



The Precept – A Message from the Parish Council

In the last couple of weeks Wiltshire Council has notified residents of our Council Tax contributions for 2019/2020. A small percentage of the Council Tax, known as the Precept, is determined by and given to the Parish Council. Your Parish Council set the Precept for 2019/2020 at £50,000 which means that a band D household will pay £51.57 - an increase of 2.1% over last year. To put this into context, across the county a band D household will contribute an average of £116.67 towards the Town or Parish Council (which is an increase of 7.64% from 2018/19).

In a nutshell, the Precept will be used to:

- Maintain and insure assets within the Parish including the Well Of Remembrance, Nomansland Reading Room, Maybush Copse, Landford Recreation Ground and Pavilion, the land and children's play equipment at Nomansland Recreation Ground and 6 bus shelters.
- Install safety fencing for the play areas in our two recreation grounds and to refurbish the telephone box in Hamptworth
- Pay our employee, contractors and consultants
- Plan for the future by ring-fencing a Parish Development Fund which will be used to purchase new items for the Parish e.g. children's play equipment and to maintain and develop our existing assets. Without the Development Fund we may be forced to take out a loan which would be a much more expensive option and one which we want to avoid.

The Parish Council takes its fiscal responsibilities very seriously. Our Parish Clerk is also our Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) and she ensures that the records and accounts of the Council are prepared in accordance with our Financial Regulations and approved processes. In addition we have a Finance Working Group which provides additional oversight and works with the RFO to develop the annual budget which determines the Precept. Last, but not least, the full Parish Council reviews the Council's finances at every Parish Council meeting

If you have any questions regarding the Precept or the Parish finances please contact Eve Finlayson (Parish Clerk) on 07421 354039 or via email at clerk@landford.org.uk.