

Summary of Precept 2018/19

Headlines

- The proposed increase in the precept is 4.3% or £1.72 per annum per household.
- The proposed increases are in the following areas:
 - Insurance – the Parish Council has to negotiate a new insurance deal and we have to prepare for this being higher than the previous one so this has increased by £200.
 - Audit – there will be a new external auditor and we need some contingency in the budget for errors so this has increased by £150.
 - Postage/Telephone – Clerks phone contract needs to be renewed so this has increased by £60.
 - Stationary/Printing – Clerk is now buying the genuine Brother printer cartridges due to issues with the cheaper alternatives therefore this has increased by £250.
 - Website – £25 a year to pay for the .gov.uk web address.
 - Elections – Parish Councils now have to pay for elections which can cost up to £2000 so this has increased by £600 to spread the cost.
 - Professional Fees – increase of £500 to pay for a multi wheeled sports facility consultation
 - Subs and Donations – we have changed the way this is organised this year as it will depend on who applies for a grant. The amount has been increased by £620 in line with this new policy. The DAPTC subscription charge has been increased in line with the new charges.
 - Bus Subsidy – this is a new service for 2018/19 to fund the X88 so £1,500 has been put aside for this.
 - Environmental Works – this has increased by £500 in line with predicted costs for ditching, verge cutting and grit bins
 - Repairs and Maintenance – £3,500 has been added to the reserves for a war memorial clean, play area repairs, notice boards, the Stocks, posts and signage (particularly finger posts), Barton’s ground (for a boundary fence), trees and the Pill Box. This will increase the total reserves for repairs and maintenance to £13,100.
 - Capital Reserves – £2,382 is added to the capital reserves for new noticeboards, new playground equipment/safety surfacing, the defibrillator (pads and batteries) and office equipment. This will increase the total capital reserves to £12,520.