

SEMER PARISH COUNCIL

BUDGET PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE YEAR 2025-2026

31.03.22	31.03.23	31.03.24	INCOME	Anticipated 31.03.25	Year 2025-2026 31.03.26
£	£	£		£	
3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	Precept	3,500.00	4,500.00
4.60	4.60	4.60	Wayleave Receipt - Church Meadow	4.60	4.60
47.00	-	161.70	Local Council Grant Scheme (for 2022 only)	-	-
-	-	326.42	VAT Reclaim	22.00	22.00
100.00	-	300.00	Grant - Church Meadow	-	-
3,651.60	3,504.60	4,292.72	TOTAL INCOME	3,526.60	4,526.60
			EXPENDITURE		
-	-	1,408.30	Clerk's Salary	2,090.00	2600.00
		31.40	Administration costs	50.00	100.00
148.28	96.00	96.06	Council Insurance	170.79	190.00
143.37	143.15	105.19	SALC Annual Subscription	108.99	115.00
60.00	60.00	60.00	Website Hosting	440.00	120.00
40.00	40.00	40.00	Information Commissioner Registration	40.00	40.00
-	-	72.00	Training	100.00	100.00
-	-	-	Internal Audit	150.00	165.00
-	-	-	Bank Charges	18.00	102.00
-	-	125.22	Parish Election Recharges		-
660.00	-	-	Oak for New Village Signs	-	-
-	307.39	-	Cost to make and install Village Signs	-	-
-	35.42	-	Sand Bags to divert rain water on Union Hill Property	-	-
2,000.00	-	-	Donation to Semer Village Hall	-	-
-	500.00	-	Jubilee Day Village Party	-	-
500.00	-	-	Contribution to new "Slow Road Signs" on Union Hill	-	-
-	650.00	540.00	Works on Church Meadow	850.00	850.00
-	200.00	-	Contribution to Quiet Lanes Initiative	-	-
3,551.65	2,031.96	2,478.17	Contribution to A1141 Speed Limit	2,850.00	-
			TOTAL EXPENDITURE	6,867.78	4,382.00
4935.10	5,035.05	6,507.69	Balance B/Fwd	8,322.24	4,981.06
3,651.60	3,504.60	4,292.72	Add Income	3,526.60	4,526.60
3,551.65	2,031.96	2,478.17	Less Expenditure	6,867.78	4,382.00
5,035.05	6,507.69	8,322.24	Anticipated balance as at 31 March 2025	4,981.06	5,125.66

Tax base for 2025/26 is set at £70.82 which is an increase of 6.3%. (2024/25 was £66.61).

Recommendation 1: Council is recommended to set a revenue budget in the sum of £4,382 which includes employment of clerk under contract, change in website provider; retention of services of internal auditor, anticipated bank charges and sum for unscheduled works on Church Meadow.

If Council are to set the precept at £4,382 to fund the budget it would equate to an increase of 17.76% on a Band D property over that which was set in 2024/2025.

Recommendation 2: Council is recommended to set the precept to be levied on the parish at £4,500 (to allow an uplift to reserves) acknowledging that this will result in a band D council tax (parish element) of £63.54 which is an increase of 20.93% equivalent to just under £11.00 per annum.