

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
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	132,921
Projected Receipts	
Burial Receipts - Uffculme Cemetery	750
VAT - Input Tax	17,000
Interest Receivable - Premier Interest Account	210
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	17,960
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	150,881
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
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	27,037
Projected balance at 01.04.2026 - C/F to 2026-27 Financial Year	<hr/>
	123,844

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General Account 2026-27 - 01.04.2026 - 31.03.2027

Projected balance B/F at 01.04.2026

123,844

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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>

133,144

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

106,574

Surplus to be accounted for in 2026-27 Parish Precept

(-26,570)

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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

Precept 2026-27

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