

# STAUNTON COLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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## BUDGET 2022/23 – STATEMENT

The Parish Council, at the meeting on 10 January, set its budget for the financial year starting 1 April 2022. The precept (the sum demanded from FODDC and which forms part of the Council Tax demand) will rise from £12000 to £15000. Councillors feel residents would welcome an explanation of the process by which the precept was agreed.

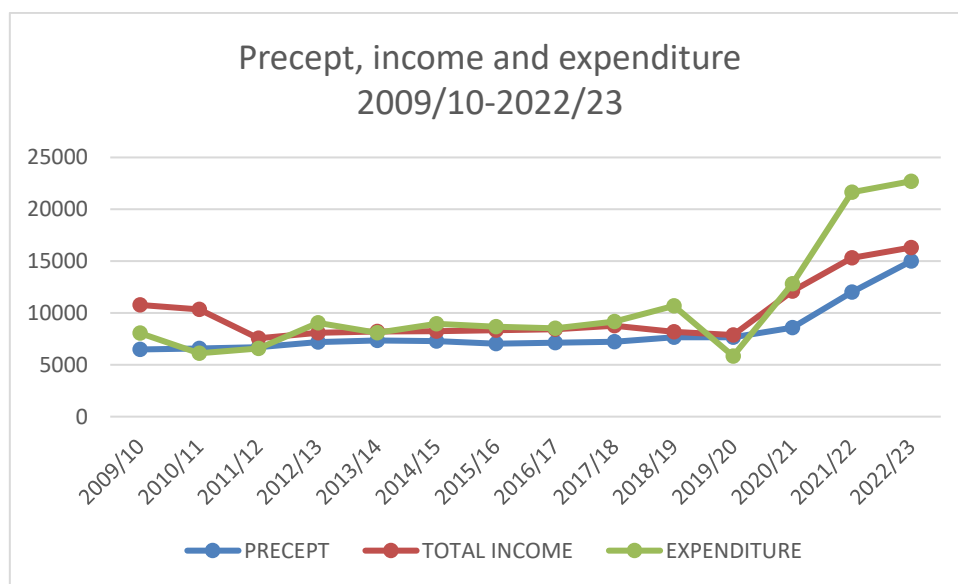
The comparative figures for last year, the current year and next year are detailed below:

2020/21 Actual		Forecast 2021/22	Budget 2022/23	Notes
	INCOME			
8596	Precept	12000	15000	
5239	Other income	3328	1311	a
<b>13835</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>15328</b>	<b>16311</b>	
	EXPENDITURE			
4979	Staff	5300	5520	b
4158	General admin	2642	2935	c
	Community costs:			
381	Defibrillator	865	50	
0	Quarry opposition	1000	0	d
250	Meend – conservation scheme	1200	2000	e
0	Meend – additional work	0	2000	f
4980	Estate management	9000	8000	g
700	Grass cutting	800	1000	
0	Footpath management	0	1000	h
0	Grants	200	200	i
146	Capital expenditure	100	0	
913	VAT paid	532	532	j
<b>16507</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>21639</b>	<b>22705</b>	
<b>-2672</b>	<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>	<b>-6311</b>	<b>-6394</b>	k

Notes.

- a. Includes DEFRA Meend grant, wayleaves, VAT reclaimed
- b. Salary and statutory deductions. (No pension contributions)
- c. Includes: travel, Clerks allowance, printing, postage, IT, telephone, room hire, insurance, audit, bank charges, professional subscriptions, training, Councillors expenses, election costs, sundry.
- d. This sum placed to a reserve; no longer required and therefore transferred to general reserves.
- e. Funded by DEFRA Meend grant (see a. above)
- f. Routine maintenance outside the DEFRA grant
- g. Road repairs (in 2021/22), tree work.
- h. New initiative – outside grant funding may be available
- i. Contingency should an application be approved.
- j. VAT paid and then fully reclaimed (see a. above)
- k. Deficit funded from accumulated reserves.

The graph below illustrates how expenditure has been artificially maintained at a virtually constant level for 10 years, this has been at the expense of not providing sufficient funds to properly maintain the extensive land areas which the Parish Council owns. That is now coming ‘home to roost’ as significant expenditure has been incurred in road maintenance and tree work over the last couple of years and, for the future, will be required for ongoing tree maintenance, replacement of gates etc. The Council will continue to research third party funding for maintenance of the land to ease the burden on the precept.



If, as the Parish Council believes, it is the wish of residents to have the ‘estate’ maintained in safe and good order then that cannot be achieved properly on a shoestring.

The precept for 2022/23 equates to a Council Tax charge for a Band ‘D’ property of £114.48 / year (around 32p a day); the charge for the current year is £90.42 / year (25p a day)

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