

## Briefing Note

# How the parish council spends your money 2025/2026

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### 1.0 Background

At their public meeting on 13 November 2024, councillors voted to approve the parish council budget for 2025/2026 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 2023/24, best estimates for 2024/25 and a budget for 2025/2026 for the parish council.

			correct	correct	best	
			Actual	Budget	estimate	draft
			2023-24	2024-25	2024-25*	2025-26
			£			£
<b>Gross Expenditure</b>						
1.0	<b>Parks &amp; Open spaces</b>					
	1.1	Grass general	0	1315	1315	1386
	1.2	Trewidland	647	600	600	630
	1.3	Jubilee Park	1380	1293	1293	1355
	1.4	Lawn Cemetery	4536	624	760	656
	1.5	Bus Shelter	29	46	58	48
	1.6	Miscellaneous R&R	1352	433	800	477
	sub total		7944	4310	4826	4552
2.0	<b>General Administration</b>					
	2.1	Salaries gross	4749	5310	5310	5868
	2.2	Insurance & Legal	1347	1382	1382	1375
	2.3	PPSA	892	400	100	840
	2.4	Miscellaneous	6071	1510	1350	1590
	2.5	Donations	350	500	500	500
	sub total		13409	9102	8642	10173
3.0	<b>Projects</b>	Parish magazine	0	300	322	0
	3.1	Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0
	sub total	Expenditure	0	0	0	0
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>21353</b>	<b>13412</b>	<b>13468</b>	<b>14725</b>

Gross Income		Actual 2023-24	Budget 2024-25	Actual 2024-25*	Budget 2024-25
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Statutory &amp; Discretionary</b>				
	4.1 Council precept	12618	12618	12618	12618
	4.2 DNU	0	0	0	0
	4.3 Cemetery	420	0	1060	500
	4.4 Footpaths LMP	114	246	246	107
	4.5 Bank Interest	1076	848	946	900
	4.6 Misc income	495		0	0
	4.7 VAT refund	1576		1670	0
	4.8 Informer advertising	370	0	400	600
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16669</b>	<b>13712</b>	<b>16940</b>	<b>14725</b>
	<b>NET SURPLUS /(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>-4684</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>3472</b>	<b>0</b>

\* Best estimate for the current year

### 3.0 Council's cash reserves

Cash holdings on 31 October 2024 were £47,420.95.

**The precept for 2025/2026 has been agreed at £12,618.** This is the same as it is in the current year – so there has been no increase. The cost to a Band D property is a decrease from £40.28 in the current year to £43.21 (-4.8% or -£2.93) due to an increase in the taxable base (the number of dwellings liable to pay local taxes)

### 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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