

Stocksfield Parish Council
Budget and precept calculations 2025/26
Approved XX/XX/XX

	Draft 2025/26		Approved 2024/25		Comments
	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments	
1. Employment					(2024/25 employment notes)
Clerk Salary		21327	19968		Based on spinal point 28 + 4% pay rise
Employer NIC		2449	1501		Based on new rate of 15%
Employer pension		640	622		3% of salary
	0	24417	0	22091	
2. Administration					
Office Rent		1800	1800		Heating costs now excluded, no change
Meeting room hire		400	480		Cost awaited for 11xPC meetings + 2xRoWEG - 13 meetings - should be lower as no GGAG
Telephone		550	510		Increased by 6%
Stationery		50	100		Reduced, minimal expenditure expected
Office Equipment		100	300		Reduced, none anticipated
Photocopier Lease/Maint.		385	385		No change - contract is fixed till June 2026
Photocopying charges		100	180		Reduced, actual charges c.£50
Audit fees		650	700		Reduced (£520 this year)
Courses and training		500	250		Increased, new cllrs and ILCA/FILCA £120 each
Subscriptions		1100	1100		No change proposed
Insurance		2875	2300		£2326 this year, contract expires Sept 2025, increased by 15%
Bank charges		150	150		No change proposed
Misc admin		50	200		Reduced to reflect actual spend (£25)
Payroll admin		105	100		NCC confirms 5% uplift
Clerk's expenses		50	120		No change proposed - Now reduced as Unity card should be in place
Councillor expenses		50	200		Further reduced, none anticipated
	0	8915	0	8875	
3. Environment					
Estate and verge grass cutting		3640	3465		Awaiting NCC confirmation of % uplift, estimated 5%
Litter bins		2340	2220		Awaiting NCC confirmation of % uplift, estimated 5%
Seats		100	100		Programme of replacement of worn benches (to cover one bench) -or should this come from reserves? From reserves
Planters		0	100		Planters at Birches Nook requirement replacement - reserves? Reserves for any replacements
Bedding plants		1000	1200		No change proposed - reduced based on 2023/24 spend of £739
Misc Environment			500		No change proposed - Removed
Grounds Services contract	750	25515	750	24720	3.2% CPI uplift £750 charge to NCC was increased from £680 for 2023/24 after 5 years of no change
Grounds Services ex contract		1000	1000		No change proposed
Christmas tree		350	1070		Reflects actual cost this year of £300
Bus shelters rent and maint.		600	600		No change proposed - substantial maintenance carried out this year
Tree inspections		1500	510		Covering inspections and OTISS licence fees - tree works costs?
Tree works					New budget line to cover tree works required - removed
Defibrillators		2350	2350		Batteries x 5 will require replacement at an approx cost of £1250
VATCS maintenance			420		Does this require a budget line? Strike this out
Climate Change					See notes
	750	38395	750	38255	
4. Communications					
Website maintenance		500	600		Reduced to reflect lower annual charge
Newsletter printing		1463	2100		6% uplift on this year's price of £690 per edition (16 pages)
Newsletter design		1060	1880		6% uplift on this year's price of £500 per edition
Newsletter postage/delivery		1300	1000		8% uplift on this year's price of £600 per delivery
Misc communications		200	200		No change proposed
	0	4523	0	5780	
5. Sports Facilities					
Grass cutting/herbicide		7180	6950		Increased by 5%
Sports field rent	3374	1750	3183	1750	Increased by 5%
Sports field rates		810	810		Increased by 6% - rates have previously been much lower than this, no change
Sports field initiatives			1000		
Sports field car park construction					Remove this line
Sports field car park loan		3645	3645		Fixed payments £3641.22 annually incl interest
Sports field maint. and misc.		2000	4700		Increased by 6% - Now reduced based on actual spend of £1180 in 2023/24
MUGA rent	671	100	639	100	Increased by 5%
MUGA maintenance					
Covid Business Grant					Remove this line
	4045	15485	3822	18955	
6. Play Facilities					
Grass cutting		3276	3120		Awaiting NCC confirmation of % uplift, est 5%
Equipment inspection		249	235		Increased by 6%
BEPA maintenance		4400	4400		Planters require replacement - or use reserves? Reserves
Kate's Plain rent		100	100		No change proposed
Kate's Plain maintenance		1000	1000		No change proposed - footbridge paint repairs now included in this heading

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	Receipts (£)	Payments (£)
Precept	104865	
Employment		24417
Administration		8915
Environment	750	38395
Communications		4523
Sport Facilities	4045	15485
Play Facilities		9025
Community Support		6400
Contingency		2500
Use of reserves		
	109659	109659

Play Areas future fund					To create earmarked reserves for future works/repairs/replacements
Footbridge	0		0		Not changed
	0	9025	0	8855	
7. Community Support					
Remembrance Service			0		Remove this line. Possible purchase of gazebo etc can come from reserves
Burial Board	2100		2100		Presumed increase based on this year's payment of £2k
General (inc grants)	4300		4300		Not change proposed
Covid-19 Grants					Remove this line
	0	6400	0	6400	
8. Contingency					
Contingency		2500		2500	
	0	2500	0	2500	
Totals, Income and Expenditure	4795	109659	4572	111711	

Balance (Precept required assuming no use of reserves)		104865	2023/24 for comparison	
Reserves or other sums to offset precept				
Precept to be levied		104865	Precept	102425
Formal reserves (at 31/08/24)	121,396	Precept % increase		
				2.38
General	121,020	Band D	79.22	Band D 77.27
Allocated	376	Band D % increase		
				2.53

Notes: Receipts excludes bank interest (which accumulates as reserves) Receipts and payments exclude VAT

Shortfall 104864.51

Tax base 1323.65
Previous year 1325.62