

BASTON PARISH COUNCIL 2026/27 BUDGET PROPOSAL

| | Year 2024/25 | | | | | | Year 2025/26 | | | | | | Year 2026/7 | | Notes | | | |
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| | Previous Year | | Current Year | | | Next Year | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual* (half year) | Forecast to Year End | Budget | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Balance brought forward | | £33,805.14 | £34,357.08 | £39,576.18 | £31,108.52 | £39,935.71 | Includes reserves account | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Salary - Parish Clerk | £5,692.44 | £6,204.43 | £5,982.72 | £1,388.95 | £5,110.45 | £5,616.00 | Pay increase will be in line with nationally agreed rates | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Salary - Community Cleaner | £1,400.00 | £1,440.64 | £1,470.00 | £941.60 | £1,470.00 | £1,530.27 | Pay increase in line with national living (projected 4.1%) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grants (S137) | £3,150.00 | £3,805.80 | £5,000.00 | £1,720.00 | £3,620.00 | £5,000.00 | Maximum from Government is £11.10 per electorate based on 2025/26 info (Baston @1268 electorate) which would equal £14k If we budget for £5k this equates to £3.94 per electorate | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grants (non S137) inc newsletter contribution | £0.00 | £0.00 | £2,500.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grass-cutting | £3,500.00 | £4,000.00 | £4,200.00 | £3,550.00 | £4,900.00 | £4,900.00 | Confirmation price will remain as 2025/26 (approx 14 cuts) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Insurance | £450.00 | £464.77 | £488.01 | £381.27 | £381.27 | £500.00 | Increase as not all assets covered in insurance | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dog Bins | £1,800.00 | £2,273.64 | £2,142.00 | £1,128.64 | £2,257.28 | £2,370.14 | 5% increase | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BPFMC | £0.00 | £315.00 | £252.00 | £110.00 | £250.00 | £330.00 | £15 per hour charge (no subsidy) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Election Costs | £0.00 | £0.00 | £100.00 | £420.50 | £420.50 | £0.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Community Heartbeat Purchase/Maintenance | £270.00 | £4,970.78 | £465.25 | £486.00 | £486.00 | £486.00 | Need to replace at the Barn (waiting cost) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Highways (+ ELAN City + CSW) | £0.00 | £200.00 | £4,000.00 | £1,038.49 | £1,038.49 | £500.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PC website annual hosting / updates | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £1,195.19 | £1,195.19 | £800.00 | £400 = Annual hosting/updates plus £400 for any redesign request | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LALC subscription/training/memberships | £132.00 | £0.00 | £748.60 | £557.49 | £557.49 | £585.36 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Audit (internal/external) | £150.00 | £350.00 | £531.00 | £330.00 | £610.00 | £630.00 | £280 internal + £350 external | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IT Equipment | £0.00 | £315.83 | £0.00 | £135.93 | £17.50 | £0.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bank service charges | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £12.75 | £38.25 | £55.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Legal & Professional Fees | £0.00 | £360.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Land Drainage | £0.00 | £5.06 | £5.31 | £5.16 | £5.16 | £5.16 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stationery Costs / Postage | £0.00 | £112.12 | £130.00 | £87.95 | £150.00 | £200.00 | Budget to remain at £200 as potential training course attendance in 2026/27 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mileage | £0.00 | £0.00 | £200.00 | £40.95 | £40.95 | £200.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other expenses | £0.00 | £0.00 | £240.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | £16,544.44 | £24,818.07 | £28,454.89 | £13,530.87 | £22,548.53 | £23,707.93 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| INCOME | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Precept - 1st payment | £12,257.50 | £12,257.50 | £12,870.00 | £12,870.00 | £12,870.00 | £12,870.00 | Remain the same as 2025/26 as budget shows the precept will cover our expenditure | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Precept - 2nd payment | £12,257.50 | £12,257.50 | £12,870.00 | £0.00 | £12,870.00 | £12,870.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Allotments | £120.00 | £120.00 | £120.00 | £45.00 | £120.00 | £120.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| C/Cleaner | £463.32 | £926.64 | £463.32 | £463.32 | £926.64 | £926.64 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SKDC | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grass cutting - LCC | £1,296.86 | £0.00 | £1,296.86 | £2,149.07 | £4,149.07 | £2,149.07 | £2,149.07 is PO for 2024/25 (hadn't been claimed) / Waiting PO for 2025/26 to make claim | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VAT Refund | £0.00 | £0.00 | £1,000.00 | £3,072.60 | £3,072.60 | £1,000.00 | Figures for 2025/26 include VAT refund for 2024/25 and 2025/26 £535.65 upto end Sept 2025 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL INCOME | £26,395.18 | £25,561.64 | £28,620.18 | £18,599.99 | £34,008.31 | £29,935.71 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NET EXPENDITURE | £16,544.44 | £24,818.07 | £28,454.89 | £13,530.87 | £22,548.53 | £23,707.93 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Balance remaining £9,850.74 £743.57 £165.29 £5,069.12 £11,459.78 £6,227.78

Determining the precept for the year ahead

Estimated total net expenditure
(if S137 is removed) £18,707.93
Add in: any other contingencies £3,000.00
Plus: Working balance required £21,707.93

Recommendation is for parish councils to hold between 3-12 months contingency
For smaller councils this is recommended to be 12 months
BPFMC funding

Less: Expected balance at 31/3/2025
(end of next financial year)

£21,108.52

This figure would cover contingency as recommended
Does not include £10,551.94 in reserve fixed-term account (matures mid year) and

Basis for precept requirement

Forecast budget spend is £23,707.93 and with precept of £25,740 this gives us £2,032.07 for any unexpected additional spend)