

BENHALL & STERNFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
2025/26 AGREED BUDGET
27 January 2025

	2025/26	Notes	2024/5	2024/25	2023/24
	Agreed Budget £		Actual spend 31.12.24 £	Agreed Budget £	Agreed Budget £
UNRESTRICTED INCOME					
Cemetery fees	650	1	280	700	750
SBS Interest	300		595.40	600	50
Precept	10,000	2	9,500	9,500	9,500
VAT refund	100	3	60.52	300	300
Ex-Servicemen's Club	220				
Other	100		51	0	0
RESTRICTED INCOME					
CILS	0	4	0	0	0
Grants	0		0	0	0
TOTAL INCOME	11,370		10,486 to 31.12.24	10,700	10,550
EXPENDITURE					
Clerk salary (Gross)	4,100	5	3311.20	4,100	4,100
Running costs	1,400	6	1147.33	1,704	2,099
Subscriptions	360		267.08	360	360
Donations/Grants	100	7	100	0	3,000
Grass cutting and Maintenance	1,600	8	1,560	1,600	1,600
Play area	500	9	114	600	260
The Wadd	1,350	10	450	500	0
Village maintenance	1,000	11	580	1,000	1,000
Other	600	12	387.50	544	930
Training	150		128	400	0
Chairman's Allowance	100		0	100	100
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	0		0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	11,260		7,710.63 to 31.12.24	10,908	13,449

SURPLUS/DEFICIT				(+208)	(+2,899)
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NOTES:-

1. No way of forecasting
2. Indicative decision 27/11/24 to set Precept at £10,000. To be ratified or changed mid-January 2025.
3. Reduction of income figure reflects less predicted spend in 2025/6
4. No known development in progress
5. Probable Local Government Pay Award in Autumn, with back pay to previous April. End of financial year 24/5 estimated to be £4269. Budget figure reflects cessation of salary to Carol Durrant; Clerk/RFO at £18.72 ph x 4 hours p/w from 1.10.24; Clerk/RFO's WFH allowance.
6. Essential running costs - Internal audit fees; SALC payroll services; cemetery wheelie bin; bank charges; room hire; insurance; website; defib spares; running costs of the speed sign; and ICO data protection certification.
7. Assumption only that PC may wish to make a S137* contribution to *Ebb and Flow* based on letter by editor seeking contributions. To be decided by PC at January meeting. (*Section 137 grants local councils the authority to spend a specified amount of money on activities and projects that benefit the community but do not fall under any other statutory power)
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9. £500 for demolition of playhouses on the Green in readiness of ROSPA inspection to condemn
10. PC advised 27/11/24 of need to replace boardwalk. Quotes to be obtained and indicative costs advised by Cllr Brace. Potential for grant funding sources or use of the Open Space Play Fund to be explored.
11. £600 for emergency tree work and £400 for hedging. **Gissing invoice 24/5 now received and shown.**
12. Includes: Insert in *Ebb and Flow* (£222 - 12 issues of 2 b/w pages at £18.50** each issue); £200 for panels for telephone kiosk; possible VE Day celebrations/beacon in 2025 (£120); and Big Lunch (£50)
**50% costs met by PC which invoices the Servicemen's Club for other 50% from December 2024.

