

Draft examples budget review only December 2025

<b>Sibbertoft Parish Council Draft Budget Proposal £21.5k Precept ( reduction on 25-26)</b>		
Category	Proposed Budget (£)	Notes / Adjustments
Street Lighting Energy	£1,800.00	Slight reduction
Street Light Maintenance	£0.00	new LED less maintenance?
Grass Cutting	£4,500.00	Reflects actual overspend
Playground/Recreation Ground	£800.00	Maintain provision, seek grants
Clerk Salary & Payroll	£6,500.00	Includes NI, realistic uplift
HMRC (Tax/NI)	£950.00	Rounded
IT / Website / Zoom	£300.00	Stable
Admin & Clerk's Expenses	£300.00	Slight trim
Training	£200.00	Reduced, low actual spend
Cllrs Expenses	£50.00	Minimal
Subs, Licences & Insurance	£1,200.00	Essential
Reading Room Hire	£150.00	Trimmed
Professional Fees / Legal	£200.00	Maintain provision
Grants Awarded	£300.00	Reduced, but keep community support
Other / Bank Charges	£150.00	Trimmed
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£22,900.00</b>	<b>Budget as total figure slightly over precept</b>
Reserve Adjustment	-£1,400.00	Drawn from estimated balance
<b>TOTAL PRECEPT</b>	<b>£21,500.00</b>	
Earmarked Reserves	£4,505.10	too low below guidance
Unmarked Reserves	£0.00	too low below guidance

Estimated year-end balance (Apr 2026): £5,905.10

Reserve target: £11,250

Shortfall: £5,344.90

Reserve contribution this year: £0 (due to tight budget)

Recommendation: Seek external grants (e.g., Lottery Fund) for capital projects like playground upgrades and biodiversity work.

<b>Sibbertoft Parish Council – Recommended Budget 2026–2027 (Target Precept: £25,000)</b>		
Category	Proposed Budget (£)	Notes / Adjustments
Street Lighting Energy	£1,800.00	Slight reduction no maintenance costs
Street Light Maintenance	£0.00	No maintenance costs
Grass Cutting	£4,500.00	Reflects actual overspend
Playground/Recreation Ground	£1,000.00	Maintain provision, seek grants for upgrades
Clerk Salary & Payroll	£6,500.00	Includes NI, realistic uplift
HMRC (Tax/NI)	£950.00	Rounded
IT / Website / Zoom	£300.00	Stable
Admin & Clerk's Expenses	£300.00	Slight trim
Training	£250.00	Maintain provision
Cllrs Expenses	£50.00	Minimal
Subs, Licences & Insurance	£1,200.00	Essential
Reading Room Hire	£200.00	Maintain
Professional Fees / Legal	£250.00	Maintain provision
Grants Awarded	£500.00	Increased to support community
Other / Bank Charges	£150.00	Maintain
Reserve Contribution	£5,100.00	To restore reserves to £11,000+
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£24,750.00</b>	<b>Rounded to match precept target</b>
<b>TOTAL PRECEPT</b>	<b>£24,750.00</b>	
Earmarked Reserves	£5,905.10	too low below guidance
Unmarked Reserves	£0.00	too low below guidance

Why a £25,000 Precept?

Covers all essential services

Restores £5,000+ to reserves, meeting the £11,250 target

Reflects actual cost pressures (grass cutting, payroll, insurance)

Removes street lighting maintenance, saving ~£6,000–£8,000

Allows modest community grants and professional support