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The planning improvement working group which the neighbouring District Councillor Paul Cumming chairs has so far held a number of meetings and is identifying areas where improved practices could help.

The Council has received £1.1m extra money from the Government for the next year. It is normal practice for such windfall amounts to be allocated to a ring-fenced reserve for infrastructure to support new development. This was not done as part of the budget process and I have asked that the new council consider transferring this money into such a reserve, of which there is a real need.

Following a similar question for the Platinum Jubilee, at the last Council meeting, I asked if MHDC would provide funding to the forthcoming coronation. The initial response was that some funding would be provided to Town Councils, but it seems that this is being reviewed to consider including Parish Councils as well.

Pam Cumming

Baldwin ward.