

Uffculme Parish Council

2026-2027 Financial Budget

FINAL - as agreed at Full Council Meeting on

Monday 12th January 2026

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Commentary

The working papers of the 2026-27 budget are attached.

The budget for 2026-27 was discussed and agreed at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 12th January 2026.

Page 3 shows the financial position of the Council at 1 January 2026, the fixed/committed Council expenditure between 1 January and 31 March 2026 and a forecast for the closing position at 31 March 2026. This is an estimated position.

Page 4 sets out the projected annual forecast income for the period, together with the Earmarked Reserves already allocated within the General Account. The VAT reclaim anticipated for the 2025–2026 financial year was not recovered as expected, resulting in a reduced budgetary balance being carried forward into 2026–2027.

The Council agrees to amend employee rates of pay, with effect from 1 April 2026:

Gemma Cole - Clerk - Increase to hourly rate, set by NALC, for scale point rate 25. The confirmed hourly rate for 2026, as advised by NALC each financial year, is yet to be announced. Figures are therefore based on the 2025 rate of £18.31 per hour. Employer Tax and NI also included as part of total figure, as are pension contributions to the enrolled Local Government Pension Scheme.

Street Cleaning included at a rate of £14/hour, to bring above the National Living Wage and Real Living Wage rates for 2026-2027. The self-employed contract is for a total of 7 hours per week.

The meeting agrees to tender the contract for grass cutting for 2026/27 for the duration of 3 years, with a budgeted rate of £21,075 being allocated for 2026/27, in line with the latest quotation received from the existing contractor.

Page 5 details the specific projects that the Council has committed to supporting in 2026/27, as well as the annual forecast fixed Council expenditure. Specific projects include replacement playpark equipment to Highland Terrace.

The Parish Council will maintain its Community Fund for the 2025-2027 period, structured as follows:

Youth Start-Up Allocation: A dedicated fund of £2,500 is available specifically for applications from youth-based initiatives.

Community Group Funding: Financial support is also accessible to local community groups operating on a not-for-profit basis.

Applicants will continue to present their requests to the Council for consideration. This financial resource is intended to foster the continued success of community groups and to support inclusive community support initiatives.

The meeting agrees to increase the Precept to £145,225 for 2026-27 and it was resolved for the Clerk to make the submission to MDDC to this effect. It was expressed that the increase would see an increase in household contributions, equivalent to 38.05%. NB - there has not been a substantial increase to precept figures in the last 10 years.

The precept requested will allow the Council to commit to projects and maintain the parish.

VAT - Input Tax figures are estimated based on high level information currently available

A +10% increase against insurance premium of 2025-2026 has been applied, to allow for any increased due to the Magelake water leak claim from 2025-2026 financial year. There has been a 2.5% increase for general inflation applied to all remaining figures.

Gemma Cole
Uffculme Parish Clerk
12 January 2026

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General Account 2025-2026 - 01.01.2026 - 31.03.2026

Bank Balance at 01.01.2026 - Treasurers Account	1,491	
Bank Balance at 01.01.2026 - Commercial Instant Access Account	131,430	
		<u>132,921</u>
Projected Receipts		
Burial Receipts - Uffculme Cemetery	750	
VAT - Input Tax	17,000	
Interest Receivable - Premier Interest Account	210	
		<u>17,960</u>
		<u>150,881</u>
Projected Expenditure		
Clerk's Salary	4,933	
Clerk's Expenses - Telephone, Office Sundries etc.	100	
Admin Expenses - PPS, Payroll, Accounting, Data Protection	800	
Admin Expenses - website	200	
Admin Expenses - Burial software	220	
Street Cleaning	1,870	
Grass Cutting Contract - 3/12	5,138	
Cemetery - General works, Water, etc	650	
Repairs & Renewals - General inc Public Toilet	2,500	
Maintenance budget (Commercial Road/Square clearing/Pond/defib)	3,840	
Playground Maintenance	580	
Footpath Maintenance	100	
Green Team - Fridge Hire	366	
Allotments - 50% lease cost 2025-26	1,840	
Sundry Exp	200	
Grant - Spotlight 2025	1,500	
Grant - Square Corner 2025	500	
Grant - TDCTA - Ring & Ride 2025	400	
Grant - Culm Valley Voluntary Car Scheme	300	
Grant - Forget-me-not Cafe	500	
Grant - Citizen's Advice	500	
		<u>27,037</u>
Projected balance at 01.04.2026 - C/F to 2026-27 Financial Year		<u><u>123,844</u></u>

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General Account 2026-27 - 01.04.2026 - 31.03.2027

Projected balance B/F at 01.04.2026	123,844	<u>123,844</u>
Projected Receipts		
Burial Receipts - Uffculme Cemetery	2,500	
DCC - Parish Paths Partnership Grant - 2025	1,000	
VAT - Input Tax	5,000	
Interest Receivable - Premier Interest Account	800	
	<u>9,300</u>	
		<u>133,144</u>
Amount Allocated to Reserves		
EMR Magelake - Pitch Maintenance/Repairs	4,000	
EMR Uffculme Bowling Club Lease	2,000	
EMR Uffculme Bowling Club	4,000	
EMR Village benches	731	
EMR Magelake - Fire System Upgrade	2,000	
EMR Magelake - Car Park Surfacing	5,000	
EMR Youth Facility	6,000	
EMR Magelake - MUGA	10,000	
EMR Village Maintenance (previously George Footpath Improvements)	6,000	
EMR War Graves Maintenance	1,700	
EMR Chain of Office engraving & repair	1,000	
EMR Playground Maintenance/new equipment	14,643	
EMR Parish Safety	5,800	
EMR Village Volunteers and Green Team	4,000	
EMR Mens Club	10,000	
EMR Grit Bins	2,500	
EMR Community Traffic/Speed Fund (Craddock 30 / Chapel Hill)	6,000	
EMR Community Traffic/Speed Fund - General	20,000	
EMR Uffculme Village Hall	1,200	
General Account committed to date	<u>106,574</u>	
Surplus to be accounted for in 2026-27 Parish Precept		<u><u>(-26,570)</u></u>

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General Account 2026-27 - 01.04.2026 - 31.03.2027

Surplus from 2026-27 General Account (inc Projected 2026-27 Income) (26,570)

Projected Expenditure

Clerk's Salary	20,200	
Clerk's Expenses - Telephone, Office Sundries etc.	800	
Admin Expenses - PPS, Payroll, Accounting, Data Protection	3,000	
Admin Expenses - Training, Clerk subscriptions etc.	2,500	
Admin Expenses - website, emails, Google drive	2,500	
Admin Expenses - burial software - annual licence	400	
Admin Expenses - Insurances	4,500	
Street Cleaning	6,700	
Grass Cutting Contract	21,075	
Cemetery - General works, Water, etc.	3,000	
Planters in The Square	1,250	
Green Team - Fridge Hire	1,580	
Emergency Planning contingency	1,500	
Maintenance budget (Commercial Road/Square clearing/Pond/defib)	6,150	
Trees and Hedges	4,500	
Repairs & Renewals - General inc Public Toilet	7,200	
Footpath Maintenance	1,000	
Magelake - Muga Maintenance/Repairs - Annual Contract	3,400	
Magelake - External Maintenance/Repairs - Annual Contract	2,000	
Magelake - General Maintenance/Repairs, Water etc.	5,000	
Magelake - General Maintenance/Repairs (B/F)	4,500	
Allotments - 50% lease cost 2024-2025	1,840	
Grant - Spotlight 2025	1,500	
Grant - Square Corner 2025	500	
Grant - St Mary's Christmas Tree Display - 2025	300	
Grant - TDCTA - Ring & Ride 2025	400	
Grant - Culm Valley Voluntary Car Scheme -2025	300	
Grant - Forget-me-not Cafe	500	
Grant - Citizen's Advice 2025	500	
Grant - Christmas Hampers	500	
Grant - CHAT	500	
Sundry Exp	1,500	
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		111,095

General Account committed to date 84,525

Specific Project Allocations 2025-26 For Consideration

Uffculme Village Hall	5,000	
Ashill Village Hall	5,000	
Coldharbour Mill	5,000	
Uffculme Bowling Club	5,000	
Magelake Boiler	5,000	
Christmas Lights Committee - Christmas Lights	2,000	
Uffculme Village Show	3,000	
Parish Safety	700	
Playground Maintenance	5,000	
Playground Equipment	15,000	
Community Fund (including £2.5k youth start-ups)	10,000	
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	60,700	
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Precept 2026-27		<hr/> <hr/> 145,225

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2025-26 and 2026-27 Parish Precept Charges

Uffculme	Current Year 2025-2026	Next Year 2026-2027	
Precept Requested	<u>103,836.49</u> <u>103,836.49</u>	<u>145,225.00</u> <u>145,225.00</u>	A
Number of Band D at 96.5% collection 2026-27 (Collection rate in 2025-26 at 97.5%)	1,177.62	1,193.15	B
Band D parish Charge	= A divided by B		
	<u>88.17</u>	<u>121.72</u>	
		38.05%	Rise

Note:

An increase of £1,000 would increase the cost for a Band D property by £0.85 per year, which is £0.02 per week