Lytchett Matravers Parish Council

Summary Report – Budget preparation

December 2024

Timetable:

January FC	Approval of FC recommendation
January F&GP	Approval of budget and precept
December FC	Approve F&GP precept recommendation
December F&GP	Draft budget with project forecasts Review of precept options and selection
November FC	Review and approve underlying inflation rate Review and approve project priorities Review and approve earmarked reserves

Inflation Rate:

The approved rate will be used to increase all BAU expense and income lines, excepting those where the underlying business has changed or is expected to change.

According to the Bank of England website, current inflation is 2.3%. They believe that inflation is likely to edge up to about 2.75% the second half of next year before falling again.

Recommendation – LMPC use the median of these figures – 2.5%

Proposed Precept Increase:

Using the DC provided model which uses the Lytchett Matravers housing/band mix as its database, an increase from £114,000 to £120,000 represents a Band D increase of 2.7% and a combined overall increase of 5.26%.

Earmarked Reserves (non-project funding)

	March 2025	March 2026
Election Fund	3,124	3,124
Foxhills Maintenance Fund	157,559	162,928
Skate Park SF	2,800	4,200
Rocket Park SF	70,000	77,000
Lytchett Astro SF	40,000	45,000
LMYH (Youth Hall) Stage 2 - 26/27	80,000	80,000
LMVH (Village Hall) -26/27	80,000	80,000
Total	433,483	452,252

Project Forecasts/Budget:

To note, we approved the funding of the Youth Hall as a BAU expense for 24/25 and 25/26. Prior to the end of 25/26, a decision is to be made regarding the likely business plan for LMYH and next steps. A year ago the estimate was real guesswork. This year we should have a more detailed forecast and budget, but LMYH remains a priority project.

Within last year's budget we set out the other projects below with priorities.

Priority	Project	Status	24/25 Forecast	25/26 Budget	26+
	PC Priority 1 Projects				
1	Sports Pavilion/Terrace	Completed	-	-	
1	Hannams Gateway		-	5,000	
1	Drop kerb crossings	Completed	-	-	
1	PLP2 - potential JR	Completed-cancelled	-	-	
	PC/DC Priority Projects				
1+	High Street Crossing		-	75,000	
1+	20 mph Zones	In progress	-	10,000	
1+	Huntick Cyclepath Stage 2 (to Jubilee Walk)		-	50,000	
	PC Priority 2 Projects				
2	Tesco Forecourt/Island	In progress	30,000	20,000	
2	School Field Path		-	-	
2	Pond		-	-	
2	Astro School Drop Off Car Park		-	50,000	
2	Outdoor Table tennis		-	-	
2	Rocket Park Rubber Floor		-	-	
2	Boules Pitches	Completed	-	-	
	Long-term projects				
LT	Youth Hall Stage 2 (new build)	To be funded - PC reserve for matching	-	-	80,000
LT	Village Hall Refurb	To be funded - PC reserve for matching	-	-	80,000
LT	Huntick Cyclepath Stage 3	Actual route not yet finalised	-	-	tbd