

WESTON AND CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING: 15 JANUARY 2026

AGENDA ITEM 10: BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2026/27

The Finance Committee has met to review the Council's financial position to formulate the proposed budget and precept for the 2026/27 financial year.

Closing Position 2025/26

Opening Balance 25/26	61,326.52		
Expected Income		Less	
Precept	59,682.00	Projected Expenditure	68,066.40
Interest	1,600.00	Projected VAT expend	1,500.00
VAT refund	1,500.00		
VH Passthrough	1,024.14		
Allotments	2,000.00		
Compact	1,150.00	CIL (reserved)	19,559.11
Total	128,282.66	Forecast Outturn	39,157.15

The Committee has approved the attached budget in the sum of £82,953.40, which is a slight reduction on the current budget of £87,222.

The Council tax base for 2026/27 is 1261.61, which is an increase from 1207.97 in the current financial year. The precept in 2025/26 was £59,682 which equated to £49.41 for a Band D property. A below inflation precept increase of 2.7% would provide a precept of £64,000 and this would be the effect on the Council's finances at the end of 2026/27, assuming the budget was spent in total.

Year	Precept	Band D	Band A	Band H	Increase
2025/26	59,682	49.41	33.10	98.81	
2026/27	64,000	50.73	33.99	101.46	2.7%

Opening Balance 26/27	58,716.26		
Expected Income		Less	
Precept	64,000.00	Projected Expenditure	82,953.40
Interest	1,600.00	Projected VAT expend	1,500.00
VAT refund	1,500.00		
VH Passthrough	1,024.14		
Allotments	2,000.00		
Compact	1,150.00	CIL (reserved)	19,559.11
Total	129,990.40	Forecast Outturn	25,977.89

Part of the forecast outturn are earmarked reserves, for the Weston Cemetery, Playing Field Maintenance, Planning consultants, Elections and Village Hall Maintenance.

The Finance Committee will now consider a three-year forecast, although there is the challenge regarding forecasting the number of new properties in the Council taxbase each year.

The Council is asked to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee regarding the budget and precept 2026/27.

Line No.	Items	Budget 26/27
		£
1	Clerk's Salary	28,256.00
2	Employer NI	3,488.40
3	Clerk's Office allowance	1,750.00
4	Chairman's Allowance	1,100.00
5	External Audit	315.00
6	Internal Audit	250.00
7	Insurance (Parish Council)	710.00
8	Insurance (Village Hall)	1,050.00
9	Affiliations	50.00
10	Hall Hire	500.00
11	Cheshire Association of Local Councils	850.00
12	Stationery and Copying	0.00
13	General Village Upkeep	2,000.00
14	Travel Expenses	250.00
15	General Maintenance	0.00
16	Lengthsman	8,000.00
17	Neighbourhood Plan	5,000.00
18	Community Resilience Plan	500.00
19	Playing Field Maintenance	1,500.00
20	Planning consultation	4,100.00
21	Legal Fees	3,000.00
22	Village Hall Maintenance	1,000.00
23	Vice-Chairman's allowance	300.00
24	Planning Chairman's allowance	1,100.00
25	Communications	2,000.00
26	Shires Payroll	300.00
27	Weston Cemetery extension	4,000.00
28	Vice-Chairman's expenses - Planning	300.00
29	Publications	2,500.00
30	Defibrillators	1,000.00
31	Banking	84.00
32	Allotments	2,000.00
33	Community Garden	500.00
34	Street Lighting - electricity	2,200.00
35	Contingency	2,000.00
36	Election Costs	1,000.00
	TOTALS	82,953.40