

WILLOUGHBY PARISH COUNCIL
BUDGET - 2026/27

	BUDGET	FORECAST	ACTUAL	ORIGINAL BUDGET	Notes for Councillors
	Year ended 31.3.2027	Year ended 31.3.2026	Year ended 31.3.2025	Year ended 31.3.2026	
RBC Precept	18,176	17,477	17,134	17,477	Percentage increase 4.00%
RBC - mowing	639	639	639	639	
VAT refund	1,850	1,582	4,743	1,424	
COIF dividend	5	5	10	5	
Other income		1,350	115		
Willoughby Charity		263	44		
	20,670	21,316	22,685	19,545	
EXPENDITURE					
Running Costs					
Street lighting electricity	372	393	638	371	
Grass mowing and hedge trimming	6,091	6,075	5,935	6,091	Includes £100 for hedge trimming
Equipment repairs	500	0	0	750	WHAT WILL NEED REPAIRING OTHER THAN PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT? Assuming Ash stripped down in 2025/26. Includes work on Willow Trees @ £1,500 + VAT
Tree maintenance	1,800	1,510	0	600	Repainting and cyclical repairs
Bench maintenance	200	35	0	175	£250 for general repairs
Playground maintenance and inspection	368	670	118	125	Includes £500 to add to earmarked funds for clock replacement
Public clock	1,030	555	831	1,030	None expected
Flood Action	0	1,800	436		General reserve for other repairs
Other repairs	500	1,179	168	500	
Grants					
Village Hall	450	450	450	450	
Willoughby Monthly	180	227	0	180	
Warwickshire Conservation Volunteers	0	0	170	300	
Events					
Play Rangers	350	426	418	430	Expecting reduced number of days
General Administration					
Subscriptions	286	257	247	275	
Training	220	210	123	200	
Insurance	520	495	591	621	
Defibrillator costs	249	119	476	249	Numbers Plus and pads
Telephone and broadband	180	180	0	180	
Clerk's salary	3,598	3,460	3,318	3,660	4% pay award
Printing and stationery	45		88	45	
Use of home as office	110	110	110	110	
Audit fees	200	220	452	200	
Health and safety and signage	0	0	90		
Village hall hire	55	61	42	100	
Website fees	330	331	170	195	Includes email cost
Data protection fees	47	47	35	35	
Bank charges	108	111	107	108	
S.137	0	10			
Capital Expenditure					
Loan repayment	1,916	1,916	1,916	1,916	
LED streetlights		19,705	20,847	18,195	18,896
SURPLUS TO ADD TO GENERAL RESERVES	£965	£469	£4,490	£649	

Band D property - Precept increase					
	2026/27	2025/26	Increase per annum	Increase per month	Percentage increase
Tax base	194.71	194.71			
Precept	£18,176	£17,477			
Charge per annum	£93.35	£89.76	£3.59	£0.30	4.00%
Increase per household		4.00%			

RESERVES	
Earmarked Reserves	
<i>Public Clock mechanism</i>	
Balance at 31.3.2026	1,000
Transfer in year to 31.3.2027	500
Balance at 31.3.2027	1,500
General Reserves	
Balance at 31st March 2025	11,443
Forecast surplus for 2025/26	469
Transfer to public clock	(1,000)
Forecast reserves as at 31st March 2026	£10,912
Budgeted surplus to 31st March 2027	965
Transfer to public clock	(500)
Forecast reserves as at 31st March 2027	£11,377
The Parish Council aims for 12 month's expenditure to be held in reserve:	
Annual expenditure	19,705
Exclude one-offs:	
Willow Pollarding	(1,800)
Other income	(2,494)
Reserves should be	£15,411
Predicted shortfall in reserves	
As at 31st March 2027	£4,034
As at 31st March 2026	£5,206
As at 31st March 2025	£5,566