

STAPLEHURST PARISH COUNCIL - BUDGET 2026-2027

	2024/25 <u>Actual Spend</u>	2025/2026 <u>Current Budget</u>	2025/2026 <u>Projected Spend</u>	2025/2026 <u>Variance</u>	2025/2026 <u>ORIGINAL Budget</u>	2026/2027 <u>DRAFT Budget</u>	£ and p
<b>General Parish Services</b>	<b>116,521.84</b>	<b>132,206.61</b>	<b>130,420.28</b>	<b>1,786.33</b>	<b>131,506.61</b>		<b>151,291.62</b>
Allotments	981.46	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	650.00	
CCTV	2,420.00	5,950.00	5,830.00	120.00	5,950.00	6,100.00	
Christmas Lights	4,779.39	6,645.00	1,770.81	4,874.19	6,645.00	2,000.00	
Churchyard	10,945.43	16,757.00	16,757.00	0.00	16,757.00	19,267.00	
Greens, Trees and Tubs	8,153.80	11,280.00	12,830.00	-1,550.00	10,580.00	10,080.00	
Jubilee Field Maintenance	48,058.88	28,565.00	28,968.30	-403.30	28,565.00	25,370.00	
Neighbourhood Plan -NPRG	6,884.30	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Playscheme	2,174.33	2,315.00	2,248.32	66.68	2,315.00	2,300.00	
Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,000.00	
Public Toilets	15,453.74	22,264.00	20,764.00	1,500.00	22,264.00	17,415.00	
Skatepark	881.33	10,074.00	8,683.00	1,391.00	10,074.00	9,880.00	
Street Lighting & public furniture	2,435.86	6,550.00	5,844.96	705.04	6,550.00	4,750.00	
Surrenden Field Maintenance	4,267.26	6,634.38	11,300.58	-4,666.20	6,634.38	14,799.62	
Village Update & Website	4,546.03	7,964.23	7,964.23	0.00	7,964.23	10,690.00	
SEHT	500.00	500.00	526.08	-26.08	500.00	550.00	
Wimpey Field	4,040.03	5,208.00	5,433.00	-225.00	5,208.00	5,440.00	
<b>Youth Services</b>	<b>11,414.91</b>	<b>26,058.08</b>	<b>16,637.19</b>	<b>9,420.89</b>	<b>26,058.08</b>		<b>7,899.08</b>
Club Site Purchase/Lease	850.00	850.00	850.00	0.00	850.00	850.00	
Building, maintenance and equipment	10,564.91	25,208.08	15,787.19	9,420.89	25,208.08	7,049.08	
<b>Office Support</b>	<b>25,945.46</b>	<b>40,170.30</b>	<b>29,628.95</b>	<b>10,541.35</b>	<b>40,170.30</b>		<b>33,587.30</b>
Courses and Training	845.75	2,000.00	1,108.03	891.97	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Hire of Halls	1,846.50	2,225.00	1,745.25	479.75	2,225.00	2,000.00	
Insurance	3,695.30	3,800.00	3,450.58	349.42	3,800.00	3,800.00	
Running costs	16,482.00	27,445.30	16,482.00	10,963.30	27,445.30	21,287.30	
Office Equipment	0.00	1,200.00	3,767.18	-2,567.18	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Subscriptions	3,075.91	3,500.00	3,075.91	424.09	3,500.00	3,300.00	
<b>Staff</b>	<b>113,988.44</b>	<b>130,000.00</b>	<b>126,708.90</b>	<b>3,291.10</b>	<b>130,000.00</b>		<b>125,000.00</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>	<b>10,388.07</b>	<b>31,200.00</b>	<b>24,443.51</b>	<b>6,756.49</b>	<b>24,100.00</b>		<b>24,979.60</b>
Audit	1,240.00	1,350.00	1,640.00	-290.00	1,350.00	1,240.00	
Basic Councillor Allowance	2,303.68	7,150.00	5,954.51	1,195.49	7,150.00	5,000.00	
Chairman's discretionary budget	391.89	1,000.00	329.18	670.82	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Donations & Grants	2,940.00	4,600.00	2,890.00	1,710.00	4,600.00	4,700.00	
Professional Fees	3,512.50	17,100.00	13,629.82	3,470.18	10,000.00	13,039.60	
Election Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>278,258.72</b>	<b>359,634.99</b>	<b>327,838.83</b>	<b>31,796.16</b>	<b>351,834.99</b>		<b>342,757.60</b>

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Total proposed Expenditure b/fwd	342,757.60
<b>LESS</b>	
Income estimate for 2026/27	29,471.80
MBC Parish Services Payment for 2025/26	12,379.00
MBC Public Toilet Maintenance Grant	0.00
Other Grants approved to date	0.00
<b>GENERAL FUND INCREASE</b>	
<b>NET DRAFT PRECEPT 2026-2027</b>	<b>300,906.80</b>

Previous year	2025/2026	2026/2027
NET PRECEPT	300,000	

ROUNDED UP NET PRECEPT REQUIREMENT 2026-2027 301,000.00

**ROUNDED DOWN 308,000.00**

**Precept calculation figure (2026/2027)**  
**Estimated Parish Precept 2026/2027 per Band D**  
 Cost per week per Band D would be £99.67  
*Current year's Precept was £300,000 and Band D's paid* £1.92  
*Current year's cost per week per Band D was* 1.92

Proposed change in current year per Band D in £ and p  
 Percentage change from current year's Band D

	2024/25	Change	31.03.25
<b>01.04.24</b>	<b>236,967.63</b>	<b>31,343.53</b>	<b>268,311.16</b>
<b>Reserves of Staplehurst Parish Council</b>	<b>92,349.44</b>	<b>49,251.71</b>	<b>141,601.15</b>
* General Fund	<b>53,542.23</b>	<b>2,009.56</b>	<b>55,551.79</b>
CIL Funds	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>-4,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Allotment Fund	<b>26,500.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>27,500.00</b>
Surrenden Playing Field Project	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
Wimpey Field	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>
Jubilee Field	<b>200.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>
Greener Staplehurst Project	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
Neighbourhood Development Plan	<b>1,399.26</b>	<b>-60.74</b>	<b>1,338.52</b>
Youth Club Activities & Equipment	<b>12,485.10</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>13,485.10</b>
Youth Club Building	<b>29,491.60</b>	<b>-19,857.00</b>	<b>9,634.60</b>
Balance b/fwd for future budget			

**Reserves held for sole use by the following:-**  
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**268,311.16**