

Lifton Parish Council - Budget Monitoring	Budget 2026-27 (inc.some reserves)	Earmarked Reserves to be used in 2026-27	YTD end Sept 2026	Year end estimate (March27)	Notes 2026-27					
PAYMENTS										
QE11 Rec. Ground										
Grant	1600		0	1600	To be paid before year end 2026-27					
Grass cutting & strimming MA	1320		625	1320						
Repairs/Tree work	0		0	0						
Capital Items										
Public Seats	0		0	0						
Planting (inc. trees)	0		0	0						
Repairs & Maintenance										
Litter/Dog bin emptying	2150		1353	2900	Increase in WDBC's fee from £3.06 to £3.50 per bin					
Martin Ashley weed spray	0		0	0						
Martin Ashley verges and village maintenance	1400		700	1401	Difficult to predict; DCC grant of £1401 towards this (urban) in 2026-27					
Bickle verge cutting (WD drive)	2721		77	2798	DCC grant of £2721. £77 shortfall from 2025-26 invoice paid in 2026-27					
General repairs around parish (bench, gate, map, b.shelter)	150		88	150	Repair to Liftdown noticeboard					
**VAS: Solar panel kit for existing sign	0		434	434	Solar panel kit purchased in April 2026 to convert existing sign; non-budgeted item					
Asset Maintenance (tree work, repairs etc)	1500	1122	0	1500	New budget line added for 2026-27					
Burial Ground										
Grounds maintenance	1953		925	1953						
Memorial maintenance/repairs	0		0	400	2 headstone repairs (awaiting quote); use £400 from earmarked reserves					
Administration										
Clerk's salary	9340		4719	9549	Local & national pay increase in 2026-27					
Employee pensions	207		104	214	Slight increase in Employer contribution due to pay increase					
Clerk's expenses	100		53	100						
Working from home allowance	312		156	312	To assist with Clerks home office costs as no PC office					
HMRC: NICs employers payment	640		341	640	NIC on employee's earnings above £5,000 at the rate of 15% wef 01.04.2025					
Insurance	2250		2269	2269	Adjustments to increase cover					
Meeting room hire	300		100	300	Used QEII pavilion in warmer weather; The Arundell in Autumn/Winter					
Subscriptions DALC, ICCM, SLCC training etc	777		596	777						
Accountancy fee (external & internal audit fees)	420		316	316	Expected increase in audit fees have not occurred					
Other (parish online, courses, maps)	45		0	45						
Data Protection registration	47		0	47	ICO Fee rose by 29.8% in 2025 to £52 but get discount as pay by DD					
Councillor mileage expenses	50		0	50	Cllr attendance at events (OPCC etc.); encourage 'virtual' attendance					

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RECEIPTS				
Burial Ground				
Interment fees	600	175	600	Hard to predict but less burials each year; fee increased wef Sept 2023
Memorial fees	400	255	400	As above
Exclusive right fees	600	400	700	As above
Other (e.g. Burial Ground Bequest)				
Other				
Bank Interest	60	22	45	Increase in interest rates difficult to predict
Grants / Donations / Refunds /Loan Repayments				
DCC urban grass fund	1400	0	1401	DCC Grant; goes against village/verge budget line
DCC rural grass fund (WD Drive)	2721	0	2721	DCC Grant; should be cost neutral regardless
DCC Locality Budget Grant	0	0	0	
WDBC Section 106 funds (QE11)	0	0	0	
Borough Cllr. Localities Grant	0	0	0	
WDBC Community Project Grant	0	0	0	
Precept				
Actual precept	21284	21284	21284	
Use of earmarked reserves	1122	0	1122	Earmarked reserves for asset maintenance
Totals	28187	22136	28273	

Green figures = Over predicted receipts

Earmarked Reserves:	New Reserves (end Mar 2025)	Reserves to be used in 2025-26	New Reserve total (Nov 2025)	New Reserves (end Mar 2026)	Reserves to be used in 2026-27	Notes
Burial Ground	625.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	0.00	£400 not used in 2025-26; for memorial repairs
Burial ground bequest (from 2015)	343.38	0.00	343.38	343.38	0.00	From Jan 2015 (for repairs only) £656.52 spent of £1000
Burial ground bequest (from 2022)	835.07	0.00	835.07	835.07	0.00	From 2022; spent £164.93 on new wildlife area in 2023
*Community speedwatch	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	Combine with VAS reserves (see proposal below)
Election costs	1421.00	0.00	1421.00	1421.00	0.00	Uncontested election fee of £79 in 2024; keep reserve for future elections
*Snow Warden - Insurance	252.00	0.00	252.00	252.00	252.00	No Snow Warden
*Snow Warden (work costs not insurance)	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	*Moved £200 to King's Coronation celebrations in 2023-24
*Speed sign (VAS) & speedwatch	919.00	0.00	919.00	919.00	500.00	Will leave £469.00 in reserves in 26/27 £419+£50 from Community speedwatch reserve
*Weed spray (MA)	370.00	110.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	Used £200 in 2025-26
Totals	5015.45	510.00	4590.45	4590.45	1122.00	

***Councillors resolved to move the follwing reserves:**

*Snow Warden - Insurance	252.00	Move to new 'Asset maintenance' budget line in 2026-27
*Snow Warden (work costs not insurance)	200.00	Move to new 'Asset maintenance' budget line in 2026-27
*VAS batteries/repairs	919.00	Move £500 to new 'Asset mainteance' budget line in 2026-27
*Weed spray	170.00	Move to new 'Asset maintenance' budget line in 2026-27
Amount to move to Asset Mainten.	1122.00	New 'Asset maintenance' budget line

*Community speedwatch	50.00	Move £50 & combine with 'Speed sign (VAS) reserves'
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New 'Asset maintenance' budget line to include £1122.00 from above earmarked reserves