

# TOLLER PORCORM PARISH COUNCIL

## 2026/27 Budget and Proposed Precept

### BUDGET

Title	Last year 2024-25	Current Year 2025-26	Apr - Sept		Year end 2025-26	Next Year 2026-27
Staff Costs	Actual	Budget	Actual	Projected		Budget
	2641.23	3860.07	2053.54	3957.96		4218.93

Staffing is one of the council's essential expenses. The figure above includes 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.

### Administration Costs

	4587.80	2505.00	1539.01	1970.72		2337.50
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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

	579.85	899.00	1.00	159.00		220.00
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Each year the council assigns funds to repair or replace the physical assets it owns. These include the bus shelter, notice board, signposts and replacement pads for the defibrillator.

The council decided to reduce all budget lines showing no spending since 2023/24 to £0 for 2026/27. The reserve for asset replacement is projected to be £4,950 at the end of the current year which is considered sufficient for the time being and has allowed funds to be allocated elsewhere.

### Grants and Donations

	704.39	700.00	336.55	700.00		1700.00
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This budget area has been significantly increased from £700. The parish council hopes this increase will allow it to better meet the needs of the community.

### Recreation Ground

	517.00	1000.00	148.75	1677.47		1640.00
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Earlier this year the council negotiated a new 3-year contract for grass cutting. This has increased the cost but has guaranteed more cuts in a more timely manner which means the Rec Ground will stay in good condition.

Repairs and replacement have been set to £0 for 2026/27. Should any costs arise, they will be met through the earmarked reserve which is projected to be £4,000 at the end of this financial year.

### Reserves

	0.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00		1000.00
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£1,000 has been allocated in the budget to the Recreation Ground reserve for 2026/27. This earmarked reserve is to pay for repairs and replacements as described above.

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9030.27</b>	<b>9964.07</b>	<b>5078.85</b>	<b>9465.15</b>		<b>11116.43</b>
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Projected		Budget
			Apr-Sept			
	2024-25	2025-26		Year end		2026-27

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## RESERVES

	Current Year 2025-26		Projected 2025-26		Next Year 2026-27	Projected 2026-27
				Over/under		
Reserves	April 2025	Budget	spend	TOTAL	Budget	TOTAL
Election recharge	693.00			693.00	0.00	693.00
Working reserve	5000.00		48.92	5048.92	0.00	5048.92
TP Recreation Ground	3000.00	1000.00		4000.00	1000.00	5000.00
Asset replacement	4500.00		450.00	4950.00	0.00	4950.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13193.00</b>	<b>1000.00</b>	<b>498.92</b>	<b>14691.92</b>	<b>1000.00</b>	<b>15691.92</b>

The council's long-term goal is to hold £20,000 in total reserves by 2031. To meet the goal £1,077 will be required per year from 2027/28 – 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. The total reserve at the end of this financial year is projected to be £14,692 and £15,692 at the end of 2026/27.

## INCOME

	Last year 2024-25	Current Year 2025-26		Year end 2025-26	Next Year 2026-27
Title	Actual	Budget	Actual Apr - Sept	Projected	Budget
Grants received	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank interest	143.98	120.00	49.11	103.07	90.00
CIL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>143.98</b>	<b>120.00</b>	<b>49.11</b>	<b>103.07</b>	<b>90.00</b>

## PRECEPT

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

	Last year 2024-25	Current Year 2025-26	Next Year 2026-27
Title			
Budget		9964.07	11116.43
Bank interest		120.00	90.00
<b>PRECEPT</b>	<b>7750.00</b>	<b>9850.00</b>	<b>11026.43</b>

Last year's precept was a £2,100 / 27.10% increase on the previous year.

This equated to a Band D increase of 16% which was an increase of £7.69 per year.

This year's proposed precept is a £1,176.43 / 11.94% increase on the current year.

Band D figures have not yet been released by Dorset Council but the increase is estimated to be 5 - 6%, equating to an additional £2.50 - £3.50 per year.