TOLLER PORCORUM PARISH COUNCIL

2027/28 Budget and Precept

BUDGET Title	Last year 2025-26	Current Year 2026-27		Year end 2026-27	Next Year 2027-28
			Apr - Sept		
Staff Costs	**Actual**	**Budget**	**Actual**	**Projected**	**Budget**
	39.57.96	**4127.01**	2257.44	**4455.54**	**4767.05**

Staffing is one of the council's essential expenses. The figures above include the clerk's salary, mileage, home working allowance, taxes and pension payments. It also includes a potential pay increase at annual appraisal and 10 extra hours for unforeseen circumstances next year.

Administration Costs

	2047.28	**2337.50**	1643.02	**2250.80**	**2558.00**

This area of the budget covers everything required to keep parish council running except staff costs. It includes insurance, training, website and software costs as well as hire of the Village Hall and publishing the Toller Times.

Council Assets

	1.00	**200.00**	0.00	**80.00**	**200.00**

Council assets include the bus shelter, notice board, signposts, defibrillator pads and the telephone box acquired for £1 in 2025-26. The costs above are for replacement defibrillator pads.

The council decided the reserve for asset replacement (or repair) was sufficient at £4950 when setting the budget for this year and that decision has been carried forward to 2027-28.

Grants and Donations

	700.00	**1400.00**	200.00	**1400.00**	**1000.00**

This budget area has been adjusted for 2027-28. The parish council believes the budgeted amount will still allow it to meet the needs of the community.

Recreation Ground

	1350.82	**1640.00**	755.02	**1640.00**	**2030.34**

Figures include grass and hedge cutting and safety inspections. The figure for 2027-28 includes the installation of a shade shelter and the possibility of a community event.

Repairs and replacement had been set to £0 for 2026-27 and remain so for 2027-28. Should any such costs arise, they will be met through the earmarked reserve.

Reserves

	1000.00	**1000.00**	-350.00	**650.00**	**1000.00**

£350 was spent against funds allocated to the Recreation Ground Reserve in the current year to settle outstanding invoices.

The Working Reserve and the Recreation Ground Reserve have each been allocated £500 for 2027-28.

TOTAL	**9057.06**	**10704.51**	**5205.58**	**10826.34**	**11555.39**
	Actual	**Budget**	**Actual**	**Projected**	**Budget**
			Apr-Sept	**Year end**	
	2025-26	**2026-27**		**2026-27**	**2027-28**

Projected overspend of £121.83 / 1.14% in current year

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RESERVES

Reserves	Current Year 2026-27 April 2026	Budget	Over/under spend	Year end 2026-27 Projected	Next Year 2027-28 Budget	Projected 2027-28 TOTAL
Working reserve	6283.13	0.00	0.00	6283.13	500.00	6783.13
TP Recreation Ground	4000.00	1000.00	-350.00	4650.00	500.00	5150.00
Asset replacement	4950.00	0.00	0.00	4950.00	0.00	4950.00
TOTAL	**15233.13**	**1000.00**	**-350.00**	**15883.13**	**1000.00**	**16883.13**

The council's long-term goal is to hold £20,000 in total reserves by the end of 2030-2031. To meet this goal approximately £1,040 will be required in each year from 2028-29 – 2030-31.

Reserves protect the council from unexpected costs and allow it to plan responsibly for replacement of assets as they age and deteriorate without taking out loans.

INCOME

Title	Last year 2025-26 Actual	Current Year 2026-27 Budget	Apr - Sept Actual	Year end 2026-27 Projected	Next Year 2027-28 Budget
Grants received	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank interest	90.84	90.00	39.10	136.85	345.00
CIL	0.00	0.00	0.00	109.66	109.66
TOTAL	**90.84**	**90.00**	**49.11**	**246.51**	**454.66**

Interest on the savings account has reduced significantly and the council is in the process of opening 2 new savings accounts with better interest returns.

Funds from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) are from development in the village and will be used to help fund the shade shelter at the Recreation Ground.

PRECEPT

(Budgeted expenditure) MINUS (Expected income) EQUALS (Precept)

Title	Last year 2025-26	Current Year 2026-27	Next Year 2027-28
Budget			11555.39
Income			454.66
PRECEPT	**9850.00**	**10615.00**	**11100.73**

This year's precept was a £765 / 7.77% increase on the previous year.

This equated to a Band D annual increase of £3.72 or 6.75%.

Next year's agreed precept is £11,100, an **increase of £485 / 4.57% on the current year**.

Band D figures have not yet been released by Dorset Council but the annual increase is **estimated to be £2.40 - £4.00 / 3.9 – 6.3%.**

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