

Fownhope Parish Council: Delivering Value for Money:

- The Parish Council seeks three quotes for all purchases or work contracts which are considered at a meeting of full council. All tenders are considered anonymised to ensure that no bias can influence the decision of council members.
- Standing Orders dictate that council do not necessarily need to accept the lowest quote if it is felt that an alternative but more expensive quote offers the best value.
- The Lengthsman contract is considered and assessed at least bi-annually to ensure ongoing competitive rates and value for money.
- All contractors are asked to confirm insurance and suitable qualifications to mitigate risk.
- The Parish Council collaborates with the Fownhope Recreation Field Association to maintain and improve the Recreation Field and Pavilion assets.
- The Parish Council provides training to the Clerk and all Council Members to ensure each delivers the best possible performance for the benefit of the community.
- The Clerk is CiLCA qualified which allows the council to claim the General Power of Competence.
- Membership of National Association of Local Councils and Herefordshire Association of Local Councils is maintained on an annual basis to ensure access to current legislation and advice.
- The Council maintain a Reserves Policy and both general and earmarked reserves to account for the renewal of equipment. Current and well-maintained equipment supports users and ensures efficiency in the delivery of their role.