

SEAMER PARISH COUNCIL

Estimated Finances 2024/25 EXCLUDING Precept

RECEIPTS	29,537.19
PAYMENTS	51,082.19
SHORTFALL	-21,545.00

The current year (2023/24)'s Precept of £21,000 has been 'frozen' by the Council since 2020/21. Since then the Council has invested in community priorities for road safety, parks & open spaces and community resources, and maintained low rents and service charges to community organisations and individuals from reserves.

Interruptions to project completion due to and immediately following the worst of the COVID-pandemic resulted in the Council's reserves reaching £80,794 (2021/22), reducing with outstanding and new projects completed, including unexpected community resource maintenance to £28,506 (2022/23) and forecast £22,500 (2023/24).

Council reserves should be 3 - 12 months' planned expenditure but not more than 2 x Precept. With planned expenditure circa £55,000, and risks associated with the Council's land and property, and Custodian Trusteeships and support to community resources, it is recommended reserves should be at least £27,500 (6 months) and ideally £41,250 (9 months).

This budget and £26,745 Precept maintains the Council's commitment to maintaining low rents to community organisations, but with increases at (Precept) or above compound inflation since 2020/2021 reflecting a greater percentage of (rents) or full (allotment water fees) market value for individuals* and committing £5,200 to reserves.

A £21,000 Precept represents an average of approx £14.13 (2020/21), £14.22 (2021/22), £13.86 (2022/23), £13.57 (2023/24) and £13.30 (2024/25) p.a. per household or 26p per week.

Each additional £1,000 levied would represent an approximate increase on a Band D property, as follows, and continue to compare favourably to all neighbouring Town/Parish Councils: Cayton £76.61, Eastfield £69.85, Irton £56.47, Folkton £53.10, East Ayton £49.51 and Willerby & Saxton £37.71 (2023/24):

Precept Levied	Annual Cost per Household	Weekly Cost per Household	Annual increase/decrease	approx % increase/decrease	
£21,000	13.30	0.26	-0.27	-1.99%	
£22,000	13.93	0.27	0.36	2.65%	
£23,000	14.56	0.28	0.99	7.30%	
£24,000	15.20	0.29	1.63	12.01%	
£25,000	15.83	0.30	2.26	16.65%	
£26,000	16.46	0.32	2.89	21.30%	
£26,745	16.93	0.32	3.36	24.76%	= compound inflation, annual cost per household, 2020/21 to 2023/24
£27,000	17.10	0.33	3.53	26.01%	
£28,000	17.73	0.34	4.16	30.66%	
£29,000	18.36	0.35	4.79	35.30%	
£30,000	19.00	0.36	5.43	40.01%	

APPROVED BUDGET 2024/25

RECEIPTS	2022/23	2023/24	2023/24	2024/25
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED
	12 MONTHS	8 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
Model Agreement	3,819.24	4,155.34	4,155.34	4,417.14
Land Rents	8,026.00	10,052.00	10,052.00	8,505.60
Allotment Fees	2,490.51	2,477.00	2,500.00	3,165.00 *
Seamer Sports Assoc	1,000.00	750.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Youth Centre	1,000.00	500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Old School House Rent	9,000.00	4,219.86	7,320.00	9,900.00 *
Guide Adverts	-119.75	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
NYCC Grounds Maintenance	1,446.20	1,549.45	1,549.45	1,549.45
TOTALS	32,662.20	23,703.65	27,576.79	29,537.19

PAYMENTS	2022/23	2023/24	2023/24	2024/25	NOTES
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED	
	12 MONTHS	8 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	
ADMINISTRATION					
Clerk Salary (Net)	12,738.44	8,575.36	13,000.00	13,600.00	Contingency for national annual pay award*
Clerk Car Allowance	419.16	220.14	300.00	300.00	Exempt Mileage (@£0.45) - additional paid net, included with salary
Exceptional Wifi/Phone	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50% paid net, included with salary since July 2020
Clerk Office Allowance	157.50	165.00	165.00	195.00	PO Box address (50%)
TAX and NIC	4,526.18	1,876.51	4,350.00	4,800.00	Income Tax, and Employee's and Employers' NI Contributions*
Training	148.69	40.00	40.00	50.00	YLCA training
Gratuity/Pension Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3 yearly re-declaration of compliance with Regulator 28/08/2023
Administration - Sub Total	17,989.97	10,877.01	17,855.00	18,945.00	
ESTABLISHMENT					
Office Equipment	333.38	262.50	270.00	300.00	Annual business and security software licences
Stationery, Mags, Misc	118.49	171.80	175.00	120.00	Office stationery
Office Printer Inks	70.87	36.12	40.00	50.00	Office printer ink
Postage	92.87	18.50	40.00	50.00	Office postage
Chairman's Allowance	110.00	120.00	120.00	125.00	Annual allowance
Insurance	2,461.26	2,368.58	2,370.00	2,600.00	End of 3 year agreement
Audit Fees	480.00	610.00	610.00	1,000.00	Internal and external audit fees
Members' Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	Nominal amount for any future expenses
Members' Printer Inks	145.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Members' Training/Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	YLCA training in support of development
Legal Fees	0.00	240.00	2,880.00	1,500.00	Conveyancing
Advertisements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
YLCA Subscription	837.00	850.00	850.00	875.00	Annual membership
Community Grant	8,060.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	Community resources prioritised within budget
Subscriptions	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	Annual Data Protection fee
Establishment - Sub Total	12,744.54	4,712.50	7,390.00	6,855.00	
LAND & PROPERTY					
Property & Market Rent Evaluation	320.00	0.00	1,300.00	1,700.00	Land & property management and year end letter of valuations review
Old School/House					
Repairs/Improvements	200.00	6,180.66	11,225.00	1,000.00	Repairs, maintenance and improvements
Tower Estates Management	1,080.00	853.88	1,230.00	1,188.00	Agency management
Memorial Hall					
Hire of Hall	205.00	150.00	260.00	280.00	Room hire for meetings, including Parish Assembly and Carol Service
Crossgates Comm Ctre					
Hire of Room	146.50	132.00	190.00	240.00	Room hire for meetings
Agricultural Land					
Allotments - water rates	1,436.05	1,039.78	1,450.00	1,450.00	Water charges
Allotments Maintenance	649.00	36.50	400.00	600.00	Repairs, maintenance and improvements
The Green					
FOSV - grounds maintenance	350.00	375.00	375.00	400.00	Maintenance
Improvements	2,820.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	None planned
Equipment/Maintenance	2.67	0.00	100.00	100.00	Maintenance
Electricity	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	Supply disconnected. Contingency for event
Land & Property - Sub Total	7,214.22	8,772.82	16,535.00	6,963.00	

SERVICES					
Model Agreement					
Parks & Open Spaces	15,871.00	462.90	4,845.00	2,600.00	Planting & maintenance costs, including Community Woodland
Highway Verges	7,600.00	6,187.50	8,250.00	9,000.00	Maintenance
Burial Grounds	336.14	367.53	367.53	388.77	Maintenance
Public Seats	130.00	998.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	Maintenance
Bus Shelters	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Miscellaneous					
Play Equipment Insp/Repairs	25,999.64	167.50	2,500.00	2,250.00	Annual inspection and maintenance
Defibrillators	519.80	0.00	90.00	150.00	Replacement pads
Planters - Crossgates CC	90.01	49.99	85.00	120.00	Replanting and maintenance
Garden/Allotment Competition	260.83	256.00	256.00	275.00	Prizes for winners
Christmas Celebrations	1,696.62	681.54	1,450.00	1,000.00	Trees, lights, competition and events
Other Celebrations/Events	239.00	1,399.22	1,400.00	800.00	D-Day 80 years on 6 June 2024
CCTV - The Green	0.00	100.00	100.00	50.00	Annual fee
Web Site/Maps	26.67	101.90	101.90	135.42	Domain discounted 5 year renewal 2022/23 + Website package fees
Election Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
SECTION 137					
Road Safety	7,693.44	55.00	250.00	300.00	Maintenance of VAS + Community Speed Watch
Road Grit Bins	295.00	215.00	250.00	250.00	Re-filling for adverse weather conditions
Services - Sub Total	60,758.15	11,042.08	20,945.43	18,319.19	
TOTALS	98,706.88	35,404.41	62,725.43	51,082.19	