

MARSKE AND NEW FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

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Budget Summary Report – Financial Year 2024–25

1. Overview

The 2024–25 budget for Marske and New Forest Parish Council totals **£3,073.00**, reflecting a modest increase on the previous year's outturn of **£2,645.00**, and supports key operational and administrative commitments, community resources, and the continuation of responsible financial planning.

2. Key Expenditure Allocations

Category	2024/25 Budget (£)	Notes
Clerk Salary	1,829.00	Based on NJC forecast: 2 hours/week
Home Working Allowance (HWA)	26.00	Small fixed support for home-based working
Website	170.00	Hosting, domain maintenance, and compliance
Defibrillator Costs	129.00	Averaged cost of pads and batteries over 4 years
Insurance	230.00	Maintains annual cover at previous rate
YLCA Membership	60.00	Subscription to Yorkshire Local Councils Associations
Training	75.00	Provision for council member or clerk development
Hall Hire	175.00	Venue costs for public meetings
Audit	30.00	Internal audit for regulatory compliance
Miscellaneous	75.00	General unforeseen small costs
Reserve Restoration	300.00	Final year of 3-year phased restoration (due to 2021/22 staffing cost)

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3. Discontinued or Zero-Funded Items

Several cost headings have been maintained at £0 this year due to reduced need or absence of expenditure:

- **S137 Grants**
- **Grass Cutting**
- **Flood/Repairs**
- **Admin – Stationery/Stamps:** No planned spend (minimal prior-year outlay)

4. Financial Outlook

- **Total Budgeted Expenditure: £3,073.00**

- **Comparison with Previous Years:**

- 2023/24 (Full Year): £2,645.00
- 2022/23: £1,859.36
- 2021/22: £743.38
- 2019/20: £587.38

The increase over time reflects growth in administrative needs, regulatory compliance, and community engagement activities. However, the council continues to take a measured and transparent approach to spending.