Budget Planning

Category	Code	Expenditure	Budget 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027	Spend to date (end Q2 2026)	Percentage Budget Spent (end Q2)	Notes to the Budget
							The budget gives costs for the financial year 2026 - 2027 to date. While clearly there are some estimated costs to which the Parish Council is committed, other figures are suggestions, and equally open to increase, decrease or elimination.
Salary & Expenses	SE1	Clerk's Salary	7,000.00	7,350.00	3,608.75	49%	Budgeted at 5% payrise (3% pay increase, 2% payrise)
	SE2	TCS Management	400.00	300.00	132.30	44%	Reduced - due to spend to date in 2025 - 2026
	SE3	Clerk's Expenses	150.00	150.00	14.60	10%	Maintained from previous year - limited spend
	SE4	Chairmans Allowance	150.00	150.00		0%	Maintained from previous year - limited spend
	SE5	Home Working Allowance	335.00	335.00	156.00	47%	Maintained from previous year
		Total Salary & Expenses	**8,035.00**	**8,285.00**	**3,911.65**		
Training	TR1	Councillors Training	400.00	400.00		0%	Maintained from previous year
	TR2	Clerk Training	250.00	250.00	180.00	72%	Maintained from previous year
		Total Training	**650.00**	**650.00**	**180.00**		
Memberships	MB1	ICO Membership	40.00	55.00	52.00	95%	Increased based on 2025 - 2026 spend
	MB2	CCA	50.00	50.00		0%	Maintained from previous year
	MB3	ChALC subscription	210.00	220.00	210.00	95%	Inflationary increase - 5%
	MB4	SLCC	0.00	0.00		N/A	Not purchased in 2025 / 26
	MB5	Peak and Northern Footpaths	0.00	0.00		N/A	Not purchased in 2025 / 26
		Total Memberships	**300.00**	**325.00**	**262.00**		
Professional Fees	PF1	Insurances	485.00	535.00		0%	Inflationary increase - 5%, plus 5% additional increase to cover potential fitness trail purchase
	PF2	Planning Support	0.00	0.00		N/A	
	PF3	Internal Audit Fee	300.00	315.00	307.20	98%	Inflationary increase - 5%
	PF4	GDPR	0.00	0.00		N/A	
		Total Professional Fees	**785.00**	**850.00**	**307.20**		
Communication	CO1	Newsletters	1,000.00	1,000.00		0%	Maintained from previous year
	CO2	Noticeboard	0.00	0.00		N/A	No plans to purchase / upgrade in 2026 - 2027

	CO3	Website	1,500.00	1,000.00	420.00	42%	Reduced slightly - due to new website now being fully in place
	CO4	Additional Community Engagement	300.00	300.00	249.36	83%	To cover additional consultation letters for example - maintained from previous year
		Total Communication	**2,800.00**	**2,300.00**	**669.36**		
Donations/Grants	DO1	Donations/Grants	1,000.00	1,500.00	250.00	17%	Maintained from previous year
		Total Donations/Grants	**1,000.00**	**1,500.00**	**250.00**		
Meetings	ME1	Hire of Room	500.00	500.00	240.00	48%	Maintained from previous year
	ME2	Annual Refreshments	50.00	50.00		0%	Maintained from previous year
		Total Meetings	**550.00**	**550.00**	**240.00**		
Community Projects	CP1	Footpaths Improvements	0.00	0.00		N/A	Funds for this in Earmarked Reserves.
	CP2	Highways Maintenance	0.00	0.00		N/A	
	CP3	Community Allotments	0.00	0.00		N/A	
	CP4	Speed Awareness Training & Equipment	0.00	0.00	99.95	Overspend	
	CP5	Defibrilators	150.00	300.00		0%	Increased based on two defibs now installed
	CP6	Public Seating	0.00	0.00		N/A	
	CP7	Amenity Schemes	500.00	500.00		0%	Seats, planting, public spaces - Maintained from previous year
	CP8	Boundary Markers	0.00	0.00		N/A	
		Total Community Projects	**650.00**	**800.00**	**99.95**		
Fixed Assets	FA1	Maintenance	500.00	525.00		0%	To cover maintenance of fixed assets, increased due to new assets (noticeboard and benches) and small inflationary allowance
	FA2	Dog waste collection	500.00	500.00		0%	Currently collected by Congleton Council FoC - "Just in case" - maintained from previous year
		Total Fixed Assets	**1,000.00**	**1,025.00**			
Banking Charges	BC1	HSBC Banking Fees	100.00	100.00		0%	Maintained from previous year
		Total Banking Charges	**100.00**	**100.00**			
Civic Responsibilites	CR1	Remembrance Wreaths	50.00	50.00	46.00	92%	Maintained from previous year
		Total Civic Responsibilities	**50.00**	**50.00**	**46.00**		
		Total Expenditure	**15,920.00**	**16,435.00**	**5,966.16**	**36%**	

	Income			
PP1	Parish precept	15,300.00	16,050.00	16,050.00
VT1	VAT refund	500.00	500.00	1,063.65
EX1	Exceptional Income	0.00	0.00	
BI1	Interest	0.00	0.00	4.65
	Total Income	**15,800.00**	**16,550.00**	**17,118.30**

Budget Surplus/Deficit