

Bishops Lydeard & Cothelstone Parish Council
BUDGET 2026/27

Code	Description (EXPENDITURE)	2024/25 Actual £	2025/26 Budgeted £	2025/26 Expected £	2026/27 Proposed £	Change £	Explanation %	Notes
Administration								
7	Audit Fees	£3,782.25	£2,000.00	£1,120.00	£1,120.00	£-880.00	-44% Assume the Internal and PKF Audit only	Internal - £700, External - £420. Use General Reserves for PKF Littlejohn additional costs
8	Bank Charges	£225.17	£250.00	£142.18	£120.00	£-130.00	-52% Unity Trust is £8 to £10 per month	
9	Church Hall Hire	£120.00	£250.00	£150.00	£250.00	£0.00	0%	
10	Election Costs	£204.00	£5,000.00	£1,250.00	£1,250.00	£-3,750.00	-75% Plan £1,250 per year as advised	Use Genral Reserves when 2027 elections take place (£5,000?)
11	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
12	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
13	Other Admin Charges	£-680.51	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	n/a	
14	Postage	£4.50	£200.00	£100.00	£100.00	£-100.00	-50% Generally low	
15	Software Licences	£1,037.00	£750.00	£750.00	£1,000.00	£250.00	33% Expect these to go up next year and add extra licences for RFO Laptop.	Malware - £29.99 , Macrium - £36.99, Microsoft - £84.99 , Scribe Accounts - £612
16	Stationary	£209.00	£200.00	£170.00	£200.00	£0.00	0% Paper, Binders etc.	
17	Subscriptions	£1,138.47	£1,500.00	£1,525.00	£1,600.00	£100.00	7% Expect an increase	SALC = £1,086.72, NALC = £222.43, SLCC = £190 for next year. SPFA - £15
18	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
19	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
20	Village Hall Car Park Lease	£175.00	£200.00	£175.00	£175.00	£-25.00	-13% Expect it to remain at £175.00	MUGA (£125) Village Hall Car Park Lease = £50)
21	Website/ email	£766.00	£1,500.00	£1,040.00	£1,200.00	£-300.00	-20% SWS no longer used. Expect Parish Online to increase in 2026/27	Parish Online £490 plus mapping software £224 plus £42 for Extra stotage etc. SWS - £40 for domain registration
55	Training	£838.00	£500.00	£470.00	£500.00	£0.00	0%	SALC and Breakthrough Training courses
Administration Sub Total		£9,183.03	£14,250.00	£8,312.08	£9,560.00	£-4,690.00	-33%	
Maintenance								
27	Lengthsman	£14,371.85	£16,000.00	£15,500.00	£16,500.00	£500.00	3% Expect an increase in rate	Rate was increased from £23 per hour to £26 per hour in 2025/26.
28	Dog Bins & Grass Cutting	£5,545.52	£5,000.00	£6,400.00	£6,500.00	£1,500.00	30% Expected to be higher in 2026/27	Expected outturn higher than budget in 2025/26
29	Footpaths	£2,050.00	£1,100.00	£1,100.00	£1,200.00	£100.00	9%	
30a	War Memorial (and gardens)	£0.00	£3,000.00	£2,725.00	£500.00	£-2,500.00	-83% No planned work in 2026/27. Gardens maintenance?	SSH Invoice - £2,725. Grant expected for 50% of this.

30b	Open Spaces	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	n/a	Provision for Open Spaces. E.g. woodland walk?	
								Provision for telephone box refurbishments.	
50	Other Maintenance	£58.74	£0.00	£769.60	£2,400.00	£2,400.00	n/a	Mount Street - £550, Darby Way - £1,575 etc.	
51	Flower Boxes	£141.90	£100.00	£50.00	£200.00	£100.00	100%	£200 proposed by PC in November Review Plants for Church planters etc.	
Maintenance Sub Total		£22,168.01	£25,200.00	£26,544.60	£28,300.00	£3,100.00	12%		
Library									
22	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	
23	Library Electricity	£1,368.67	£1,300.00	£1,150.00	£1,300.00	£0.00	0%	Cost estimate based on Utility Aid contract tariffs.	
24	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	
25	Library Expenses	£156.12	£500.00	£420.00	£500.00	£0.00	0%		
26	Library Maintenance	£617.64	£1,000.00	£820.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	0%		
49	Library Water Rates	£273.88	£200.00	£250.00	£250.00	£50.00	25%	Increase due to under estimate in 2024/25	
52	Library/ Lease/ Rent	£4,800.00	£3,200.00	£3,200.00	£3,200.00	£0.00	0%	Presume it stays the same	
61	Library Rates	£0.00	£0.00	£2,794.40	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	Add rates budget for 2026/27	
	Library Waste	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£300.00	£300.00	n/a	Add waste collection budget for 2026/27	
Library Sub Total		£18,157.10	£19,000.00	£23,034.40	£23,650.00	£4,650.00	24%		
Public Conveniences									
31	Public Toilets Electricity	£595.21	£600.00	£530.00	£600.00	£0.00	0%	Cost estimate based on Utility Aid contract tariffs.	
32	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	
33	Public Toilets Maintenance	£125.00	£300.00	£2,000.00	£500.00	£200.00	67%	Several maintenance issues to resolve	
48	Public Conveniences Water Rates	£1,546.19	£1,000.00	£800.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	0%		
	Public Conveniences Waste	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£300.00	£300.00		Add waste collection budget for 2026/27	
Public Conveniences Sub Total		£11,607.20	£10,500.00	£11,330.00	£11,000.00	£500.00	5%		
Projects									
34	Community Projects	£2,727.32	£5,000.00	£4,600.00	£2,500.00	£-2,500.00	-50%	OYB sessions plus Village Hall Hearing Loop plus others TBD	
42	Village Hall Projects	£0.00	£2,410.00	£1,200.00	£0.00	£-2,410.00	n/a	Not Used in future	
60	Environment Projects	£0.00	£2,100.00	£1,050.00	£2,100.00	£0.00	0%		

Projects Sub Total	£2,727.32	£9,510.00	£6,850.00	£4,600.00	-£4,910.00	-52%	
Donations & Grants							
35 Burial Grounds	£0.00	£600.00	£600.00	£600.00	£0.00	0%	Propose same in 2026/27 St Mary's Bishops Lydeard (£400) and Cothelstone (£200)
36 School Crossing	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	0%	Propose same in 2026/27
37 Other Donations	£2,519.05	£500.00	£500.00	£750.00	£250.00	50%	Increased as requested in November PC meeting CAB, Wiveliscombe bus, etc.
Donations & Grants Sub Total	£3,519.05	£2,100.00	£2,100.00	£2,350.00	£250.00	12%	
Staff							
38 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
39 Clerk's Expenses	£563.65	£600.00	£300.00	£600.00	£0.00	0%	New Laptop will be needed.
40 HMRC (NI & Taxes)	£10,817.48	£5,900.00	£6,200.00	£6,000.00	£100.00	2%	Includes Employee Tax and NI plus Employer NI
Staff Sub Total	£26,635.46	£21,500.00	£23,000.00	£22,600.00	£1,100.00	5%	
MUGA							
43 MUGA Projects	£0.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	0%	If not used this is transferred to the MUGA Earmarked reserves for future maintenance
MUGA Sub Total	£0.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	0%	

EXPENDITURE TOTAL	£93,997.17	£103,060.00	£101,171.08	£103,060.00	£0.00	0%	£0.00
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Description (INCOME)	2024/25 Actual £	2025/26 Budgeted £	2025/26 Expected £	2026/27 Proposed £	Change £	%	Explanation	Notes
1 Precept	£82,410.00	£82,410.00	£82,410.00	£86,100.00	£3,690.00	4%	Adjust as necessary to balance expenditure	
2 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)	
3 Interest	£31,721.84	£18,000.00	£27,737.58	£14,000.00	-£4,000.00	-22%	Interest will go down with CIL spend	
4 Grants/Donations	£1,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0%	No grants now available from Somerset Council	
5 Flower Boxes	£140.00	£150.00	£150.00	£150.00	£0.00	0%	Plan the same as last year	
47 Library Cash	£748.05	£500.00	£820.00	£800.00	£300.00	60%	Same as expenditure forecast	
54 Refund	£0.00	£0.00	£2,344.92	£0.00	£0.00	n/a	Not applicable in 2026/27	

INCOME TOTAL	£119,019.89	£103,060.00	£117,212.50	£103,050.00	-£10.00	0%	
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NET Position	£25,022.72	£0.00	£16,041.42	-£10.00			
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