another busy year for the parish council, marked by the sad loss of our former Chair, Maggie Beaumont. She contributed enormously to the parish and will be greatly missed.

The role of Chair has been taken on by Councillor Nik Zarza, who has brought energy and commitment to what is a wide-ranging and demanding role.

During the year, the financial accounts and day-to-day management of the Georgeham Playing Field Charitable Trust were separated from the parish council. As the council remains the sole Trustee, this transition has been smooth, with the Trust now operating through separate accounts and meetings.

The council continues to manage its many responsibilities, including significant tree work such as pollarding around Glebefield and hedge cutting at the cemetery. Financial administration continues to run efficiently using an online specialist system, reducing effort and duplication and enabling me to focus on parish projects.

Plans for 2026–2027

The coming year is likely to be challenging, with ongoing local government restructuring and uncertain impacts on parish councils. Play parks will continue to require maintenance, and a major refurbishment may be needed, requiring fundraising.

It remains a pleasure to work with such a dedicated and positive group of councillors, and I look forward to the year ahead.