

FINAL BUDGET 2024-25

Note 1: BANK INTEREST This is going to be significantly higher than previous years but the estimate allows for interest rates to drop.

Note 2: LPRG&H I propose that the annual allowance remains unchanged.

NB: This year there has been a higher than usual outlay for LPRG&H, mainly down to the need for CCTV and emergency work to eradicate glis glis from the hall; so the predicted Outturn for the end of 2023-24 has risen since 1st Draft Budget.

Note 3: CLERK'S SALARY This is being raised to £8,300 to reflect pay rises.

Note 4: PUBLICITY This is being increased slightly from last year to £600 which is still below the usual £700.

Note 5: GRASSCUTTING This item is always hard to predict because it depends on the weather. Allen Landscaping is raising its prices by £5 per cut (he increases his fee every other year); BGG is raising its prices by £4.28 for the village cuts and £15.12 for the urban cuts. However, the current budget forecast can remain unchanged.

Note: OCC grant will remain unchanged at £1,111

Note 6: ELECTION COSTS There are no local elections this year.

Note 7: DOG BINS Our contractor is increasing their prices by 15% next year (after not implementing their planned 10% increase this year). I've increased LPC budget to cover this.

Item 8: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN This money is taken out of the general calculations as the money is ring-fenced for the NP.

I would propose that LPC reduces its contingent reserves to £4,000 so that we can keep the precept increase to just £2,000. Therefore, LPC would be asking for a precept of £20,000.

SODC's provisional tax base for Lewknor parish in 2024-25 is 333 (up from 328.9 in 2023-24). This means that based on the proposed precept, within the total council tax bill each Band D household in Lewknor parish will pay £60.06 for the year towards running the parish (up from £54.73 last year).

Note: the remaining CIL money is ring-fenced for special projects and cannot be used for day-to-day expenditure.

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