

**TAVERHAM PARISH COUNCIL
RECREATION COMMITTEE - BUDGET PICTURE – 19TH MAY 2026**

EXPENDITURE

<u>Heading</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent to Date</u>	<u>Expected Expenditure</u>	<u>Projected Y/E Balance</u>
Running Costs				
Horticultural Contract	£12,570.00	£1,027.29	£11,542.71	£0.00
Fidobin Contract	£2,635.00	£0.00	£2,635.00	£0.00
Mole Contract	£1,050.00	£0.00	£1,050.00	£0.00
Refuse Collection	£2,100.00	£197.86	£0.00	£1,902.14
Play Inspections	£1,100.00	£0.00	£1,100.00	£0.00
Sandy Lane Carpark	£1,275.00	£255.00	£0.00	£1,020.00
Sandy Lane – Keyholder	£3,300.00	£0.00	£3,300.00	£0.00
Tree Maintenance	£6,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6,000.00
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	£30,030.00	£1,480.15	£19,627.71	£8,922.14
Renewals	£3,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,000.00
Projects	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00
Contingency	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
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COMMITTEE TOTAL	£36,030.00	£1,480.15	£19,627.71	£13,922.14

RFO
19th February 2026

Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held on Monday 23 February 2026, commencing at 7.43pm when there were present:

Cllr B Clarke in the Chair
Cllr C Karimi-Ghovanlou Cllr S Matthews
Cllr J Latchford Cllr S Parkinson

Also present: Clerk

Apologies for absence received from Councillor Yousefian.

Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda
None

The Minutes of the meetings held on 22 September and 15 December 2025 were confirmed by the Meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Report items

An order for the safety works to trees had been placed and a tree in the village hall garden had been felled. The Clerk reminded the meeting that at least two more trees in the garden were due to be felled in the following winter and that stumps would need to be ground prior to replanting taking place.

The orders for the felling of the tree in Thorpe Marriott Green Play Area, and the felling of the tree in the play area, had been placed. The Council's arborist would plant a replacement tree near to the play area free of charge.

The paving to the side return of the village had been completed.

Two benches had been installed on Thorpe Marriott Green.

Quotes had been received for the mole control contract. The would be considered at the March Council meeting as the quotes covered both Recreation and Sports sites.

The current budget picture was received.

The Meeting closed at 7.51pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

Request to Use Sandy Lane Playing Field for Summer Youth Football Training

The organiser of the Taverham Titans Under 7 team has asked whether the team may use the Sandy Lane playing field for summer training sessions.

The requested session time is Mondays from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

The expected group size is small, consisting of nine children plus coaches.

At this stage, no decision has been made. It has been noted that permission may be unlikely because the area is generally intended for informal recreation for all residents.

If permission were granted, a charge for use of the area may be considered to avoid setting a precedent for wider team use by Taverham Football Club, which could reduce space available for residents.

In considering this request, the Committee may wish to take account of the limited size of the group, the specific weekly time requested, the impact on general public use of the field, and whether any fee or conditions of use should apply if approval is given.

Request to Use of Sandy Lane Playing Field for Outdoor Learning Sessions

Background

A Practitioner with Nudge Education, contacted the Council to request use of the grounds at Sandy Lane Playing Field for outdoor learning programmes. Nudge Education provides bespoke educational services and support for young people who are chronically disengaged from education, out of education, or otherwise at risk.

As part of Nudge Education's safeguarding and risk assessment procedures, a copy of the site's current Public Liability Insurance certificate was requested for any external site visited with students. This documentation was needed before planning could proceed.

Council Response

In response, the Clerk acknowledged the enquiry and advised that, before permission to use Sandy Lane Playing Field could be considered, further information was required.

Specifically, the Clerk requested details of the intended activities, proposed dates and times, and expected attendance at each session.

She also noted that there are no public toilet facilities at the site and advised that this should be considered when planning any sessions.

Operational Details Provided

Further information was then provided by Nudge Education to support the request. The proposed sessions were described as strictly one-to-one outdoor learning opportunities involving low-impact physical activity, including use of the jungle gym area and general grounds for activities such as ball games.

Attendance at each session would be limited to two people: one practitioner and one student.

With regard to facilities, Nudge Education confirmed that the absence of public toilets had already been considered. This was not expected to create any operational difficulty because the student involved lives within walking distance of the playing field.

At the time of the correspondence, specific dates and times had not yet been finalised.

However, Nudge Education indicated that sessions would likely take place during normal school hours and that a regular schedule could be confirmed once approval in principle had been granted.

Additional Considerations

The Council may also wish to consider whether Nudge Education has appropriate safeguarding, DBS, insurance, and risk assessment arrangements in place for one-to-one off-site sessions. It may also be helpful to clarify responsibility for supervision, permitted areas of use, agreed times of access, and any conditions to be attached to formal permission.