

Appleton with Eaton Parish Council
Variances for Audit: 2025 2026

PAYMENTS				
Category	2024 2025	2025 2026	Variance	Reason (if over 15%)
Sportsfield	5974.08	9657.33	3683.25	The Council is working on a Pavilion project and had architectural and general expenses. The Council also needed some additional electrics work done. The Council contracted legal advice on its user agreements.
Playground	3331.19	9692.77	6361.58	The Council resolved to do some work on flower beds and had specialist piece of play equipment inspected.
Tennis Club	150.00	150.00	0.00	N/a
Insurance	1351.96	1734.46	382.50	The premium increased and the Council added hirer's insurance.
Clerk Salary	9124.98	9712.95	587.97	n/a
Other admin, expenses and subscriptions	2399.96	3427.77	1027.81	The Council purchased a phone/case and a sum up machine. The Council paid for some additional printing, had a thank you event and added a new subscription.
Training	432.80	555.60	122.80	The Clerk went on a 2-night conference in 25/26 vs one night in 24/25.
Audit fees	497.00	639.50	142.50	Half of the Internal Audit fees for 25/26 are in 25/26 and the other half will be in 26/27.
Donations/Contributions	4434.20	3575.00	-859.20	The Council made less donations in 25/26.
Website	610.47	479.88	-130.59	There was work on an online questionnaire in 24/25.
Events	1050.00	1236.87	186.87	N/A

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Speed equipment	2747.99	97.94	-2650.05	Speed equipment was purchased in 24/25 as the speed sign was stolen.
Defibrillator	489.58	441.98	-47.60	
Advertiser	240.00	212.00	-28.00	
Footpath materials	0.00	34.00	34.00	
Legal fees	0.00	600.00	600.00	The Council sought legal advice for a potential project.
Grounds Maintenance	0.00	250.00	250.00	The Council resolved to maintain an area of the village previously maintained by a resident.
Total	32834.21	42498.05	9663.84	
RECEIPTS				
Category	2024 2025	2025 2026	Variance	Reason (if over 10%)
Precept	32000.00	33500.00	1500.00	The Council increased precept.
Precept grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	n/a
Wayleaves	13.92	13.92	0.00	n/a
Bank interest	907.83	1360.17	452.34	The Council received more interest due to bank balances.
Other	2039.99	151.21	-1888.78	An insurance claim was received in 24/25. An ink plan is being shared with another council in 25/26.
Playground	1184.41	635.80	-548.61	The extra amount of fundraising will be received into our accounts from Sum Up in early April 2026. There was also more fundraising done in 2025 2026.
Sportsfield	4665.00	3676.20	-988.80	The Council is awaiting payment from one team.
Grants	0.00	4800.00	4800.00	The Council received a grant from the County Council for part of its Parvilion Refurbishment. The Council also received 2 grants for the refurbishment of its historical village album.
VAT Reclaim	2464.37	3686.06	1221.69	More VAT was recovered
Total	43275.52	47823.36	4547.84	