

**LONGHOPE PARISH COUNCIL
BUDGET 2019-2020**

Expenditure	Budget 2018/19	Actual to December	Anticipated Out-turn	Budget 2019/20
Clerk's allowances & Expenses:				
Office	210	155.97	207.96	210
Petty cash	100	108.32	108.32	100
Phone allowance	240	180.00	240.00	240
Books	30	108.79	108.79	100
Motor mileage	75	63.90	78.75	75
Chairman's expenses	250	250.00	250.00	250
Audit fee	300	325.00	325.00	350
Staff costs	7300	5575.20	7416.96	7650
Data services	0	501.60	501.60	380
Newsletter & Website	400	319.99	396.99	400
Memberships/subscriptions	470	466.80	466.80	470
Training	500	135.00	250.00	500
Insurances:	1590	2179.29	1679.29	1600
Allotments:	200	357.23	357.23	200
Non-137 grants	200	200.00	200.00	200
Section 137 grants	500	274.00	250.00	500
Environment:				
General maintenance	1000	0.00	1680.00	1000
Street cleaning	984	738.00	984.00	984
Playground safety inspection	180	67.40	67.40	100
Dog waste collection	1170	1284.58	1577.08	1400
Grass cutting	2900	2589.00	2900.00	2900
May Hill trees	1000	0.00	0.00	1000
Recreation Ground warden	1665	1648.00	1648.00	1700
Recreation Ground revenue	0	0.00	0.00	0
Recreation Ground capital	500	0.00	500.00	500
Youth facilities	2000	2000.00	2000.00	2000
Community Land Trust project	500	63.80	500.00	500
Unplanned expenditure	350	221.62	2582.03	350
Parish elections	0	0.00	0.00	2100
Expenditure Totals	24614	19813.49	27276.20	27759

Income				
Precept	18989	18989.00	18989.00	22000
Gross interest	10	10.27	12.00	10
Street cleaning grant	1218	1217.65	1218.00	1218
Allotments	389	31.75	427.00	389
Wayleave	100	109.94	109.94	110
VAT refund	700	0.00	700.00	700
Latchen Room	430	0.00	0.00	0
Total	21836	20358.61	21455.94	24427
BUDGET DIFFERENCE	-2778	545.12	-5820.26	-3332

NOTES

Based on expenditure to date against budget, the calculated reserve balance at 31st March 2019 = £26,781.09, over one year's precept income, but the final figure is likely to be less, as the calculations have been distorted by Nick Thomas Landscapes not presenting their 2017-18 bill until this financial year, and their bill for the current year (£2,275) has not yet come in.

Extra expenditure this year on data services and youth facilities is currently planned to continue next year. As well as £236.98 for dog walker signs already paid, there is further anticipated one-off expenditure of £2,360.40 for vehicle activated signs (all figures in this budget include VAT).

Taking the anticipated extra expenditure of £4,635.40 away from the calculated reserve balance leaves a more likely final bank balance on March 31st of £22,145.69, plus any reclaimed VAT which could be over £1,000.

The increased dog waste bin budget reflects the move from six such bins cleared weekly to seven. The changed insurance and income budgets reflects the change to the Latchen Room Committee insuring the building and contents and charging half to the parish council, rather than vice versa as in recent times. There is a sum of £2,100 in the budget for a contested parish council election next May, but if uncontested the bill is likely to be only £150.

If there was an uncontested parish election, it is likely that the parish council's reserves would come to be on a par with the 2018/19 annual precept by the end of 2019/20 - but reducing steadily thereafter. However, a contested election plus any further sums for recreation ground maintenance would send the reserves well below one year's precept income at once. Accordingly, the precept income has been raised for the first time in five years to £22,000 per annum, increasing the current parish rate of £31.31 per Band D household to £36.11, roughly another £5 per household.

The current Government (!) promised last year there would be no cap on parish council budgets for the next 3 years.