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HETHERSGILL PARISH COUNCIL

BUDGET REPORT

November 2026

Introduction

Members will see from the financial statement to 1st November 2026 that a reserve remains the same in the Council's bank account. This report will discuss the remainder of this financial year and forecasts likely income and expenditure during 2026/27 financial year. Finally, it will point out key aspects that need to be considered for the following budget.

End of year outcome to 31st March 2027

The cash book balance on 1st November 2026 is £8773.35 including reserves. Upcoming expenditure is necessary on the Clerk's salary, routine admin/office expenses, and hall hire.

The year end bank balance on 31st March 2027 is likely to be approximately £5000. (Please see forecast attached - this includes all ringfences monies and reserves.

Overview of projected budget for 2026/27

- As this year progressed monies have needed to be moved between projects to ensure funds are available.
- Current Reserve is £4000 however it is recommended to increase this to at least £5000 over time.
- Grants are still could still be requested before the year end. One grant request is currently being considered. Final grant amount to be requested and completed following the grants and donations policy.
- An amount was set aside for training; however, it was decided that larger scale training is required meaning a larger budget will be needed in the next financial year.
- Clerk - Any increase in salary, agreed as part of the NJC agreement, was reviewed when pay increase was released. Generally, an increase of 2.5% is budgeted for however the increase was 3.3%.

Income expected for 2027/28

The expected income is: -

Expected Monies Carry forward	£1000
Expected Reserves Carried Forward	£4000

Precept	£9300
Grants	£300
VAT refund	£300
Total	**£14,900**

Budget Proposal for 2027/28

The following reflects generalised amounts with more detailed breakdown on the accompanying spreadsheet: -

Projects	£600
Elections	£900
Charitable donation	£600
Meeting Hall Hire	£170
Maintenance	£300
Clerk - inc WFH	£4112
Expenses / Subs	£150
Insurance	£550
Subscriptions/Audits	£800
Training	£500
Mis/Office consumables	£700
Bank charges	£90
VAT (expected)	£100
Total	**£9572**

- Clerk - Any increase in salary, agreed as part of the NJC agreement, will be reviewed when the pay increase is agreed and released. An increase of 3% is budgeted.
- Any adjustments in hours / paygrades will need to be discussed at full council meetings if the council see fit in consideration of the Clerks appraisal which will affect salary costs.
- All other contracted payments have been calculated with a small increase.

Budgeted Reserves
Total Ringfenced reserves - £4500

The recommended amount to hold in general reserve is between 3 to 12 months net revenue expenditure.
Therefore, it is suggested to increase the minimum reserve by £500 to £4500 to try to move the Council into a strong position financially and continue to increase by a minimum of £500 each year until at least 6 months reserves are achieved.

Precept for 2027/28
If the above budget is accepted, there would appear a need to increase the precept for the forthcoming financial year.
The Clerk therefore recommends that the precept is increased to the level of £9300 which is an increase of 11%. It would be hoped that this slightly larger increase would be a one off to cover the expected election year costs.

Recommendations
The Council is asked to consider the following recommendations:

The budget for 2026/27 be £9572

The Precept for 2026/27 be £9300

Using the £300 VAT refund to bridge the gap between budget and precept request.

Please see attached spread sheet for breakdown overview.

Lynnesy Mowbray
Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
8/11/26