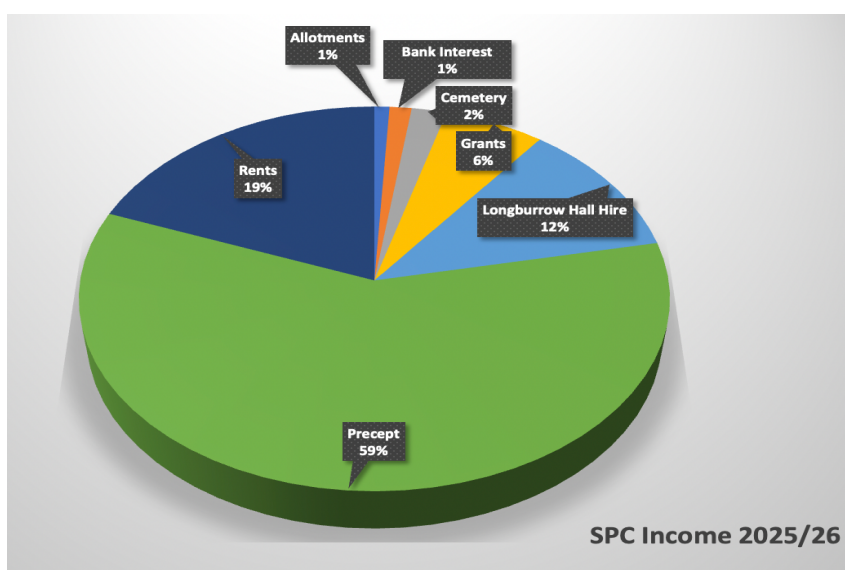
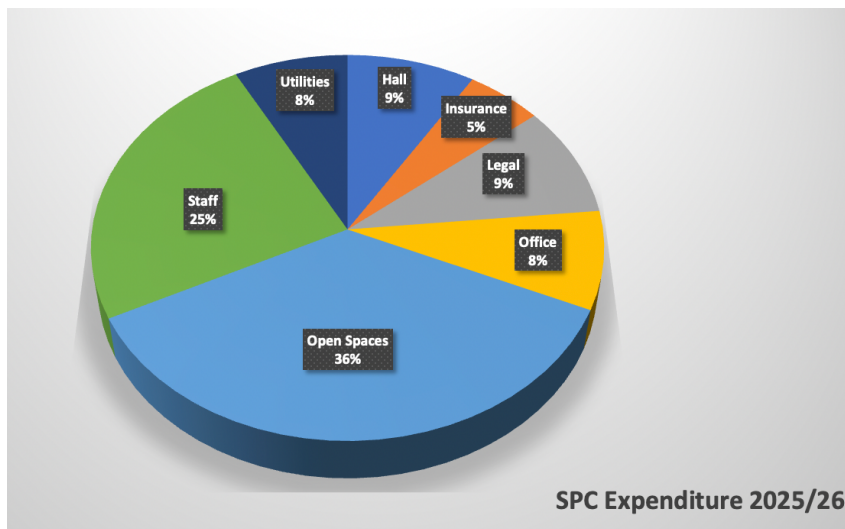


STOKENCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2025/26

Background

For the financial year 2025/26 Stokenchurch Parish Council has set the precept for a Band D property at £45.68 which remains unchanged from last year. This will generate a total precept of £98,178 that Stokenchurch Parish Council will use to manage and maintain the facilities and services within the parish.

We are only able to carry out the work we do through the precept and income received by way of rents and hall income generated during the course of the year.



Stokenchurch continues to have one of the lowest precepts in the county and substantially less than neighbouring parishes on a Band D property:

The budget enables the Parish Council to continue to provide a range of services whilst maintaining our reserves at £47,000. As you will see from the expenditure breakdown the biggest expense in our budget is spent on open spaces and grounds maintenance.

We continue to also manage devolved services for Buckinghamshire Council and to a high standard thanks to the professional services of our grass cutting contract CF Agricultural Services but the grant does not cover the actual cost of this work.

Within this proportion of budget this includes maintaining:

Village Greens

Commons

Longburrow Hall Playing Fields

Studley Green Playing Fields

Allotments – Stokenchurch and Water End

Cemetery located next to St Peter & St Paul's church

Marlow Road Cemetery

Hedges

Footpaths

Verges and grass areas around the village under devolved services within the 30mph speed limit within the parish

War Memorial

Bus Shelters within the village

Dog Bins throughout the village

Christmas Tree

Projects for 2025/26

Upgrading of existing play equipment at Longburrow Hall recreation area

Installation of EV charging points within the village

Planting of flowers throughout the village

Allotments

Improved lighting at Longburrow Hall car park for hall users

Further CCTV Cameras at Longburrow Hall

We hope the above information reassures you that the Parish Council look after your money and spend it wisely. We generate approximately 35% of our own income from leases and hall hire which helps to minimise the precept levied on your council tax bills. We hope that by being able to ensure no increase to our parishioners in Band D properties this year demonstrates our ongoing commitment to looking after public money and maintaining a tight grip on our finances.

Victoria Nuthall
Chairman
Stokenchurch Parish Council