

**EATON UNDER HEYWOOD & HOPE BOWDLER PARISH COUNCIL**

**BUDGET FOR 2025/2026 PRECEPT**

**Approved & adopted at meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

<u>Items budgeted for.</u>	<u>Last year's budget for 2024/2025</u>	<u>Estimated expenditure as at 31.03.25</u>	<u>Suggested Budget for 2025/2026 Precept (Subject to Notes)</u>
<b><u>ADMIN ITEMS</u></b>			
1. Clerk's salary (gross figure from which PAYE. is deducted.)	£2,855.84	£2,855.84	£2,986.88     See Note 1
2. Admin expenses inc.IT support, ink cartridges, stationery items, postage stamps, telephone and Broadband expenses, Clerk's travelling expenses, electricity for meetings.	£500.00	£490.00 est.	£500.00
3. Insurance	£500.00	£482.88	£500.00
4. Hall hire	£140.00	£125.00 est.	£140.00
5. Pay roll & pension administration	£ 120.00	£120.00	£120.00
6. Audit fees	£ 125.00	£120.00	£130.00
7. Contingency fund for items such as training courses, councillor's expenses, IT support	£200.00	£550.00 * see Note 2	£200.00
8. SALC affiliation fee	£250.00	£238.41	£250.00
9. Data Protection registration	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00
	C/fwd £4,730.84	£5,022.13	£4,866.88

B/fwd	£4,730.84	£5,022.13	£4,866.88
10. Parish Council assets maintenance and environmental maintenance	£ nil (had £1261 in hand)	£848.00 estimated	£500.00
11. S.137 LGA 1972 Donations:	£400.00	£400.00	£400.00
12. WebOrchard – website hosting fee	£250.00	£246.24	£250.00
13. Website management fee	£ 60.00 -	£37.50	£ 25.00
14. Bank Charges based on £7 per month	£ 90.00	£80.60	£ 90.00
<u>New Items for 2025/2026</u>			
15. Fund towards costs of 2025 elections	£ nil	£ nil	£250.00
16. Hire of contractor to clear drains, gullies & ditches	£ nil	£ nil	£ nil
<b>_TOTALS</b>	<b><u>£5,530.84</u></b>	<b><u>£6,634.47 est. See Item 3</u></b>	<b><u>£6,382.00</u></b>
24/25 Precept was agreed at <b>£5,588.00</b>			

### **Note to the Precept Budget**

**Item 1 – Clerk’s salary** .The Clerk is paid on the rate SCP12 for four per week, 208 hours per annum. By the Local Government Services Pay Agreement for 2024/2025, dated 23.10.24, SCP12 was increased from £13.73 per hour to £14.36. Thus, the Clerk’s salary, with effect from 01.04.25, has increased by £131.04, to £2,986.88. The NALC Pay Scales will be available at the meeting on 20.01.25, for inspection.

**Item 2 – new computer.** The Parish Council’s computer, purchased with a grant in February 2018, ceased working in December 2024. The cost of the new computer plus all the data transfer and setting up costs amounted to £480 which had not been budgeted for in the 2024/2025 financial year and thus was financed out of reserves.

**Item 3** The Precept Budget for 2024/25 did not include any sum for asset and environmental maintenance, (Item 10 above) as the parish council had £1,261 unspent reserves for maintenance at the time the budget was agreed. A figure of £500 was agreed for 2025/2026.

**Item 165– fund for election costs.** Elections are to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 for which Shropshire Council levies a charge on the parish council. SALC have given an indication that the likely cost would be £2.30 per elector, which would create a charge of £437. It is suggested the sum of £250 should be budgeted for this year. This was agreed.

**Item 16 – hire of a contractor to clear drains, culverts and ditches around the parish.** It was agreed at the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 that this is an expense which should be borne by Shropshire Council. Our Environmental Maintenance Officer (Mr R Hall) will be asked to unblock drains and culverts as his budget allows.

**A precept budget of £ 6,382.00 to cover the parish council’s 2025/2026 administrative and running costs was agreed.**

### **Effect on council tax - Band D**

Last year the 2024/2025 Precept of £5,588 resulted in a Council Tax Band D Parish Council Charge of **£30.12**

The Precept of £ 6,382 in 2025/2026 will result in a total Council Charge of approximately **£34.93**  
(Each extra £100 costs £0.51. each £1000 costs £5.07)

### **Precept recent history**

2024/2025 - £5,588  
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2022 /2023 - £6,472  
2021/2022 - £5,252  
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2019/2020 - £4,686  
2018/2019 - £4,556  
2017/2018 - £3,900  
2016/2017 - £3,240  
2015/2016 - £2,535  
2014/2015 - £3,000  
2013/2014 - £3,000  
2012/2013 - £2,650  
2011/2012 - £1,850

J. de Russett , Clerk/RFO to Eaton Under Heywood & Hope Bowdler Parish Council - 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025