St Keyne & Trewidland Parish Council

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Briefing Note

How the parish council spends your money 2027/2028

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1.0 Background

At their public meeting on 11 November 2026, councillors voted to approve the parish council budget for 2027/2028 and to set a precept (local council tax) that will be charged 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

Expenditure for 2027/28 is budgeted to be £15,188, which is an increase of £463 (3%) compared to the budget set for the current year. We have to plan for increases in the cost of insurance, together with smaller increases in the cost of other goods and services. No local elections are scheduled until 2029 and the council is exempt from having an external audit.

3.0 Council's cash holdings & reserves

3.1 At the close of business on 31 October 2026, the council held £38,183.86 in its bank accounts (this figure is updated at every council meeting – you can see this in the 'Meetings, Agendas and Minutes' section of the website)

3.2 As part of the vote to accept the budget and set a precept for the coming year, councillors also agreed to set a **financial reserve of £19,000 for 2027/28**.

The precept for 2027/2028 has been agreed at £13,128. This is an increase of £510 (4%) and is the **Band D equivalent of £43.06pa (£40.53pa 2026/27) an increase of £2.53pa (6.2%)**

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.

The parish council operates two open spaces which are freely available to residents and visitors: Jubilee Park and the Lawn Cemetery. It also owns and maintains the bus shelter on The Village in St Keyne 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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