

GESTINGTHORPE PC BUDGET REPORT 2026/2027

		Unrestricted April '26	Restrict ed April	Total	Budget 2026/27	Remaining Budget as at April '26
Income	Precept	£ 5,867.00		£ 5,867.00	11734	£ 5,867.00
	Other Income	£ -		£ -	£ -	£ -
	Bank Interest / VAT Refund	£ -		£ -	100	£ 100.00
	Street Cleaning Grant	£ -		£ -	655	£ 655.00
	Pavillion Hire	£ -		£ -	200	£ 200.00
	Football Club use of recreation ground	£ -		£ -	£ -	£ -
	ECC for Verge cutting	£ 861.04		£ 861.04	745	-£ 116.04
	VAT Refund	£ -		£ -	£ 254.56	£ 254.56
	TOTAL	£ 6,728.04	£ -	£ 6,728.04	13688.56	£ 6,960.52
Exp.				£ -		£ -
Staff	Salary	£ 529.06		£ 529.06	4245	£ 3,716.06
	Office Allowance	£ 24.00		£ 24.00	144	£ 120.00
	TOTAL	£ 553.06		£ 553.06	4389	£ 3,836.06
Admin.	Payroll	£ -		£ -	132	£ 132.00
	Office Expenses	£ -		£ -	100	£ 100.00
	Audit	£ -		£ -	125	£ 125.00
	TOTAL	£ -		£ -	357	£ 357.00
General	Verge Cutting	£ -		£ -	960	£ 960.00
	Recreation Ground Grass Cutting	£ -		£ -	2600	£ 2,600.00
	Insurance	£ -		£ -	800	£ 800.00
	EALC Subscriptions	£ 153.11		£ 153.11	250	£ 96.89
	Training	£ -		£ -	160	£ 160.00
	ICO Fee	£ -		£ -	50	£ 50.00
	Grants	£ -		£ -	200	£ 200.00
	Village Hall Donation	£ -		£ -	0	£ -
	Playing Field	£ -		£ -	0	£ -
	Play Equipment Safety Inspection	£ -		£ -	110	£ 110.00
	Anglian Water	£ -		£ -	300	£ 300.00
	Pavillion Fire Inspection	£ -		£ -	80	£ 80.00
	Repairs / Renewals to play equipment	£ -		£ -	500	£ 500.00
	Air Ambulance	£ -		£ -	100	£ 100.00
	Pavillion repairs	£ -		£ -	1000	£ 1,000.00
	Website	£ -		£ -	300	£ 300.00
	Defibrillator	£ -		£ -	286	£ 286.00
	Tree works in the Village	£ -		£ -	500	£ 500.00
	Village Handyman/Events	£ -		£ -	100	£ 100.00
	Bank Charges	£ 7.00		£ 7.00	72	£ 65.00
	Co0ntingency	£ -		£ -	290	£ 290.00
	Poppy Wreath	£ -		£ -	30	£ 30.00
	TOTAL	£ 160.11	£ -	£ 160.11	8688	£ 8,527.89
	GRAND TOTAL	£ 713.17	£ -	£ 713.17	13434	£ 12,720.95
	Surplus/Deficit	£ 6,014.87	£ -	£6,014.87	£ 254.44	

		BANK RECONCILIATION		
Financial year ending 31.03.27				
Bank Balance as at	30/04/2026			
Unity Trust Bank Current account	£ 8,217.95			
Unity Trust Bank EMR account	£ 15,871.76			
Total in Bank Accounts	£ 24,089.71			
Total of unrepresented cheques	£ -			
Net Bank Balances as at	£ 24,089.71			
CASH BOOK				
Balance as at 01.04.26	£ 18,074.84			
Plus Receipts	£ 6,728.04			
Less Payments	£ 713.17			
Total CashBook	£ 24,089.71			
Difference	-£ 0.00			
Unrestricted Funds	£ 23,578.08			
Restricted Fund NHW	136.41			
Restricted Fund Defib	375.22			
Total Funds	£ 24,089.71			

Your Account Statement



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Mrs Shelley-marie Rudling
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Date: 30/04/2026

Account Name: Gestingthorpe Parish Council

Swift Code (BIC): NWBKGB2L

IBAN Number: GB93NWBK60023571418024

Sort Code: 608301

Account Number: 20429221

Your arranged overdraft limit is £0.00

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Your Current T1 account transactions:

Date	Type	Details	Payments Out	Payments In	Balance
31/03/2026		Balance brought forward	£0.00	£0.00	£2,203.08
07/04/2026	Credit	ECC BACS	£0.00	£861.04	£3,064.12
21/04/2026	Faster Payment Debit	B/P to: HMRC Cumbernauld	£52.20	£0.00	£3,011.92
21/04/2026	Transfer	B/P to: EALC	£153.11	£0.00	£2,858.81

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Date	Type	Details	Payments Out	Payments In	Balance
21/04/2026	Faster Payment Debit	B/P to: Shelley Rudling	£218.35	£0.00	£2,640.46
23/04/2026	Credit	PAYMENTS BTREE DC	£0.00	£5,867.00	£8,507.46
30/04/2026	Faster Payment Debit	B/P to: Shelley Rudling	£282.51	£0.00	£8,224.95
30/04/2026	Fee	Service Charge	£7.00	£0.00	£8,217.95

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The credit interest rate is 1.95% AER as of your statement date.

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Your Instant Access account transactions:

Date	Type	Details	Payments Out	Payments In	Balance
31/03/2026		Balance brought forward	£0.00	£0.00	£15,871.76

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8 - Representative Reports

Pavilion: The pavilion is still being regularly used by the Gestingthorpe Cricket club, and it is also used by Sudbury Cricket club. Chris Moulton keeps the grounds and wicket in good order preparing it before each match.

The pavilion recently has had some improvements to the inside.

New lighting in the main areas, and home & away showers.

Outside lighting.

Outside electrical socket.

Partition wall to block off toilet area.

The Pavilion was also used to two private hires.

It is proposed to replace the very old broken kitchen units over the next few months.

New seating and tables and new flooring needs also to be considered.

Village hall: The village hall remains an excellent community asset and is used regularly to host a fortnightly coffee morning. Gestingthorpe Grills and other events throughout the year. The hall is also used by Nic Smith who holds dance and keep fit classes weekly.

Bell ringers also use the hall.

It has had several private hire functions over the past 12 months.

Improvements: The inside of the hall has been re-decorated, and a new bookshelf built to house the books for book swap.

The electrics have been updated and a new consumer board and sockets have been installed.

Fund raising has begun for a new kitchen and to repair the leaking flat roof.

Play equipment:

ROSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) report dated June 2025 reported several issues with the play equipment none of which were of high risk at the time. I have inspected the items that they are currently being considered for repair or replacement. The next inspection by ROSPA is due in May 2026.

Kind regards

Dawn

Report for Gestingthorpe Annual Village Meeting 20 May 2026

Planning

Planning applications are referred to Gestingthorpe Parish Council for comment by Braintree Council who are the planning authority and who ultimately decide on the application.

The Parish Councillors consider the information submitted with the application and then pass on their comments to Braintree Council who then decide whether to refuse or approve the application and any conditions to include.

Various applications have been submitted and commented on during the year. The comments on applications are included in the Parish Council meetings minutes.

Enforcement of the decisions has been raised as an issue by Parishioners . The Parish Council refers these concerns to Braintree Council and who then take appropriate action.

ANNUAL REPORT, GESTINGTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL,

Councillor Terry Flower.

FOOTPATHS AND TREES.

Footpaths.

I joined the parish council last year and have been in post for not quite a full year.

With regards the footpaths there have been no major issues apart from a recent enquiry in the last few weeks which I will return to at the end of this item. In general terms the parish of Gestingthorpe is blessed with good access to footpaths that are well maintained and offer our residents, what I would call, an amazing and valuable public amenity. The health benefits of walking are well documented and indisputable. I note that many visitors also drive into the parish with the specific intention of using our footpaths and all I have spoken with comment on the ease of using clearly identified unobstructed paths which is why they travel in. What is of note and to be commended is the ongoing repair and replacement of many of the footbridges that cross both the Belchamp Brook and the Wickham Brook allowing the public to cross over safely these *obstacles*. One issue of note, that I referred to above, has been the recent request by a villager that sapling trees be removed from the far side of their boundary wall that abuts footpath 19 before they cause damage to the wall. Upon my enquiry to the Public Rights of Way officer at Braintree I was informed,

Many thanks for your enquiry. The tree grows on private property next to a public footpath. The footpath itself also runs over private property. Whoever owns the land

from where the tree originates is responsible for the tree. This is not the highway authority. Your two options are to identify the actual landowner or exercise common law rights to remove the nuisance.

I am sorry that we cannot take action but this is a private matter between the owner of the wall and the owner of the land from where the tree originates. If you wish to discuss this please do not hesitate to get in touch.

From the reply above I am reminded that most footpaths run over private land, despite being legal rights of way, but responsibility for making sure the footpath is clear of obstruction lies with the owner of the land over which the footpath runs not Highways? Here a note of thanks to all local farmers and land owners for their contribution in making our footpaths accessible .

Trees.

It's been a tough year for trees this last year with many casualties due to drought. Acute Oak decline has emerged as another peril for our native trees to be added to the already rampant Ash Die Back. Across the country over 80 million trees are now dying from Ash Dieback fungal disease. On the good news front a group of women scientists at the John Innes Centre in Norwich have managed to germinate new Ash saplings in seven days where before germination for ash seeds normally takes between two to three years. It is hoped this discovery can be used for the germination of Ash Die Back resistant saplings which are already in existence. Much closer to home the other piece of good news worth repeating at the annual village meeting is to report here the planting of new lime trees bordering the play area on our green. Thankyou Michael and Elaine.

13.6 Proposed Roles and Responsibilities

Penny Employment, Communications, Policy & Procedures

Karen Employment, Defibrillator, Communications

Michael Planning, Highways

Gordon Planning, Highways

Ashley Employment, Amenities

Terry Environment, Emergency Response Co-ordinator

Dawn Village Hall, Amenities, NW/LP Liaison