

MARSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

BUDGET FOR FINANCE YEAR 2026 / 2027

Prepared October 2025

Notes and explanations

Income

The precept request has been increased this financial year 2026 / 2027 as it is expected that grants from Herefordshire Council will be lower or no longer available – particularly for the parish maintenance lengthsman scheme.

This means to maintain maintenance levels it will be required to be funded directly by the parish council.

Wherever possible we will continue to work closely with Balfour Beatty who have carried out several large works projects for the parish that would have otherwise been beyond our funding capability.

Payments

General costs review - costs are increasing through all business segments and the budget has been revised to reflect this.

Marstow church and council involvement - we continue to hold our public meetings at the church the historic focus of our parish and community. We also continue our commitment to contribute each year to the churchyard maintenance. Reference our policy paper available on the pc website.

Defibrillators – the parish council pay all maintenance costs / repairs / replacement parts and regular inspections for these units as a community service to the parish.

Website - It is a requirement by central government that all Town and parish councils have a website for publication of relevant papers and it is the main vehicle for information available to the public. We have upgraded our system / hosting / domain to meet new government legislation. A further legislation is to register our website each year with the government agency under the Data Protection Act. All explanation papers regarding this policy are available on the parish council website.

Insurance – costs are increasing and only specialist providers can supply the insurance levels and liability cover that a Town and parish council requires.

Elections - the pc members do not anticipate a called election during this finance year but should this be necessary then a reserve fund is available..

**MARSTOW PARISH COUNCIL
EXPLANATIONS TO ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2026
PREPARED K SHILTON CLERK AND FINANCE OFFICER
15 APRIL 2026**

Box 3 Difference £678

Other income. Previous year had no other income - only precept.

This year ending represents vat 188 and grant against the lengthsman scheme £490.

Box 4 Difference £240

Staff costs. Clerk fee difference represents an increase given to the Clerk.

Box 6 Difference £864

Main elements of difference represent.

2425 No lengthsman scheme works carried out. 2526 represents £490 against works done.

2425 Website costs £805 against 2526 costs £1112 – difference £307.

2425 Churchyard maintenance contribution £300 against 2526 costs £400 representing 100 difference..

These represent 897 as the main elements of difference between the years - the remaining segments being a general movement.

Box 7

Reserved 2000 for improved parish maintenance lengthsman works.

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BANK RECONCILIATION YEAR 2025 / 2026
PREPARED BY K SHILTON CLERK AND FINANCE OFFICER
08-Apr-26

Balance bank 31 March 2026	17698.06
No cheques outstanding	
No petty cash	
No unbanked cash	
Balance bank 31 March 2026	17698.06

Cash book	
Opening balance 1 April 2025	15949.88
Receipts / income	10177.28
Total	26127.16
Less payments	8429.1
Balance cash book 31 March 2026	17698.06