

2026-27 BUDGET

How the Council spends your money

Budget Overview

Each year the Parish Council prepares a budget which sets out the planned spending to deliver local services, community benefits and planned improvements. For the financial year 2026-27, Drayton Parish Council agreed an annual budget of £294,498.25.

The Council then sets the 'precept', the difference between the Council's planned spending and anticipated income from sources such as external grants, hire charges and bank interest.

For the financial year 2026-27, Drayton Parish Council agreed a precept of £228,497.00. The precept will be collected by Broadland District Council as a portion of your Council Tax and paid to Drayton Parish Council.

Annual Budget
£294,498.25

Annual Precept
£228,497.00

Annual Amount
Per Household¹
£109.43

Annual Increase
Per Household
from last year
£6.70

What will it cost me?

For a Band D household, the Parish Council precept for 2026-27 will be £109.43 per year. This represents an annual increase of £6.70 or 6.5% compared with last year.

The increase reflects rising costs due to inflation, increased maintenance and utility costs, investment in local facilities, services and projects and maintaining adequate reserves for future years.

Every item of expenditure is agreed by Councillors at meetings held in public and reviewed regularly to ensure value for money while continuing to support services and facilities that directly benefit the local community.

¹ Based on Band D properties

Where is the money spent?

Drayton Parish Council provides, manages and maintains a number of facilities in the village including 3 play areas, 2 playing fields, 2 sports pavilions, a 3G pitch and a scenic nature sport which leads down to the River Wensum known as Green Lanes.

In addition to facilities management the Council also provides a number of services which have been summarised below.

Finance & General Purposes

- Grants for local clubs, community groups and businesses.
- Provision for community events and national celebrations.
- Contracted services for delegated streetlighting maintenance.
- Compliance with legal and financial obligations.
- Administrative costs, Councillor training and website maintenance.

Environment & Highways

- Contracted services for delegated verge cutting.
- Maintenance of Green Lanes
- Resident competitions.
- Maintenance, repairs and upgrades to street scene furniture including designated bus shelters, seating and bins.

Playing Fields & Property

- Regular upkeep and inspection of playgrounds.
- Grounds and tree maintenance and security of playing fields.
- Maintenance, repairs and upgrades to sports facilities including pavilions.
- Maintenance, repairs and upgrades to car parks, fencing, signage and pathways on Council owned land.

Staffing

- Salaries for Council staff who manage services and coordinate local improvements.
- Staff training and consultancy services.

Savings

- Setting aside funds for replacement costs including play equipment, streetlighting and street scene furniture.
- Planning for significant updates to community facilities including 3G surface replacement, grass pitch improvements and allotments.
- Setting aside funds for unexpected costs and emergencies ensuring year on year financial stability.

Want more information?

This document is produced to provide a summary of the 2026-27 budget for Drayton Parish Council. For full details of the budget, please visit our website www.draytonparishcouncil.gov.uk/finances