

Precept discussion

3rd November 2026

Previous years:

Financial year	Grant £	Clerk's salary	Clerk %
2020/21	8,920	3,537	39.6%*
2021/22	8,920	2,354	26.3%
2022/23	9,197	2,354	25.6%
2023/24	10,042	3,000	29.8%
2024/25	10,000	3,000	30%
2025/26	10,855	3,000	27.6%

* Hilary Workman salary – this is probably clerk benchmark % take.

Inflation in the period from 2020 to 2025 is annualised 4.64%, aggregated 27.8%

If we were to uplift 2020/21 precept by inflation new precept would be £11,400

I attach a draft budget.

I have increased clerk's salary to £4,000 from £3,500 - budget purposes only. Clerk currently charging £3,000.

Historically we have had budget for:

- Civic event £1,000
- Training £300
- Election costs £110 – we have £250 in general reserves

I have removed the civic event which tends to be profit making and does not require budget. Training and election costs do not require budget.

My current projection shows an increase to £11,366 – an increase of 4.4% on 2025/6.

The final precept needs to be submitted in December 2025 – precept forms are distributed in mid-November 2025.

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