

**WESTON AND CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2026**

PRESENT:

Councillors: John Densem (Chairman), Janet Chamberlain and John Cornell.

25/010 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Lewis

25/011 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

25/012 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 August 2025 be approved as a true and correct record.

25/013 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2026/27

The Committee reviewed the detailed report submitted by the Clerk which contained budgetary analysis for 2025/26, the projected outturn 2025/26 and a draft budget for 2026/27.

The proposed budget was in the sum of £82,953.40, an decrease of £4,268.60 on the current year's budget. It was projected that there would be an outturn of circa £39,157 excluding CIL monies. Councillors were reminded that earmarked reserves were in place for Wychwood Village Hall Maintenance, Weston Cemetery Extension, Elections and Weston Playing Field Maintenance. It was also suggested that an earmarked reserve for planning consultant costs be established.

The precept in 2025/26 was £59,682. In order to continue to provide monies for the earmarked reserves it was suggested that the precept be increased although by a lesser amount than inflation or other precepting authorities.

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%

RECOMMENDATION:

- i) The Council's budget be as shown in the appendix below, in the sum of £82,953.40.
- ii) The Council's precept be in the sum of £64,000 (an increase on 2.7%).

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