

**WOTTON PARISH COUNCIL - BUDGET AND PRECEPT CALCULATIONS FOR 2026-2027**

	Budget 2025-26	Estimated y/e 31-Mar-26	Draft Budget 2026-27
Hall Hire	150	150	150
SALC/NALC (5% increase/electorate 470)	212	212	221
Insurance	250	241	250
Clerk Salary & tax	6133	6300	6,446
Employers NIC (15% on earnings over £96 p.wk)	0	169	218
Clerk Expenses	380	333	405
Payroll Service	110	102	110
IT/Website Support/ICO	800	880	880
Internal Audit	156	195	250
Training	150	0	150
Bank charges (increased to £7 pm)	72	71	84
Contingency (Defib battery)	1000	387	1000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9413</b>	<b>9040</b>	<b>10164</b>

**Bank Balance at 31.03.24 : 5249**

**Bank Balance at 31.03.25: 4134**

**Year end Bank Balance at 31.12.25**

**23231** Includes CIL receipts of £17,800.58 & VAT refund of £206.68

**Less: Payments 06.01.26**

48

Est payments to end of March 2026

1952

**Estimated Bank Balance at 31.03.26**

**21231** Note: CIL monies cannot be used for general administration costs.

Estimated bank balance at 31.03.26 minus CIL monies: **3,431**

**PRECEPT CALCULATIONS:**

Precept for 2025-2026 was £7,700, a 6% increase (£436) from the previous two years.

Future funding following local government reorganisation is uncertain.

Contingency of £1,000 remains in the budget, but most expenditure other than admin costs can now be covered by CIL income.

It is recommended that Council increases the precept for the year 2026-27.

A 5% increase would be £385; total including £309 grant: £8,085. 10% increase would be £770; total including grant: £8,779

**10% INCREASE AGREED. PRECEPT REQUEST FOR 2026-27: £8,470.**

Signed: Andy Cole