



NORTH FRODINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Budget 2025 to 2026

In accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 sections 32 and 42 the Parish Council is required to set out a budget and precept for 2025 to 2026. The Parish Council must have regard to the level of reserves needed for meeting estimated future expenditure when calculating the budget requirement.

The general level of reserve for a smaller authority should be between three and twelve-months net revenue expenditure, the smaller the authority the closer the figure should be to twelve-months net revenue expenditure, the larger the authority the closer the figure should be to three-months net revenue expenditure.

None of the above in any way affects the level of earmarked reserves that an authority may or should hold. There is, in practice, no upper or lower limit to earmarked reserves save only that they must be held for genuine and intended purposes, and their level should be subject to regular review and justification (at least annually), and should be separately identified and enumerated. Significant levels of earmarked reserves in particular may give rise to enquiries from Internal and/or External Auditors.

The attached figures estimate that annual expenses will be in excess of income by the end of the financial year, and as the Parish Council is considered to be a 'small' authority, the level of general reserve will be below the recommended level of 12 months net revenue expenditure. Therefore, the Parish Council is to raise the annual precept to £13,895.

The precept is divided by the Tax Base, which is the number of band D equivalent properties in the parish. The current Tax Base for North Frodingham is 299, if the tax base remains unchanged it will result in an annual increase of £5.19, per band D equivalent property, the total annual charge per band D equivalent property will be £46.47. The raise is to assist with estimated running and maintenance expenses.

November 2024

Sources:

Local Government Finance Act 1992 sections 32 and 42.

Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance (JPAG), Practitioners' Guide 2024, items 5.33 to 5.39.

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Item	Amount	Summary	
Income			
Precept	13,895.00	Balance BF (estimated)	12,492.45
Cemetery	989.00		
Interest	100.00	Income	14,984.00
VAT Refund		Expenses	15,022.88
Total Income	<u>£14,984.00</u>	Income - expenses	-38.88
		Balance	<u>£12,453.57</u>
Expenses			
Admin		Earmarked funds	9,423.00
Audit Fees	434.00		
Chairman Allowance	200.00	General reserve	<u>£3,030.57</u>
ICO	37.00		
Insurances	750.00		
NALC	473.00	Earmarked Funds	
Office Expenses	334.00	Elections	2,500.00
Postage	89.00	Tree works	4,015.00
Room Hire	231.00	Contingency	2,500.00
SLCC	39.00	Donation	200.00
Training	100.00	Defibrillator	80.00
Travel	237.60	Christmas tree	128.00
Website	107.00		<u>£9,423.00</u>
Property			
Benches	725.00		
Cemetery Bin Collection	88.00		
Cemetery Electricity	334.00		
Defibrillator	80.00		
Millenium Garden	250.00		
Mower Parts and Petrol	1,050.00		
Mowing Services	1,650.00		
Rock Salt	55.00		
Trees and Hedges	1,000.00		
S137			
PTFA	100.00		
Twilight Bus	100.00		
Salaries	6,559.28		
Total Expenses	<u>15,022.88</u>		

Notes

The general level of reserve should be aimed at twelve-months net revenue expenditure, net revenue expenditure is the element of expenditure funded by the general reserve. Any amount placed in an 'Earmarked fund' is deducted from the total amount calculated as the General Reserve

The income figure for the Cemetery is based on the average income over the last 5 years.