

MORTON-ON-SWALE PARISH COUNCIL

RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURE BUDGET & PRECEPT CALCULATIONS FOR 2024/25

	<u>2023/2024</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>	<u>Projected/</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Change</u>	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Revised</u>	<u>Final EOY</u>	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>Since</u>	
<u>ROUTINE EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Forecast</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>	
Staff costs	£3,660.00	£3,605.00	-£55.00	£3,820.00	£215.00	
General Expenses	£3,414.00	£3,488.82	£74.82	£3,982.00	£493.18	
Play Park Expenses	£3,426.00	£3,401.93	-£24.07	£3,476.00	£74.07	
	£10,500.00	£10,495.75	-£4.25	£11,278.00	£778.00	
Less Other Income (bank interest etc)	£0.00	-£487.55	-£487.55	-£278.00	-£278.00	Note 5
	£10,500.00	£10,008.20	-£491.80	£11,000.00	£500.00	Note 6
Details:-						
	<u>2023/2024</u>	<u>Revised</u>	<u>Projected/</u>	<u>Proposed</u>		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Forecast</u>	<u>Final EOY</u>	<u>2024/25</u>		
			<u>Variance</u>	<u>Budget</u>		
<u>Staff Costs</u>						
Salaries	£3,560.00	£3,505.00	-£55.00	£3,715.00	£155.00	Note 1
Payroll processing Charges	£100.00	£100.00		£105.00	£5.00	
	£3,660.00	£3,605.00	-£55.00	£3,820.00	£160.00	
<u>General Expenses</u>						
Insurance	£270.00	£274.22	£4.22	£290.00	£15.78	
Grass cutting - verges	£726.00	£620.88	-£105.12	£900.00	£279.12	Note 2
Morton Green Association Donation	£0.00	£183.72		£65.00	-£118.72	Note 2
Village Hall Donation	£500.00	£500.00		£600.00	£100.00	
Website Annual Hosting & Support + Email	£475.00	£475.00		£500.00	£25.00	
Laptop Software Licence	£49.99	£49.99		£49.99		
St Helen's Church Donation	£250.00	£250.00		£350.00	£100.00	
Internal Audit Fee	£120.00	£120.00		£130.00	£10.00	
Data Protection Licence Fee	£35.00	£35.00		£35.00		
Postage/Office Expenses	£100.00	£100.00		£100.00		
Replacement Pooh Bags	£90.00	£132.00	£42.00	£200.00	£68.00	Note 3
YLCA Annual Membership Fee	£360.00	£310.00	-£50.00	£325.00	£15.00	
Bank Account Service Charges	£96.00	£96.00		£96.00		
Hedge Cutting/General Maintenance	£0.00	£0.00		£100.00	£100.00	
Contingency	£342.01	£342.01		£241.01	-£101.00	Note 4
	£3,414.00	£3,488.82	£74.82	£3,982.00	£568.00	
<u>Play Park Expenses</u>						
Insurance	£380.00	£385.93	£5.93	£405.00	£25.00	
RoSPA Inspection	£380.00	£350.00	-£30.00	£380.00		
Quarterly Inspections (x3)	£500.00	£500.00		£525.00	£25.00	
Grass Cutting	£946.00	£946.00		£946.00		Note 2
Weed Treatment/Mole Control/Hedge Cutting	£120.00	£120.00		£120.00		
Servicing/Maintenance	£1,100.00	£1,100.00		£1,100.00		
	£3,426.00	£3,401.93	-£24.07	£3,476.00	£50.00	

NOTES

- The new NALC pay scales, which are effective from April 2023 (ie backdated), have now been published, and these equate to an average increase of around 8.8%. The revised forecast for this year, and the budget figure for next year, both reflect this, plus a further estimated 5% included in the 2024/25 budget figure to allow for the anticipated April 2024 pay award.
- Next year will be third year of our fixed price contract with Walker's. However, following North Yorkshire Council decision to devolve responsibility for cutting certain areas of "visibility grass" to Parish Councils, this will mean a change to the schedule of areas to be cut, and hence a slight increase in Walker's charges (although the cost for cutting the grass in the Play Park should be unchanged). This will be partially offset by a contribution of £128 from NYC, but this will be shared 50/50 with the Morton Green Association, who contract and pay separately for grass cutting in the Cromwell Drive area.
- I have increased the provision for pooh bags, on the basis of the recent Council discussion about the possibility of installing a second dispenser in the Meadowfields/St Helen's Close area, albeit this has not yet happened. Even without this, however, the costs of replacement rolls of bags has increased since last year by more than the rate of inflation (delivery is no longer f.o.c.).
- We have not used any of this year's contingency so far, so I feel it is probably safe to reduce the provision slightly for next year, especially as Council's reserves are now at a comparatively healthy level, compared with a few years ago!
- Bank interest on Deposit Account plus the Grant from NYC as contribution towards cutting visibility grass verges. Given the recent rises in bank interest rates, it is now considered appropriate to include a provision for this in the income budget for 2024/25, where this has not been appropriate for a number of recent years.
- A precept of £10,900 would represent a 3.8% increase over the 2023/24 Precept, and would entail an increase of £1.45 to £40.98 (+3.68%) in the Parish Council's share of the annual Council Tax charge for a Band D property. A precept of £11,000 would represent an increase of 4.76% over the 2023/24 Precept, resulting in an increase of £1.83 to £41.36 (+4.63%) in the Council's share of the annual Council Tax bill for a Band D property. Both options are comfortably within the overall national rate of inflation.