

Budget and precept calculator - discussion document for November 2023 meeting						
	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2024-25		
REVENUE EXPENDITURE	Budgeted	Actual to 05/10/2023	Forecast to 31/03/2024	Suggested Budget	Notes Regarding forecast amounts	Notes Regarding Suggested Budget
Salaries - Clerk	£4,500.00	£2,075.30	£2,039.70	£4,500.00	The forecast of £2,039.70 assumes six more payments of £370.65 less the £184.20 credit balance with HMRC but does not take into account the cost of living increase backdated to 1st April 2023 which has not yet been agreed.	
Computer equipment for the Clerk	£170.00	£76.65		£100.00	£16.66 Anti-virus software and £59.99 Windows 365 annual subscription actual	Ongoing costs will be the Office subscription and anti-virus software subscription
Insurance	£550.00	£464.00		£550.00		Keep the suggested at the same level as last time - new playground equipment may increase premiums.
Room Hire	£210.00	£0.00	£232.00	£250.00	11 full PC meetings - two hours booked each, 22 hours plus six one-hour NEC meetings a year plus an extra hour for the APM, total 29 hours. The hourly rate last year was £8.	The budget allows for an extra-ordinary meeting if this is needed and for the hourly rate to increase to £8.50
Website	£150.00	£129.99	£0.00	£150.00	£10 a month plus £9.99 domain name	The 2024/25 budget assumes similar charges to 2023/24 plus a modest increase
Audit Fees	£220.00	£65.00		£100.00		The 2023/24 budget was £220 but a change in auditor meant the actual cost was £65. Allow £100 for 2024/25
Subscriptions - Yorkshire Local Councils	£250.00	£214.00	£220.00	£435.00	YLCA paid, SLCC anticipated	The YLCA subscription will increase by a modest amount in 2024/25. The Clerk works for another parish and the cost of the SLCC subscription has historically been shared on a pro-rata basis. The other parish no longer wish to pay for a subscription to the SLCC and Askham Bryan will either have to pay this in full (£215 at 2022/23 rates) or do likewise.
Postage and Stationary	£80.00	£10.19		£80.00		Keep the suggested at the same level as last time
Poppy Wreath	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00	£25.00		No change to the 2023/24 budget
Training	£300.00	£0.00		£300.00		No change to the 2023/24 budget
Natural Environment Committee (NEC)	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00	£250.00		The NEC need to agree the budget for 2024/25 at their next meeting.
Information Commissioner	£35.00	£35.00				No change to the 2023/24 budget
Recreational Area	£2,500.00	£2,440.63		£2,500.00	The actual cost for 2023/24 was £13,300 but £10,859.37 was taken from earmarked reserves. Annual inspection - £82.	No change to the 2023/24 budget (even though grass cutting and regular equipment inspections and grass cutting are now done in-house, zero cost).
Licence agreement with York Diocesan Board of Finance Limited regarding access to the Recreational area (ten year agreement)		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		The £500 was part of our 2022/23 precept request. Having collected this from our residents, this should be held as earmarked funds in case the Diocese ask for payment but there should be no need to include this in our 2023/24 budget
Asset Maintenance	£100.00	£38.50		£100.00		No change to the 2023/24 budget
Tree Inspection				£0.00		Triannual inspection - last done 2022. Due 2025, probably after 31st March.
Contingency	£1,000.00			£1,000.00		It was suggested at the last meeting that there should be an element of contingency, 10% of total budget suggested
National Commemorative Events	£500.00	£500.00		£500.00		In 2023 we budgeted for the Coronation of King Charles III and clearly there will be zero cost for this in 2024 but there are plans to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings with the same amount budgeted.
Lawn mower maintenance				£150.00		Added as suggested at the October 2023 meeting
Mole control				£180.00		Added as suggested at the October 2023 meeting
TOTAL	£10,840.00	£6,049.26	£2,766.70	£11,170.00		

INCOME					
City of York Council Support Grant	£310.00	£299.00		£299.00	
Double Taxation Award				£0.00	This award pays for the cost of things our residents already pay for out of their rates, e.g. playground inspections and grass cutting so we may want to consider budgeting on he basis of a net zero income
SUMMARY					
2024-25 EXPENDITURE				£11,170.00	
2024-25 INCOME				£299.00	
NET EXPENDITURE				£10,871.00	