

Solar Fund Financial Returns

24 June 2025: As the Council has failed to publish any detailed financial information in respect of the Solar Fund under the Freedom of Information Act may I please have a copy of the last two years financial reports that are required to be sent to GrantScape. I presume that these reports have been sent to GrantScape and that they have not failed in their oversight of this fund.

Parish Council Response:

17 July 2025: Your presumption is correct on this occasion, financial reports have been sent to GrantScape, and they have not failed in their oversight of this fund. Your assertion, however, that the “Council has failed to publish any detailed financial information in respect of the Solar Fund” is manifestly incorrect. The Council’s newly rebuilt website has a section dedicated to the Solar Fund. It lists all projects undertaken and provides their associated costs. This includes reference to the £9000 reserve, to which you allude in your letter. All detail in this section was agreed with GrantScape before the site went ‘live’.

GrantScape has recently suggested that we include a Solar Fund standing item on our Parish Council Meeting agenda. Under this item, we could provide a breakdown of funds used and the balance of the fund remaining. Weasenham Parish Council is fully supportive of this suggestion, and it will be implemented from the next PC meeting.

In summary, given that ample financial information is already available to the public on the website, (Section 21, Freedom of Information Act 2000) and that we intend to publish (via meeting minutes) a breakdown of expenditure and fund balance at future meetings (Section 22, Freedom of Information Act 2000), we will not be sending you any further financial information.