

**Bishops Lydeard & Cothelstone Parish Council**  
**BUDGET 2026/27**

Description (EXPENDITURE)	2024/25 Actual £	2025/26 Budgeted £	2025/26 Expected £	2026/27 Proposed £	Change £	%	Explanation	Notes
<b>ation</b>								
Audit Fees	£3,782.25	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£0.00	0%	Assume the Internal and PKF Audit only	Internal - £700, External - £1,300. Use General Reserves for PKF additional costs?
Bank Charges	£225.17	£250.00	£142.18	£250.00	£0.00	0%		
Church Hall Hire	£120.00	£250.00	£150.00	£250.00	£0.00	0%		
Election Costs	£204.00	£5,000.00	£1,250.00	£1,250.00	£-3,750.00	-75%	Plan £1,250 per year	Use Genral Reserves when 2027 elections take place (£5,000?)
Insurances	£1,038.65	£1,500.00	£1,039.90	£1,500.00	£0.00	0%	Expect insurance costs to go up	Zurich was £1,039.90
MUGA	£78.00	£100.00	£80.00	£135.00	£35.00	35%	Switch from RoSPA to SPFA in 2026	Planning to use SPFA for MUGA and Play areas
Other Admin Charges	£-680.51	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	n/a		
Postage	£4.50	£200.00	£100.00	£100.00	£-100.00	-50%		
Software Licences	£1,037.00	£750.00	£750.00	£850.00	£100.00	13%	Expect these to go up next year.	Malware - £29.99 , Macrium - £36.99, Microsoft - £84.99 , Scribe Accounts - £612
Stationary	£209.00	£200.00	£170.00	£200.00	£0.00	0%		
Subscriptions	£1,138.47	£1,500.00	£1,525.00	£1,600.00	£100.00	7%	Expect an increase	SALC = £1,039.15 incl. NALC. SLCC = £190 for next year. SPFA - £15
Telecomms	£0.00	£100.00	£60.00	£150.00	£50.00	50%	Two mobile SIM cards	Expect £5 per month per SIM card to rise next year
Village Hall Hire	£247.50	£200.00	£240.00	£260.00	£60.00	30%	Expect rate to go up to £8.5 per hour	12 meetings (2.5 hours long) at £8 per hour = £240.00
Village Hall Car Park Lease	£175.00	£200.00	£175.00	£200.00	£0.00	0%		MUGA (£125) Village Hall Car Park Lease = £50)
Website/ email	£766.00	£1,500.00	£1,040.00	£1,200.00	£-300.00	-20%	SWS no longer used.	Parish Online £490 plus mapping software £224 plus £42 for Extra stotage etc. SWS - £40 for domain registration
Training	£838.00	£500.00	£470.00	£500.00	£0.00	0%		SALC and Breakthrough Training courses
<b>ation Sub Total</b>	<b>£9,183.03</b>	<b>£14,250.00</b>	<b>£9,192.08</b>	<b>£10,445.00</b>	<b>£-3,805.00</b>	<b>-27%</b>		
<b>ice</b>								
Lengthsman	£14,371.85	£16,000.00	£15,500.00	£17,000.00	£1,000.00	6%	Expect an increase in rate	Rate was increased from £23 per hour to £26 per hour
Dog Bins & Grass Cutting	£5,545.52	£5,000.00	£6,400.00	£6,000.00	£1,000.00	20%	Expected outturn higher than budget in 2025/26	
Footpaths	£2,050.00	£1,100.00	£1,100.00	£1,200.00	£100.00	9%		
War Memorial/ Open Spaces	£0.00	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	£1,500.00	£-1,500.00	-50%		
Other Maintenance	£58.74	£0.00	£769.60	£0.00	£0.00	0%		
Flower Boxes	£141.90	£100.00	£50.00	£100.00	£0.00	0%		Plants for Church planters etc.
<b>ice Sub Total</b>	<b>£22,168.01</b>	<b>£25,200.00</b>	<b>£26,819.60</b>	<b>£25,800.00</b>	<b>£600.00</b>	<b>2%</b>		
Library Staff Costs	£10,378.29	£11,800.00	£12,700.00	£12,300.00	£500.00	4%	Presume 4% pay increase	Overspend in 2024/25 due to old invoice from 2023
Library Electricity	£1,368.67	£1,300.00	£1,150.00	£1,400.00	£100.00	8%	Presume costs going up	
Library Cleaning	£562.50	£1,000.00	£1,700.00	£1,800.00	£800.00	80%	Library now cleaned on Thursday and Sunday	Rate increased from £20 per hour to £22.5 per hour in 2025/26
Library Expenses	£156.12	£500.00	£420.00	£500.00	£0.00	0%		
Library Maintenance	£617.64	£1,000.00	£820.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	0%		
Library Water Rates	£273.88	£200.00	£250.00	£250.00	£50.00	25%	Increase due to under estimate in 2024/25	
Library/ Lease/ Rent	£4,800.00	£3,200.00	£3,200.00	£3,200.00	£0.00	0%	Presume it stays the same	
Library Rates	£0.00	£0.00	£2,794.40	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	Add rates budget for 2026/27	
<b>b Total</b>	<b>£18,157.10</b>	<b>£19,000.00</b>	<b>£23,034.40</b>	<b>£23,450.00</b>	<b>£4,450.00</b>	<b>23%</b>		
<b>veniences</b>								
Public Toilets Electricity	£595.21	£600.00	£530.00	£650.00	£50.00	8%	Expect an increase in tariff	
Public Toilets Cleaning	£9,340.80	£8,600.00	£8,000.00	£8,600.00	£0.00	0%		Rate increased from £20 per hour to £22.5 per hour in 2025/26
Public Toilets Maintenance	£125.00	£300.00	£2,000.00	£500.00	£200.00	67%	Several maintenance issues to resolve	
Public Conveniences Water Rates	£1,546.19	£1,000.00	£800.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	0%		
<b>veniences Sub Total</b>	<b>£11,607.20</b>	<b>£10,500.00</b>	<b>£11,330.00</b>	<b>£10,750.00</b>	<b>£250.00</b>	<b>2%</b>		
Community Projects	£2,727.32	£5,000.00	£4,600.00	£3,000.00	£-2,000.00	-40%		
Village Hall Projects	£0.00	£2,410.00	£1,205.00	£0.00	£-2,410.00	n/a		

Environment Projects	£0.00	£2,100.00	£1,050.00	£2,000.00	-£100.00	-5%	
<b>ub Total</b>	<b>£2,727.32</b>	<b>£9,510.00</b>	<b>£6,855.00</b>	<b>£5,000.00</b>	<b>-£4,510.00</b>	<b>-47%</b>	
<b>&amp; Grants</b>							
Burial Grounds	£0.00	£600.00	£600.00	£600.00	£0.00	0%	St Mary's Bishops Lydeard (£400) and Cothelstone (£200)
School Crossing	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	0%	
Other Donations	£2,519.05	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	£0.00	0%	CAB, Wiveliscombe bus, etc.
<b>&amp; Grants Sub Total</b>	<b>£3,519.05</b>	<b>£2,100.00</b>	<b>£2,100.00</b>	<b>£2,100.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>0%</b>	
Clerk's Wages	£15,254.33	£15,000.00	£16,500.00	£16,000.00	£1,000.00	7%	Increase due to annual pay increase plus new clerk
Clerk's Expenses	£563.65	£600.00	£300.00	£600.00	£0.00	0%	
HMRC (NI & Taxes)	£10,817.48	£5,900.00	£6,200.00	£6,200.00	£300.00	5%	
<b>otal</b>	<b>£26,635.46</b>	<b>£21,500.00</b>	<b>£23,000.00</b>	<b>£22,800.00</b>	<b>£1,300.00</b>	<b>6%</b>	
MUGA Projects	£0.00	£1,000.00	£500.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	0%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£1,000.00</b>	<b>£500.00</b>	<b>£1,000.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>0%</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>£93,997.17</b>	<b>£103,060.00</b>	<b>£102,831.08</b>	<b>£101,345.00</b>	<b>-£1,715.00</b>	<b>-2%</b>	

Description (INCOME)	2024/25 Actual £	2025/26 Budgeted £	2025/26 Expected £	2026/27 Proposed £	Change £	%	Explanation	Notes
Precept	£82,410.00	£82,410.00	£82,410.00	£81,000.00	-£1,410.00	-2%	Adjust as necessary to balance expenditure	
Library Grant	£2,500.00	£2,000.00	£3,750.00	£2,000.00	£0.00	0%	same as last year (extra from SCF Grant in 2025)	
Interest	£31,721.84	£18,000.00	£27,737.58	£17,500.00	-£500.00	-3%	Interest will go down with CIL spend	What if CIL Reserves go down to £200,000 or less in April 2026?
Grants/Donations	£1,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0%	No grants now available from Somerset Council	
Flower Boxes	£140.00	£150.00	£150.00	£150.00	£0.00	0%	Plan the same as last year	
Library Cash	£748.05	£500.00	£820.00	£800.00	£300.00	60%	Same as expenditure forecast	
Refund	£0.00	£0.00	£2,344.92	£0.00	£0.00	n/a	Not applicable	
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>£119,019.89</b>	<b>£103,060.00</b>	<b>£117,212.50</b>	<b>£101,450.00</b>	<b>-£1,610.00</b>	<b>-2%</b>		
<b>NET Position</b>	<b>£25,022.72</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£14,381.42</b>	<b>£105.00</b>				