

Briefing Note

How the parish council spends your money 2026/2027

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1.0 Background

At their public meeting on 12 November 2025, councillors voted to approve the parish council budget for 2026/2027 and to set a precept (local council tax) that will be charge out to residents in the coming year. This note explains what the council's budget for next year is and sets out how it manages residents' tax receipts.

2.0 The budget

The table below analyses net income and expenditure for 2024/25, best estimates for 2025/26 and a budget for 2026/2027 for the parish council.

			correct	correct	best estimate	draft
			Actual 2024-25	Budget 2025-26	Actual 2025-26*	Budget 2026-27
			£			£
Gross Expenditure						
1.0	Parks & Open spaces					
	1.1	Grass general	2020	1386	1386	1457
	1.2	Trewidland	590	630	300	420
	1.3	Jubilee Park	278	1355	1355	1416
	1.4	Lawn Cemetery	167	656	656	688
	1.5	Bus Shelter	42	48	76	48
	1.6	Miscellaneous R&R	1244	477	1300	450
	sub total		4341	4552	5073	4479
2.0	General Administration					
	2.1	Salaries gross	5112	5868	5364	6000
	2.2	Insurance & Legal	1390	1375	1390	1190
	2.3	PPSA	680	840	200	728
	2.4	Miscellaneous	1149	1590	1590	1645
	2.5	Donations	4151	500	400	500
	sub total		12482	10173	8944	10063
3.0	Projects					
	3.1	Parish magazine	0	0	544	0
	sub total Expenditure		0	0	544	0
	TOTAL		16823	14725	14561	14542

Gross Income		Actual 2024-25	Budget 2025-26	Actual 2025-26*	Budget 2026-27
4.0	Statutory & Discretionary				
	4.1 Council precept	12618	12618	12618	12618
	4.3 Cemetery	1180	0	320	500
	4.4 Footpaths LMP	222	500	414	400
	4.5 Bank Interest	850	107	908	924
	4.6 Misc income	0	900	0	0
	4.7 VAT refund		0	0	0
	4.8 Informer advertising	410	600	400	100
	TOTAL	15280	14725	14660	14542
	NET SURPLUS /(DEFICIT)	-1543	0	99	0

* Best estimate for the current year

3.0 Council's cash reserves

Cash holdings on 31 October 2025 were £42,390.55.

The precept for 2026/2027 has been agreed at £12,618. This is the same as it is in the current year – so there has been no increase For a Band D dwelling, this is the equivalent of £40.53pa (£40.28pa 2025/26), a increase of 25p which is due to a decrease in the taxable base.

4.0 How the council uses your money

St Keyne & Trewidland Parish Council regularly reviews its forward plan and is in process of assessing further projects within the parish that will draw upon these reserves. Details of any proposals will be discussed and where appropriate, agreed at the public meeting. Visit the council's website to download a calendar of meetings and updates of the forward plan.

The parish council operates two open spaces which are freely available to residents and visitors: Jubilee Park and the Lawn Cemetery. In addition to these spaces, it has adopted a long term funding plan for St Keyne Village Hall that has seen the kitchen refurbished and reequipped; installation of business fibre broadband for public use and a community defibrillator available 24 hours a day. In addition to its support for the hall, the parish council owns and maintains the bus shelter on The Village as well as carrying out other grass cutting, weed killing and footpath maintenance across both wards of Trewidland and St Keyne.

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