# **Council News**

### 🚯 2025/26 Budget Overview

The parish council's total budget for the year is £337,000, with £294,000 coming from the precept.

This is the council's share of council tax collected from residents. The remaining budget comes from income raised through facilities and services, such as room hire.

Here's how the budget is allocated to support our community:

#### S Village & Grounds Maintenance (£109,000)

Keeping Saxilby well-maintained with grass cutting, litter picking, bin emptying, street furniture upkeep, and the maintenance of public spaces, grounds equipment, and vehicles.

This budget has been increased by £9,000 (9%) from the 2024/25 budget. This is due to higher staff costs following national wage increases, and additional funding has been allocated for a replacement mower.

### 💼 Community Buildings and Facilities (£103,000)

Ensuring key facilities such as the St Andrews Community Centre, Saxilby Library Hub, Mill Lane Sports Field, Saxilby Waterfront Public Facilities, and burial grounds are wellmaintained and accessible.

This budget has increased by £23,000 (29%) from the 2024/25 budget. This rise can be seen in increased staff costs based on national wage increases, and greater demand for room hires at the community centre, which requires more staff cover. The budget now also includes the annual rental amount for St Andrews Community Centre.

### Administration, Audit, Finance, and Democratic Representation (£107,000)

Covers the essential running of the parish office, council staff, legal and professional fees, IT systems, councillor training, elections, and financial audits.

This budget has reduced by  $\pm 3,000$  (3%) from the 2024/25 budget. This is largely due to a reduction in subscription costs, and administrative software.







### Community Grants, Events, and Projects (£5,000)

Supporting local community groups, events, and initiatives that enhance village life and bring residents together.

This budget has increased by £1,000 (25%) from the 2024/25 budget. This additional funding will enable the council to support more community events and projects in the coming year.

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Funds set aside for specific projects and future improvements to ensure long-term investment in the village's infrastructure and services.

The budget for capital expenditure remains the same as in the 2024/25 budget.

Ring-fenced funds ensure money is set aside for key projects, future planned expenditure, and to top-up funds used for specific purposes such as elections. This year's budget includes:

3 £4,500 to replenish election funds after a parish councillor election in 2024.

£2,000 to create a new fund for start saving towards repairs/replacement of the community centre fire escapes and roof.

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Head online to <u>https://bit.ly/40Iz4cp</u> for full budget details, including:

- A full breakdown of each budget area
- Predicted income figures for 2025/26
- Year to date expenditure for 2024/25
- Budget figures for previous years

#### Update: Council on Saxilby Public Recreation Ground

Work with Saxilby Public Recreation Ground Charity continues, with leases being prepared for the community centre, and outdoor areas of the play park, wheeled (skate) park, and Multi-Use Games Area. This legal process will enable the council to continue managing these facilities for the community. Once the CC lease is in place, subleasing the bar becomes a possibility to move forward.

- ⇒ Community Speed Watch—Want to help make Saxilby safer? Training for new volunteers will take place in the coming weeks. Contact admin@saxilbyparishcouncil.co.uk or 01522 703912.
- ⇒ Westcroft Green—Improvement works are scheduled for spring to reinstate missing sections of hedgeline, carry out routine tree maintenance, and restore the stone pathway. Further plans for the area are in the pipeline—we will keep you updated as things get firmed up.
- ⇒ New Seating—Two new memorial benches, with plaques, have been installed at Saxilby Waterfront on the top tow path. These were requested and funded by the family of Bob Ballerini and Lincoln and District Angling Association (LDAA).

## Council Info.



### **Parish Council Meetings**

Upcoming Meetings

Full Council:

5 Mar, 2 Apr, 7 May

Planning and Finance Committees: 19 Mar, 16 April, 21 May

Working Groups: See noticeboard or online for dates

### **Contact Us**

#### In person:

Speak with councillors to raise concerns or queries at the Village Hall Monthly Coffee Morning, 10:00—12:00, on the 1st Saturday of each month.

The parish office opening hours are Tuesday and Friday, 9:15–15:15.

### Keep up to date:



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meetings.

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Members of the public are welcome

to attend and observe parish council

Parish Office (Upstairs) St Andrews Community Centre William Street Saxilby Lincoln LN1 2LP

### 01522 703912

Meetings are held upstairs in St Andrews Community Centre, usually on a

Wednesday evening. Agendas are available on the parish noticeboard

outside Saxilby Co-op and online at www.saxilbyparishcouncil.gov.uk.

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For room bookings: caretaker@saxilbyparishcouncil.co.uk

For burials: burials@saxilbyparishcouncil.co.uk

### **Report Issues and Find Support:**

### Contact West Lindsey District Council for:

Missed Bin Collections | Fly Tipping | Planning | Building Regulations | Environmental Health Housing Assistance | Council Tax

https://west-lindsey-self.achieveservice.com | 01427 676676

### Contact Lincolnshire County Council for:

Street Lighting | Roads, Footpaths inc. Potholes | Tip -Household Waste Recycling | Nuisance Parking | Social Care

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk | 01522 552222

### Contact West Lindsey Citizens Advice:

www.citizensadvicelincolnandlindsey.org.uk | 0808 278 7904

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