

## **2026-27 Budget and Precept**

The Parish Council believes this to be an accurate and appropriate budget. A precept of £10,000 was approved, based on a reduced budget that was considered the minimum necessary to maintain essential services.

The budget has been adjusted to ensure that projected expenditure aligns with this precept. Certain potential costs, such as election expenses, have been allocated to reserves to avoid placing additional pressure on the annual budget.

In recent years, the Council has experienced a significant increase in costs, including the Clerk's salary and additional lengthsman work. Some of this work has been match-funded, requiring contributions from the Council's general expenditure. As a result, the Council has been operating at a deficit, which is not sustainable in the long term.

The increase in the precept has therefore been made reluctantly, but is necessary to ensure the Council's financial stability and continued delivery of services.

### **Income**

Precept	£10,000.00
Interest received	£0.00
VAT Refund	£500.00
Herefordshire Council grants	£0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,500.00</b>

### **Expenditure**

Clerks Salary / PAYE	£5,206.96
Clerk expenses	£120.75
Stationery	£50.00
ICO Fee	£51.25
Internal Audit - FMS	£171.30
HALC and other subscriptions	£512.50
Payroll	£132.00
Lengthsman	£1,200.00
Footpaths	£500.00
Hall Hire	£100.00
Training	£320.00
Insurance	£270.60
Section 137	£300.00
Website Maintenance	£216.35
Contingency	£200.00
Bank Charges	£55.29

Elections

£100.00

VAT

£500.00

**Total**

**£10,007.00**