DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8th APRIL 2026

YEAR END ACCOUNTS FOR 2025 - 2026

Attached are the draft final accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2026 which are now subject to an internal audit that is taking place on 24th April 2026. I would expect the internal audit report to be available for our May meeting where members will be asked to note and take action on any matters raised in the internal audit report. Following this, the meeting will then proceed with the formal acceptance of the 2025/2026 accounts and the signing of the external audit Annual Governance and Accounting Return (AGAR).

We started the financial year with bank balances totalling £102,870. However, within that figure there were earmarked reserves in excess of £70,000 for specific capital projects. A number of these have been utilized, notably £30,000 to pay for the LHI Benwick Road footway resurfacing plus an additional General Project reserve of £25,000 that has been used to purchase a new bus shelter for Benwick Road plus a Telephone box that will be converted into a book swop facility. The unutilized balance from the £25,000 is being earmarked for further facilities on the Abbey Recreation Ground.

At the end of the financial year, 31st March 2026, our bank balances were standing at £52,706, an overall reduction in reserves of £50,164.

The attached spreadsheet shows a comparison between the 2025/2026 budget that members approved in January 2025 with the final position of receipts and payments for the financial year 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026.

Receipts came in at £91,444, against a budget figure of £86,713. This increase in income was primarily caused by increased VAT receipts and the receipt of Community Grants, which are not supported by a budget as those funds are outside the general operation of the Council.

Payments came in at £141,608, against a budget figure of £92,800. Projects were the main reason for this increase in outgoings, caused by the releasing of earmarked reserves as mentioned above. Village Maintenance and Administration came in on budget although within village maintenance there were a few overspends as well as savings. VAT costs were significantly up on budget as many of the capital spends included a VAT element.

Members are therefore asked to note the draft accounts in readiness for the internal audit.

Roger Wilkin
Clerk and RFO to Doddington Parish Council

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 1st APRIL 2025 to 31st MARCH 2026

RECEIPTS

	BUDGET		ACTUAL 2025/2026	
Precept and Grants				
Precept	*65,000*		65,000.00	
FDC Concurrent Grant	*7,495*		7,495.00	
County Council Grants	*1,218*	*73,713*	1,246.61	73,741.61
Rents			387.00	
Recycling Credits			304.11	
Deposit Account Interest		*2,000*	1,325.52	2,016.63
Benwick Road Cemetery		*5,000*		775.00
Insurance Claims		*0*		0.00
VAT Receipts		*6,000*		9,530.85
Community Grants				
Community Living Room (Cambs Acre)		*0*	2,380.00	
Community Grants (Cambs Community Foundation)		*0*	3,000.00	5,380.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		***86,713***		**91,444.09**

PAYMENTS

Village Maintenance				
Grass / Hedge Cutting	*6,000*		7,830.00	
Abbey Recreation - Grounds	*3,000*		6,010.00	
Abbey Recreation - Litter Picking	*1,200*		1,200.00	
Abbey Recreation - Pavilion Maint	*1,000*		450.00	
Abbey Recreation - Pavilion Elect	*600*		404.74	
Abbey Recreation - CCTV	*2,500*		2,500.00	
Skate Park Maintence	*750*		0.00	
Outside Gym Maintenance	*200*		0.00	
Cemetery - Maintenance	*1,300*		2,104.99	
Cemetery - Water charges	*0*		80.62	
MVAS Maintenance, defib pads & batteries	*250*		0.00	
Street Lighting - Electricity	*4,750*		4,716.29	
Street Lighting - Repairs	*1,000*		0.00	
School Crossing Maintenance	*2,500*		0.00	
Clock Tower	*25*		19.57	
Dog / Litter Bins	*250*		0.00	
Insurance Claims Costs	*0*		1,878.00	
Village Maintenance	*1,000*	***26,325***	160.00	27,354.21

Projects					
Local Highway Initative	*0*			30,000.00	
Street Lighting - New Lights	*0*			0.00	
Street Lighting - Lantern cleaning	*0*			0.00	
Abbey Rec - New facilities	*25,000*			22,826.00	
New public seats	*5,000*			6,008.33	
Telephone box for book swop	*0*			3,025.00	
New Bus shelter - Benwick Road	*0*			6,152.00	
General Projects	*5,000*	***35,000***		3,245.28	71,256.61
Administration					
Clerks Salary	*15,000*			15,100.80	
Telephone/Postage			0.00		
Stationery / Printer Ink			220.93		
Subscriptions/publications			1,677.79		
Bank Charges	*1,500*		91.20	1,989.92	
Insurance	*5,000*			4,984.97	
Equipment	*150*			15.00	
Audit – Internal & External	*550*			610.00	
Training	*250*			75.00	
Rent of Halls	*200*			45.00	
Annual Assembly	*0*			330.67	
Citizens Advice Service	*0*			0.00	
Website / Communications	*450*	***23,100***		329.00	23,480.36
Other Costs					
Churchyard Contribution	*2,050*			2,049.00	
Sec 137 Contributions	*100*			2,714.94	
Recycle Donation	*200*			304.11	
Wreath	*25*	***2,375***		20.41	5,088.48
VAT Payments		***6,000***			10,965.72
Community Grants					
Community Living Room (Cambs Acre)		***0***		3,462.70	
Community Grants (Cambs Community Foundation)		***0***		0.00	3,462.70
TOTAL PAYMENTS		***92,800***			**141,608.06**
MOVEMENT - SURPLUS / (LOSS)		***(6,087)***			**(50,163.97)**

EFFECT THE ABOVE TRANSACTIONS HAVE ON THE PARISH COUNCILS CASH RESERVES

Cash Balances as at 1st April 2025	*102,870*		102,869.80
Add Receipts from above	*86,713*		91,444.09
Less Payments from above	*(92,800)*		(141,608.06)
Actual bank balance as at 31st March 2026	***96,783***	*	**52,705.83**

Earmarked Reserves

2024/25	Abbey Rec Projects	15,823.00
2025/26	Abbey Re new projects	4,108.00
2025/26	Balance of Grant facilities	5,237.21
2024/5	Upgrading of street lighting	8,000.00
Total earmarked within the above figure*		**33,168.21**
General Reserves		**19,537.62**

Grant summary Memo Note

3,319.91	B/Fwd CLRm
2,380.00	Comm Living Rm Grants
(3,462.70)	Comm Living Rm paid out
3,000.00	Community Grants
0.00	Comm Grants paid out
5,237.21	

Parish Councils Cash Reserves are held in the following accounts:

Current Account - Lloyds	10,570.95
Instant Deposit Account - Lloyds	5,387.72
32 day Deposit Account - Lloyds	36,747.16
TOTAL RESERVES *	**52,705.83**