

Cleobury Mortimer Town Council

APPROVED BUDGET 2025-26

INCOME											
Item	2022-23	2022-23	2023-24	2023-24	2024-25	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2026-27	2027-28	
	budget	actual	budget	actual	budget	YTD	approved	draft	draft	draft	
						at 14.01.25	budget	budget	budget	budget	NOTES FOR 2025-26 BUDGET
Precept	116749	116749	117892	117892	140000	140000	195000	205000	215000		Consider options in conjunction with Taxbase figure from Shropshire Council
Other Grants	2000		10000	18510	10000	750	25000	15000	15000		Environmental Maintenance/Streetscene, Other grants
Other Income ie CIL, Neighbourhood Fund	1000	25732	5000	4094	5000	2037	6000	7500	9000		CIL and Neighbourhood Fund
Cemetery Income	6000	4920	6200	5220	6400	3585	6600	6800	7000		Fees reviewed for 1st April 2025
Donations	1000	1000	1000	1271	1000	461	1000	1000	1000		Donations towards tree pleaching, Christmas lights etc
Parish Plan/Neighbourhood Plan	88	9005		1716							Locality Grants for Neighbourhood Development Plan.
Playing Fields	500		500	150	500	50	500	500	500		Income from Hire. Fees reviewed for 1st April 2025
VAT Refund	15000	13568	10000	11345	15000		15000	17500	20000		
Bank Interest	20	376	100	1946	1000	1070	1000	1000	1000		
Miscellaneous	300	1300	1500	1602	1500	1225	1500	1500	1500		CCTV insurance receipts - fees reviewed for 1st April 2025. Plus any other miscellaneous income.
TOTAL	147657	186570	152192	163746	180400	149178	251600	255800	270000		
EXPENDITURE											
Item	2022-23	2022-23	2023-24	2023-24	2024-25	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2026-27	2026-27	
	budget	actual	budget	actual	budget	YTD	budget	budget	budget	budget	
Salaries	56000	51261	60000	70867	75000	61951	83000	91000	100000		Six members of staff, including Pension contributions and increases in salary rates, increase in maintenance work and additional staffing. Payroll services.
HMRC PAYE & NI	17500	11984	16000	18092	20000	14701	21000	22500	24000		Six members of staff, including % increase in National Insurance contributions, increase in maintenance work and additional staffing.
Travel & Subsistence	300	445	1000	1019	1000	250	1000	1000	1000		Travel costs and refreshments for meetings.
Training / Quality Council	1000	645	1000	617	1000	760	1000	1000	1000		Training courses and meetings.
Office Rent, Rates & Room Hire	5000	4415	5000	4839	5000	4229	5000	5000	5000		Office plus Council and other Committee/Working Group meetings.
Office Supplies & Services	3200	5681	6000	5841	6250	4848	6500	6750	6900		Office supplies, stationery, telephone and internet, IT services.
Office Equipment	500	2180	1000	177	1000	299	1000	1000	1000		New/replacement items. Earmark unspent in reserves.
QEII Park - Grass Cutting	1000	850	1900	1518	1700	2354	3920	920	3920		Grass cutting - by contractor.
QEII Park - Maintenance	3000	128	2000	14162	2500	10642	2750	3000	3200		Furniture, lighting and fencing maintenance, tree management.
QEII Park - Projects							2000	1000	1000		Additional/replacement benches and seats.
QEII Park - Outdoor Gym	500	755	500	89	500	199	500	500	500		Outdoor Gym RoSPA inspections and any maintenance.
QEII Park - Skate Park	500	88	500	89	500	90	500	500	500		Skate Park RoSPA inspections and any maintenance.
QEII Park - Bike Trail	200	70	200	75	200	440	500	500	500		Bike Trail RoSPA inspections and any maintenance.
Love Lane Play Area - grass cutting	800	840	1000	1680	1850	1785	1260	1260	1260		Grass cutting - by contractor.
Love Lane Play Area - maintenance	750	339	500	5634	1500	3097	1600	1700	1800		Maintenance materials and repairs, RoSPA inspections. Also tree, fence and hedge management. Wages separate.
Playing Field - Grass Cutting	900	1065	1000	1518	1700	1454	1680	1680	1680		Grass cutting - by contractor.
Playing Field - Maintenance	1400	441	1000	2612	2000	647	2000	2000	2000		Playing Field Maintenance/Equipment (wages separate) including trees and fences.
Playing Field - Projects					1000		27000				Proposed multi-use games area (£25,000) and benches £2,000 (from grants and Neighbourhood Fund). See Projects.
Parish Maintenance	1000	3603	2000	3226	5000	2745	2000	2000	2000		Parish Maintenance including Environmental Maintenance work (wages separate).
Contingency / Asset Reserves	1000		1000	1207	1000	0	1000	1000	1000		For emergency work or asset repairs/replacements. Earmarked in reserves.
Wells	500		500		500		5000	500	500		Reburishment and Maintenance - from earmarked reserves.
Parish Hall											No longer custodian Trustee - no liability
Market Hall				390							Have Management Committee - should be no liability
Cemetery - Grass Cutting	2000	2135	2100	8200	9000	8200	6720	6720	6720		Contract grass cutting. Tree/stone maintenance & repairs to be shown separately below.
Cemetery - Maintenance	1500	1701	1500	1928	2500	6645	2500	2500	2500		Green Waste clearance, stone mason inspection & repairs, increase in grounds maintenance where grave owners not maintaining their areas. Wages separate.
Cemetery - Admin	250		250		250	245	250	250	250		Cemetery software administration/maintenance. Wages separate.
Churchyard - Grass Cutting	1500	1320	1900	2400	2650	1938	2100	2100	2100		Contract grass cutting. Other maintenance to be shown separately below.
Churchyard - Maintenance	300	380	500	1175	500	5103	1000	1000	1000		Trees, paths, flower beds maintenance.
Memorial Garden	500	65	500	1212	250	122	250	250	250		Maintenance of flower tubs and area. Draw from reserves/contingency in emergency.
Subs - SALC & SLCC	1600	1562	1400	1737	1800	1756	1900	2000	2100		Subscription costs and Membership fees.
Insurance	2300	2537	3000	2860	3000	3235	3500	3600	3700		Insurance. To cover increase in assets.
Professional Fees	1000	290	1000	35	500	40	500	500	500		Solicitor, HR Consultancy, ICO fees.
Election Costs	100	100	100	0	0		0	100	0		Fees not due to be paid until 2026-27.
Audit Fees	900	595	800	615	1000	835	1000	1000	1000		Internal and External audit charges + higher fees for increased income & expenditure.
Bus Shelters & Bus Stops	500		500	9615	500		500	500	500		Maintenance of Bus Shelters & Bus Stops.
Toilet Provision & Maintenance	1850	1622	1850	3295	2000	1508	2100	2200	2300		Electricity, cleaning materials, maintenance and repairs. Wages separate.
Street Lighting - Electricity	6500	10758	15000	8880	15000	5235	8000	9000	10000		Contract with SSE currently for Town Council-owned street lights.
Street Lighting - Maintenance	2000	2644	2500	3473	4000	490	4000	4400	4800		Contract with Prysmian for Town Council-owned street lights. Earmark unspent in reserves.
Streetlight Upgrades	3000		2000			2695					Project complete in 2024-25. Maintenance only.
Speed Management	1000	5954			1000		1000	1000	1000		Speed / Parking Management
CCTV	1000	3150	5000	6175	5000	219	5000	5000	5000		Maintenance of existing equipment from earmarked reserve. Additional equipment to be funded through grants.
Website/Newsletter/Social Media	650	132	650	754	650	920	650	700	750		Includes Website, Notice Boards, Clarion page and Survey Monkey.

Cleobury Community	4000	15398	8000	39345	12500	6182	11500	13000	14000	Lime trees £3,500, Street Enhancement (planters, flowers, baskets) £1,000, Christmas £2,500, Festival £3,500, General £1,000. Some spend from current reserves. Earmark unspent in reserves.
Neighbourhood Plan		7587		8912						Project complete. No expenditure expected.
Donations - S.137	7000	2396	7000	1124	7000	3147	7000	7000	7000	For local community groups.
Other Expenditure		30		17010						
Bank Charges										
VAT (recoverable)	10000	11313	10000	13928	15000	8112	17500	20000	22000	
TOTAL	146500	156459	167650	268000	213300	167118	247180	227630	246230	
Excess of Receipts over Payments	1157	29901	-15458	-104254	-32900	-17939.8	4420	28170	23770	
Opening balance	167106	152798	134947	182699	93211	78445	45736	50156	78326	Opening Balance will change - estimated when budget prepared.
Excess for year	1157	29901	-15458	-104254	-32900	-17940	4420	28170	23770	
Closing balance	168263	182699	119489	78445	60311	60505	50156	78326	102096	Council recommended to have 3-6m expected revenue expenditure in reserve.
Less ear-marked money			70000							Estimated balance of Ear-Marked Reserves.
Net balance available			47346							General Reserve

Notes:
The Tax Base (number of households) has remained the same as last year. The increase in Precept is required to meet the Council's statutory obligations as well as the continuing improvement of services, facilities and open spaces for the community.

Approved by Council on 3rd February 2025.

Signed: [D Abbatiello](#)

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