

Ousden Parish Council

Financial Report 2026

The information presented below is provided to meet the requirements of the Transparency Code 2015.

Parish Councillors as of 31st March 2026

John Gale (Chair)

Sylvia Pettitt

Guy Holland Bosworth

Edward Page- Turner

Fiona Bills (co-opted September 2024).

Jo Wright (co-opted September 2025).

Jessica Pettitt (co-opted September 2025).

Details of Public Land and Building Assets

The Council does not own any land or building assets.

Detailed Explanation of Variances over 15%

	2024-25	2025-26	More than 15%	
Box 2 - precept	£10,115	£11,082	N	Precept request increased during the budget setting process to help provide more financial support for Ousden Village Hall.
Box 3 - other receipts	£1,333	£265	Y	2024/25 - Sale of laptop and hard drive £255, legacy payment from the late Thelma Pettitt for Ousden Bowls Club £250, donation to Ousden Bowls Club £200, Bank interest, VAT refund £560, bank interest £68. 2025/26 - Refund of test payment £1, bank interest £59, VAT refund £205.
Box 6 - Other payments	£5,567	£6,185	More than 15%	Explanation
Clerk's expenses	£110	£147	Y	Amount varies depending on requirements
Phone costs	£23	£27	Y	Increase in cost by provider.
Subscriptions	£319	£317	N	
Internal audit fees	£75	£80	N	Annual increase.
Insurance	£391	£450	Y	Increase in cost charged by provider.
Village hall rental	£200	£200	N	
GDPR	£35	£47	N	Increase in data protection fee.
Website	£50	£149	N	2024/25 website hosting fee £50. 2025/26 - Website hosting fee increased to £55, new gov.uk domain name and email address (2 years) £94.

Stationery	£0	£0	N	
Other admin payments	£20	£0	Y	2024/25 - one off rental fee of £20 for a new work printer for clerk bought by Moulton PC.
Grass cutting	£715	£700	N	Amount varies depending on growing season.
Hedge cutting	£120	£100	Y	Amount charged by contractor.
Defibrillator maintenance	£0	£122	N	2025/26 - new defibrillator pads purchased.
Other payments	£200	£1,659	Y	2024/25 One off printer fee £20. 2024/25 Donations RBL £50, West Suffolk Citizen's Advice £100, Headway Suffolk £50. 2025/26 - SARS £50, RBL £50, new litter bin £118, legal fees for registering village hall £1,291, Headway Suffolk £100, West Suffolk Citizen's Advice £50.
Ousden Village Hall	£2,800	£2,800	N	No change.
Playing field insurance	£300	£300	N	No change.
Election costs	£0	£0	N	
VAT paid	£205	£383	Y	Amount varies depending on expenditure. VAT is reclaimed.
Test payment	£0	£1	Y	Test payment when a councillor set up online banking.
Bank charges	£4	£51	Y	Lloyd's bank introduced bank charges in March 2025.

Year-end bank reconciliation

Bank balances as of 31/03/2025	£6,185.44
Plus receipts	£11,347.06
Less payments	£10,914.48
Balance as of 31/03/26	£6,618.02
Current account balance as of 31/03/26	£556.86
Reserve account balance as of 31/03/26	£6,061.16
Balance as of 31/03/26	£6,618.02

Assets

One new asset was purchased in 2025 -26, a litter bin for the playing field.

Asset value 2024/25	£12,314
Plus new assets purchased in 2025/26	
Litter bin	£118
Asset value in 2025- 2026	£12,432