

Cleobury Mortimer Town Council

APPROVED BUDGET 2026-27

INCOME												
Item	2023-24 budget	2023-24 actual	2024-25 budget	2024-25 actual	2025-26 budget	2025-26 YTD at 07.01.26	2026-27 approved budget	2027-28 draft budget	2028-29 draft budget			
NOTES FOR 2026-27 BUDGET												
Precept	117892	117892	140000	140000	195000	195000	234000	220000	225000			Considered in conjunction with Taxbase figure from Shropshire Council.
Other Grants	10000	18510	10000	750	25000	750	15000	15000	15000			Environmental Maintenance/Streetscene. Other grants for projects.
Other Income ie CIL, Neighbourhood Fund	5000	4094	5000	2037	6000	61	100	200	5000			CIL and Neighbourhood Fund.
Cemetery Income	6200	5220	6400	5515	6600	10550	8000	8500	9000			Fees reviewed for 1st April 2026.
Donations	1000	1271	1000	461	1000	450	1000	1000	1000			Donations towards tree pleaching, Christmas lights etc.
Parish Plan/Neighbourhood Plan		1716										Locality Grants for Neighbourhood Development Plan.
Playing Fields	500	150	500	100	500	350	500	500	5000			Income from Hire. Fees reviewed for 1st April 2026.
VAT Refund	10000	11345	15000	13986	15000		17500	18875	20000			
Bank Interest	100	1946	1000	1229	1000	165	200	200	200			
Miscellaneous	1500	1602	1500	1225	1500	319	1500	1500	1500			CCTV insurance receipts - fees reviewed for 1st April 2026. Plus any other miscellaneous income.
TOTAL	152192	163746	180400	165303	251600	207645	277800	265775	281700			
EXPENDITURE												
Item	2023-24 budget	2023-24 actual	2024-25 budget	2024-25 actual	2025-26 budget	2025-26 YTD at 07.01.26	2026-27 budget	2027-28 budget	2028-29 budget			
Salaries	60000	70867	75000	74083	83000	61138	92000	100000	105000			Six members of staff, including Pension contributions and increases in salary rates, increase in maintenance work and additional staffing. Payroll services.
HMRC PAYE & NI	16000	18092	20000	17551	21000	21770	25000	25500	26000			Six members of staff, including % increase in National Insurance contributions, increase in maintenance work and additional staffing.
Travel & Subsistence	1000	1019	1000	307	1000	295	1000	1000	1000			Travel costs and refreshments for meetings.
Training / Quality Council	1000	617	1000	859	1000	2450	1500	1750	2500			Training courses and meetings.
Office Rent, Rates & Room Hire	5000	4839	5000	4392	5000	5350	5500	5750	6000			Office plus Council and other Committee/Working Group meetings.
Office Supplies & Services	6250	5841	6500	5428	6750	6498	7250	7600	7950			Office supplies, stationery, telephone and internet, IT services.
Office Equipment	1000	177	1000	299	1000	3781	1500	1500	1500			New/replacement items. Earmark unspent in reserves.
QEII Park - Grass Cutting	1900	1518	1700	2354	3920	4200	3920	4000	4000			Grass cutting - by contractor.
QEII Park - Maintenance	2000	14162	2500	10680	2750	1538	5000	3200	3250			Furniture, lighting and fencing maintenance, tree management.
QEII Park - Projects					2000	1472	1000	1000	1000			Additional/replacement benches and seats.
QEII Park - Outdoor Gym	500	89	500	199	500	657	500	500	500			Outdoor Gym RoSPA inspections and any maintenance.
QEII Park - Skate Park	500	89	500	91	500	120	500	500	500			Skate Park RoSPA inspections and any maintenance.
QEII Park - Bike Trail	200	75	200	440	500	80	500	500	500			Bike Trail RoSPA inspections and any maintenance.
Love Lane Play Area - grass cutting	1000	1680	1850	1785	1260	1350	1260	1300	1300			Grass cutting - by contractor.
Love Lane Play Area - maintenance	500	5634	1500	3097	1600	299	1700	1800	2000			Maintenance materials and repairs, RoSPA inspections. Also tree, fence and hedge management. Wages separate.
Playing Field - Grass Cutting	1000	1518	1700	1454	1680	1800	1680	1700	1700			Grass cutting - by contractor.
Playing Field - Maintenance	1000	2612	2000	703	2000	931	2000	2000	2000			Playing Field Maintenance/Equipment (wages separate) including trees and fences.
Playing Field - Projects			1000		27000							2025-26 Proposed multi-use games area (£25,000) and benches £2,000 (from grants and Neighbourhood Fund). See Projects.
Parish Maintenance	2000	3226	5000	3019	2000	2684	3500	3500	3500			Parish Maintenance on Shropshire Council assets including Environmental Maintenance work (wages separate).
Contingency / Asset Reserves	1000	1207	1000	0	1000		1000	1000	1000			For emergency work or asset repairs/replacements. Earmarked in reserves.
Wells	500		500		5000		500	500	500			Reburbsishment 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	2100	8200	9000	8200	6720	7200	6720	6900	6900			Contract grass cutting. Tree/stone maintenance & repairs to be shown separately below.
Cemetery - Maintenance	1500	1928	2500	6865	2500	6502	3500	3000	3000			Green Waste clearance, stone mason inspection & repairs, increase in grounds maintenance where grave owners not maintaining their areas. Wages separate.
Churchyard - Grass Cutting	1900	2400	2650	1938	2100	2250	2100	2200	2200			Contract grass cutting. Other maintenance to be shown separately below.
Churchyard - Maintenance	500	1175	500	5103	1000	30	2000	1500	1500			Trees, paths and flower beds maintenance.
Memorial Garden	500	1212	250	122	250	645	500	500	500			Maintenance of flower tubs and area. Draw from reserves/contingency in emergency.
Subs - SALC & SLCC	1400	1737	1800	1756	1900	1981	2000	2100	2200			Subscription costs and Membership fees.
Insurance	3000	2860	3000	3235	3500	4129	4200	4400	4600			Insurance. To cover increase in assets.
Professional Fees	1000	35	500	35	500	859	1000	1000	1000			Solicitor, HR Consultancy and ICO fees.
Election Costs	100	0	0	0	0		0	0	0			Fees to be paid in 2025-26.
Audit Fees	800	615	1000	835	1000	971	1000	1000	1000			Internal and External audit charges + higher fees for increased income & expenditure.
Bus Shelters & Bus Stops	500	9615	500		500		500	500	500			Maintenance of Bus Shelters & Bus Stops.
Toilet Provision & Maintenance	1850	3295	2000	2067	2100	1116	2200	2300	2400			Electricity, cleaning materials, maintenance and repairs. Wages separate.
Street Lighting - Electricity	15000	8880	15000	6194	8000	3456	8500	9000	9500			Contract with SSE currently for Town Council-owned street lights.
Street Lighting - Maintenance	2500	3473	4000	490	4000	121	3000	3500	4000			Contract with Prysmian for Town Council-owned street lights. Earmark unspent in reserves.
Streetlight Upgrades	2000			2695								Project complete in 2024-25. Maintenance only.
Speed Management			1000		1000		1000	1000	1000			Speed / Parking Management
CCTV	5000	6175	5000	219	5000	7512	5500	5775	6000			Maintenance of existing equipment from earmarked reserve. Additional equipment to be funded through grants.
Website/Newsletter/Social Media	650	754	650	920	650	970	750	750	750			Includes Website, Notice Boards, Clarion page and Survey Monkey.
Cleobury Community	8000	39345	12500	6981	11500	17374	15000	14000	14500			Lime trees £3,500, Street Enhancement (planters, flowers, baskets) £1,000, Christmas £2,500, Festival £3,500, 800th Anniversary £3,000, General £1,500. Some spend from current reserves. Earmark unspent in reserves.
Donations - S.137	7000	1124	7000	3147	7000	1201	7000	7000	7000			For local community groups.
Other Expenditure		17010				15000						Cleobury Sports Centre - earmarked and subject to contractual agreement.

Bank Charges						139	200	220	230		
VAT (recoverable)	10000	13928	15000	8593	17500	8540	18875	20000	21000		
TOTAL	167650	268000	213300	186136	247180	181409	257355	251245	261480		
Excess of Receipts over Payments	-15458	-104254	-32900	-20914	4420	26236	20445	14530	20220		
Opening balance	134947	182699	93211	78445	45736	57531	60000	80445	94975		Opening Balance will change - estimated when budget prepared.
Excess for year	-15458	-104254	-32900	-20914	4420	26236	20445	14530	20220		
Closing balance	119489	78445	60311	57531	50156	83767	80445	94975	115195		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 budget includes a sum of £15,000 which will be earmarked to safeguard the continuation of services at Cleobury Sports Centre should there be a shortfall in community fund-raising.

The additional £24,000 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.

The Tax Base of 1220.06 (equivalent number of Band D households) has been provided by Shropshire Council.

Approved by Council on 2nd February 2026.

Signed: *David Abbatiello*

Cllr D Abbatiello (Chair)