

PAUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT BUDGET 2017-2018

INCOME

	Budget 2016-2017	2016-2017 Actual (forecast)	Budget 2017-2018	Comments
Precept	4,236.00	4,236.00	4,236.00	Assumes no change from 2016-2017.
Council Tax Support Grant	10.00	10.00	-	This ceases as from the financial year 2016-2017.
Brought forward from previous year	3,139.10	3,445.30	3,847.41	
Total Income	7,385.10	7,691.30	8,083.41	Would leave £2,683.56 to carry forward to 2018-2019.

Last year the precept of £4,236.00 based on 149.20 Band D equivalent households, with 146.97 collectable, equated to £28.79 p.a. per household. For 2017-2018, the tax base is not yet known but assuming the collectable number remains the same, the precept at the same rate equates to £28.79 per household.

EXPENDITURE

Heading	Budget 2016- 2017	Estimated outcome 2016-2017	Budget 2017-2018	Comments
Insurance premium	234.30	164.25	181.00	Change of insurers in 2016-2017. Anticipated increase 10%.
GAPTC subscription	82.38	79.32	81.87	
External audit fees	-	120.00	120.00	See Note 1
Internal audit fees	65.00	75.00	70.00	Cost in 2017-2018 will be £70.00 as overcharged by £5.00 in 2016-2017.
Salaries	2,239.38	2,266.42	2,306.98	
Payroll charges	75.00	64.00	70.00	Estimate 10% increase
Expenses	220.00	180.00	200.00	Includes postage, stationery, photocopying, essential travel
Contingencies	200.00	-	200.00	
Maintenance and conservation work at Compton Green	-	-	200.00	Inspection took place in 2012-2013 so should be carried out again in 2017-2018.
Training courses and manuals etc	300.00	120.00	200.00	
Chairman's allowance	95.00	80.30	95.00	For items such as expenses for Annual Parish meeting, retirement gifts etc.
Donations to Village Hall	500.00	500.00	500.00	£500 again included for 2017-2018 for illustrative purposes only.
Village Hall Hire for Meetings	105.00	105.00	105.00	£15.00 per evening session, based on estimate of 7 sessions.
Heating for Village Hall for meetings	20.00	20.00	20.00	Based on £4.00 x 5 meetings.
Maintenance of telephone kiosks	50.00	-	50.00	
Maintenance of 2 defibrillators	1,000.00	69.60	800.00	See Note 2. VETS scheme £120.00 p.a. (inc. VAT) included in this.
Maintenance of parish properties	1,100.00	-	-	This money was put aside for a defibrillator but one was supplied free of charge from the BHF. This was to have been funded from unspent monies budgeted for the election in 2015-2016.
Parish map and walks	-	-	200.00	
Total Expenditure	6,286.16	3,843.89	5,399.85	

Note 1 - External Audit Fees: Under £10k income/expenditure is now exempt from external audit fees. Fees would be £100 (plus VAT) for income/expenditure between £10,001-£25,000 and £200 for income/expenditure between £25,001 - £50,000. Unless and grants or donations are received in 2018-2018, income (and payments) should remain under £10,000. £120.00 has been budgeted in care income or payments exceed £10,000 for this reason.

Extra fees may also be charged in any event for additional work, such as where the annual report is not completed properly or where auditors consider an objection to the accounts from a local elector. This work will be charged at between £85 per hour and (where the most senior grade of staff deals with the issue) £325 per hour. An amount can be included in the budget if councillors feel this is appropriate but it is very difficult to budget an amount for this eventuality.

Note 2- Defibrillator maintenance costs: This is an over-estimate until costs become clearer. Powerheart G5battery (approx £235) has a standby life of 4 years and up to 500 shocks. New pads budgeted for each year (approx £34). Battery costs will therefore be valid over 4 years and £60 of budgeted money should therefore be carried forward each year over 4 years. Ongoing costs for Zoll AED (BHF model) not yet clear but estimated as similar. VETS Scheme £120 p.a.. BT will pay electricity costs at Pool Hill kiosk for 7 years.

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