

Solar Fund Account

5 requests received on 11 November 2025. Responses supplied on 19 November 2025.

1. Why has a new account (46) been set up when both the Solar Farm account and the Council's Savings account are both interest bearing?

Parish Council Response:

Account ending 46 has been established to hold reserve funds so that they are kept ringfenced from all other monies.

2. Why should the Solar Farm need a separate savings account?

Parish Council Response:

The Solar Farm does not have a separate savings account.

3. How has interest of £40.11 been earned on the council's £500.00 but no interest has been earned on the £9,000.00 of Solar funds?

Parish Council Response:

The actual interest earned on the **combined** £9500 reserve was £71.77. Having made the decision to transfer £9000 back to the Solar Fund Account, we opted not to try and apportion a percentage of the interest relating to the £500, but instead transferred the entire sum to the SF. This was clearly articulated at the Parish Council Meeting on 4 November 2025.

4. The Council now acknowledges that VAT claimed on items purchased from the Solar Farm account must be refunded to the Solar Farm and not kept by the Council in that the £30.00 VAT on the tyre removal and the £41.00 on the defib battery. Given that there is still over £1,000.00 of VAT that has been claimed by the Council on the 31 December 2024 claim on expenditure from the Solar Farm account which has still not been refunded when does the Council intend to transfer this money from their account to the Solar Farm account?

Parish Council Response:

The Parish Council is unclear as to exactly what VAT you are referring to in your question. However, there is a report on the Council's website (Solar Fund tab) dated 15 September 2025, which provides detail of interest and grant received, purchases, transfers and VAT amounts.

5. What has happened to the other £3,500.00 that was transferred from the Solar Farm to the council's Precept account as an answer has still not been provided

Parish Council Response:

Please refer to the Parish Council's website (Solar Fund tab) where you will find a clear explanation of this.