

Culworth Parish Council
Expenditures for 2021-2025, budget 2025-26 against estimated expenditures for 2024-25

Expenditure Item		Expenditure 2022-23 Audited	Expenditure 2023-24 Audited	Budget 2024-25	Expenditure 2024-25 ESTIMATE to 31 Mar 25	Budget 2025-26
1	Grass Verge & Greens Mowing S96	£3,946	£1,499.00	£2,500	£1,152.25	£1,500
2	Tree / Footpath Maintenance	£880	-	£2,000	£522.00	£2,000
3	Subscription NCALC, SLCC + PoL	£456	£328.70	£600	£306.74	£1,600
4a	Electricity supply un-metered	£2,232	£1,021.01	£1,100	£1,454.45	£1,100
4b	Street light maintain & upgrade	£1,278	£1,361.00	£3,000	£1,600.00	£1,600
5	Parish Council Insurance	£834	£885.07	£1,000	£957.26	£1,100
6a	Clerk salary 3.5 hrs / week + hols	£6,472	£2,773.57	£3,363	£3,781.24	£3,436
6b	Clerk / Office Expenses / Other	£969	£778.06	£800	£599.98	£500
6c	Clerk & Councillor Conf / Training	£282	-	£500	£42.00	£500
7a	Audit Int+Ext – N-CALC + LJ	£200	£707.00	£590	£420.00	£500
7b	N-CALC acting as DPO	£10	£10.00	£10	£12.00	£10
8	Village Hall rental	£117	£171.00	£300	-	£300
9	Burial Ground Maintenance	£643	£1,105.00	£800	£1,459.00	£1,600
10	Dog and litter bin maintenance	£1,274	£1,274.00	£1,000	£1,500.00	£1,500
11	Village Newsletter– Sec 142	£400	£302.70	£300	£128.10	£300
12	Village web site & maintenance – S142 Gov't Info	£220	£101.90	£445	-	£1,100
13	Jubilee / Coronation RBL–Sec 137	£1,769	£0.00	£25	£25.00	£25
14	Miscellaneous contingency	-	-	£2,000	-	£1,000
15	Citizens Advice Bureau	£100		£100	-	£100
16a	Cricket Field CHFT support	£114,288	£105.52	£100	£396.56	£500
16b	Cricket Field CHFT funding	-	£3,429.00		£8,964.09	-
17	Community Play Park fund-support	-	£75,000.00	£8,000	£3,131.00	£8,000
18	Rebuild reserves for new assets		-	£10,000	£1,000.00	£15,000
19	VAT as a refundable expense	£25,307	£16,650.42		£3,516.25	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (inc VAT):		£161,677	£107,502.95	£38,533	£30,967.92	£43,271
20	Precept request	£25,000	£37,000.00	£38,000	£38,000.00	£38,000
21	Burials & Monuments	£331	£1,376.10	£400	£636.00	£500
21	Bank Interest: CHFT & Ppark	£152	£426.30		£348.36	£500
22	<i>Community Infrastructure Levy</i>	-			-	-
23	Play Park grants		£62,614.86		-	-
24	Donations / awards	£130,681	£130.00			£160
25	Recovered VAT	£16,428	£10,793.47		£15,723.48	£3,516
TOTAL INCOME		£172,592	£112,340.73	£38,400	£54,707.84	£42,676
Excess income over expenditure		£10,915	£4,837.78	-£133	£23,739.92	-£595

**Culworth Parish Council Summary of Predicted Expenditures,
as discussed for 2025-26 budgeting**

The village Precept (collected via your rates) is based on the following figures.
The predicted expenditure will be covered by the Precept plus reserves plus VAT reclaim.

Expenditure Item		Budget	Explanation
1	Grass Mowing	£1,500	Cartwright Landscapes: mowing of green and other areas £63, mow perimeter of cricket field £99, mow The Mound £233 monthly variable frequency + VAT. A 10% increase in cost can be covered by current budget. Ppark & BG now below!
2	Tree / Path Maintenance	£2,000	Trees on recognised green spaces, expected safety work.
3	Subs NCALC & SLCC	£1,600	Useful subscriptions. Provision for Scribe online accounts year 1
4a	Yu Energy for street lighting	£1,100	May reduce with new energy certificate. Further investigation.
4b	E.On street light maintenance	£1,600	Ad-hoc by AJR in Eydon. 2 units await LED conversion?
5	Parish Council Insurance	£1,100	Village assets and public liability. Annual through Hiscox Insurance, includes the play park. Anticipate a 10% increase
6	Clerk / Expenses	£3,436	Clerk 4 hrs/week inc hol at Local Council rate LC1+ SCP point 17 at <u>£16.52 per hour</u> (inc est 6% increase = £3,436) plus contribution towards use of home office facilities £7.58 pw (£394 pa), stationery and postage and extra mileage (£106 pa). Training courses for Clerk & Councillors = £500
		£394	
	Clerk / Councillor training	£500	
7	Internal & External Audit	£510	N-CALC fee for internal audit band 2. N-CALC acts as our Data Protection Officer for a nominal £10 pa.
8	Hall rental	£300	Approximately six meetings per year, £50 a time?
9	Burial Ground Maintenance	£1,600	Roger Smith: Mow burial Ground £23, Strim burial ground £15
10	Dog & litter bin maintenance	£1,500	Dog bins: Marcus Young, invoice in arrears in January.
11	Village Newsletter– Sec 137	£300	Five issues per year, including printing. Volunteers deliver them.
12a	Village web site hosting, development and maintenance	£955	Porting to a new 'accessible' web site. Fee for web site registration with ICO Two council-controlled emails for Chair and Clerk TBA.
12b		£45	
12c		£100	
13	Remembrance Wreath	£25	Suggested grant increase from £20.
14	Miscellaneous contingency	£1,000	Contingency for everyday operating costs, none for an election
15	Grant Citizens Advice Bureau	£100	Benefits less affluent villagers and those in sudden difficulties
16	Cricket Field Improvements	£500	Provision for water and lease. Phase 1 completed (excludes any village hall relocation, tarmac parking postponed until the same).
17	Community Play Park support	£8,000	Allows depreciation of £75,000 invested over 15 years, £200 for annual safety inspection, plus regular mowing
18	Build reserves for new hall	£15,000	To facilitate match-funding for CHFT Phase 2 grant applications
TOTAL BUDGET:		£43,271	From 1st April 2025 onward

Precept requested: **£38,000** A zero increase, continuing set-aside for public building works

31/03/2025 General T1 account	£2,300	Unity Trust
31/03/2025 Saver Acct Cricket	£0	Unity Trust with interest
31/03/2025 Saver Acct Reserves	£70,200	Unity Trust with interest
31/03/25 Outstanding payments	-£500	March 2025 meeting payments outstanding
Net Parish Council assets	£72,000	

Reserves

Allocation of Culworth cash reserves 2025-26**Est. cash reserve at 31/03/26** **£72,000**

	<u>Incremented</u> <u>Current year</u>		<u>Replace</u> <u>after</u> <u>Year</u>	<u>Units owned</u>	<u>Unit cost 2016</u>		<u>Revised</u> <u>Allocation</u>
Estimate, in case of an election call with costs not covered by local elections							£2,000
Planned street pole & light renewal	5 /		25 *	26 *	£900 =		£4,680
Planned noticeboard replacement	7 /		10 *	2 *	£500 =		£700
Planned grit bin replacement	10 /		10 *	0 *	£500 =		£0
Village benches	0 /		20 *	0 *	£600 =		£0
Community Defibrillator	4 /		5 *	1 *	£1,000 =		£800
Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (2018)	5 /		10 *	1 *	£3,500 =		£1,750
Play Park equipment	2 /		15 *	1 *	£75,000 =		£10,000
Reserve for new Village Hall match funding							£45,000
Unexpected contingency pot, 10% of available cash assets; omitting unallocated CIL							£7,200
Reserved funds for CIL, yet to be allocated							£0
Total reserves allocations (a recommendation)							£72,130
Effective shortfall of cash reserves upon those recommended							-£130