

Taverham Parish Council Estimates Meeting held on Monday 26 January 2026, in Suite 2 at Taverham Village Hall, commencing at 7.38pm when there were present:

Mrs C Karimi-Ghovanlou in the Chair

Mrs L Barrington-Smith	Mrs J Latchford
Mrs B Clarke	Mr S Matthews
Mrs J Ellis	Mrs S Parkinson
Mr K Kelly	Mr T Yousefian

Also present: Clerk and RFO

**12/26 Apologies for absence** were received from Councillor Mr N Dack

**13/26 Declarations of Interest**  
None

**14/26 To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 January 2026**  
The Minutes were confirmed as correct and then signed by the Chairman.

**15/26 Public Break**  
There were no members of the public in attendance.

**16/26 Adoption of Main Council and Committee expenditure budgets for 2026/27**

The Recreation and Sports Committee expenditure budgets had been proposed by the relevant Committees on 15 December 2025 and the Woodland Committee expenditure on 12 January 2025. The draft Council expenditure figures had been provided to Councillors in advance of the meeting along with explanatory notes.

<b>Main Council</b>	<b>Budget Heading</b>	<b>£</b>
Administration	Office sundries, stationery, website, postage, copier (lease and usage), phone/internet, room hire, office rent (incl Petty Cash £900) etc	9,400
Miscellaneous	Insurance, internal/external audit fees, subscriptions, licences, fees, journals, Ranger items, staff/Councillor training, PATCH sundries, publicity, minutes binding, maintenance of noticeboards / bins / youth shelters / office equipment	17,500
Salaries	Clerk, RFO, Assistant Clerk, Ranger, Weekend Warden, PATCH Administrator, Cleaner, payroll bureau, Employer's NI and pension costs, absence cover	213,690
Grants	Support for local groups in need of small-ish sums/ churchyard maintenance	545
Recycling	Purchase of appropriate items from recycling bank receipts	600
Youth Provision	Youth worker provision, youth room rent, electricity, minor repairs	18,720
Section 137	Items which the Council considers would be beneficial to the community but cannot be funded under any parish council statutory powers, plus Churchfield grass cutting	1,375

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Streetlighting	Energy costs	28,200
	Maintenance contract	1,800
	Repairs – items not covered by contract eg, vandalism	6,000
	Structural/Electrical testing	3,500
Community Safety	Winter-weather safety and other safety issues	1,000
Agencies	Verge cutting (on behalf of County Council)	10,875
Ranger's Van	Hire costs of the Ranger's Van	3,900
Publicity	General and regular publication	1,000
TPC Events	Events by Taverham Parish Council	500
Earmarked Reserve	Tennis Court Project	20,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£338,605</b>

**17/26 Executive Committee expenditure budget bids for 2026/2027 were before the Meeting for approval**

Recreation	£36,030
Sports	£50,200
Woodlands	£15,970

**18/26 Precept Requirement Calculation**

The following information using General Reserve funds and projected income for 2026/27 was before the Meeting:-

**A** General Reserve £27,000

**B** Estimated income for 2026/27

Hinks Meadow - Hall Hire	£17,000
Hinks Meadow – Football Pitch Hire	9,514
Tennis Courts – Courts Hire	2,244
County Council – for library garden maintenance	250
Recycling	1,000
Agency Fees – County Council (Verge Cutting)	11,193
Bank Interest	5,250

**Total** £46,451

**Total (A+B) To be taken off gross expenditure budget** £73,451

Gross expenditure budget (Council & Committees) £440,805

**Less:** General Reserve and 2026/27 projected income £73,451

**Equals net expenditure (Precept Amount – 7.89% increase)** £367,354

Councillors discussed and **AGREED** the proposed budget of **£367,354**.

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The District Council had confirmed a Council Tax Base figure of 3643 for Taverham for 2026/27. A Precept of £367,354 would therefore result in an approximate “per household” cost of £100.84, a £5.91 increase per household per year (11p increase per household per week).

Councillors thanked the Clerk and RFO for all their hard work in the preparation of the Estimates for 2026/27.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed .....

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