

Summary of Precept 2020/21

Headlines

- The total precept for 2020/21 will be £47,997.
- The proposed increase in the precept is 27% or £12.87 per annum per household.
- The proposed changes are in the following areas:
 - Clerk's Salary and Expenses – there is an increase of £1,500 per year to allow for a pay increase and for contingency planning for extra duties associated with the Neighbourhood Plan and the impact of Local Government Review.
 - Rent of Committee Room – this has been increased by £100 per year to allow for additional Neighbourhood Plan events.
 - Admin – Councillor Expenses and Training have both been increased by £100 due to an increased uptake of training events. Professional fees have increased by £200 as the Parish Council is increasingly needing to use solicitors and surveyors for various land issues.
 - Subs and Donations – This area largely remains the same however £2000 of this budget has been moved to Grass Cutting to allow for the cutting of Churchill Close Green. This is now paid as an invoice rather than a grant to the Sports Association.
 - Services – grass cutting has been increased by £2000, as stated above. There is a £1500 increase in the Environmental works budget to allow for new bins in the Parish as well as works to the Bailie Gate roundabout.
 - Repairs and Maintenance – £4,800 has been added to the reserves for play area repairs, seats posts and signage (particularly finger posts), Barton's ground, trees and the Pill Box. This will increase the total reserves for repairs and maintenance to £16,468.
 - Capital Reserves – £8550 is added to the capital reserves for new noticeboards, new playground equipment, Elections, a Speed Indicator Device, costs associated with the Neighbourhood Plan, the defibrillator (pads and batteries) and office equipment. This will increase the total capital reserves to £18,851.