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**COATES PARISH COUNCIL (CPC)
2026/27 BUDGET**

CPC is required to set a budget for 2026/27 and for a Precept to be requested from Cotswold District Council.

Parish Council Financial Reserves

CPC's finances are healthy and should remain so for the foreseeable future. At the end of 2025/26 the funds were in a positive position with £13,075 in reserve.

2025/26 budget

Our general expenditure for 2025/26 was £9,675 – the largest spends being the Parish Clerk salary which with expenses and payroll costs was £4,168 and grass cutting £2,295. This was £2,398 less than the amount set in the budget.

1. A sum of £1,000 was budgeted for the purchase of a new laptop. This was not spent during the year but will be spent early in 2026/27 at a reduced cost of £719.
2. There was an underspend of £765 on grass cutting. This was due to the dry weather resulting in less cuts being undertaken.
3. Due to delays in receiving responses from GCC Highways the £700 earmarked for road safety has not yet been spent.
4. There was an overspend on the playground maintenance (£529) and an underspend on general maintenance (£340) resulting in an overall overspend of £189.

Proposed 2026/27 Budget

The budget and precept were approved at the meeting of the Parish Council in January 2026.

The attached table shows the items of expenditure in 2026/27 both one-off and general expenditure for the financial year. The proposed budget expenditure for 2026/27 is £12,452. In setting the budget the council was mindful of building up the reserves for a long term project (playground replacement) while at the same time trying to ensure that any increase in the Band D council tax was reasonable.

In 2025/26 the Council requested a Precept of £11,973 (the Precept for 2024/25 was £10,938). The proposed Precept for 2026/27 is £12,352 – this equates to a 3.16% increase on a Band D council tax.