

## Wickwar Parish Council Precept Notice 2020-21

Wickwar Parish Council ('the Council') has agreed the precept for the financial year 2020/2021 at £45,720, this equates to an **increase for a Band D household of 21p per week (Table 1).**

| Table 1                        | 2019-20        | 2020-21        | Annual cost increase per household | Weekly cost increase per household |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Precept</b>                 | <b>£37,000</b> | <b>£45,720</b> |                                    |                                    |
| Band A                         | £32.50         | £39.69         | £7.19                              | £0.14                              |
| Band B                         | £37.92         | £46.30         | £8.38                              | £0.16                              |
| Band C                         | £43.33         | £52.98         | £9.59                              | £0.18                              |
| <b>Band D charge (precept)</b> | <b>£48.75</b>  | <b>£59.53</b>  | <b>£10.78</b>                      | <b>£0.21</b>                       |
| Band E                         | £59.58         | £72.76         | £13.18                             | £0.25                              |
| Band F                         | £70.42         | £85.99         | £15.57                             | £0.30                              |
| Band G                         | £81.25         | £99.22         | £17.97                             | £0.35                              |
| Band H                         | £97.50         | £119.06        | £21.56                             | £0.41                              |

The 2020/21 annual precept charge per household is in fact lower than it was 3 years ago; 2017/18 - £60 per Band D household, compared with 2020/21 - £59.53 per Band D household. This year's increase is necessary to facilitate and enhance the provision of core services, to expand and maintain the asset portfolio, and to ensure that sufficient contingencies are held in both Ear Marked and General Reserves.

| Services                                             |                                                                                                                                    |
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| Playing fields and open spaces                       | Town Hall Clock - winding and maintenance                                                                                          |
| Playground maintenance and replacement               | Project development - Capital infrastructure projects funded by Community Infrastructure Levy (from the Tyndale Reach Development) |
| Cemetery                                             |                                                                                                                                    |
| Litter bins and dog bins                             |                                                                                                                                    |
| Litter picking                                       | Large grants- Wickwar Youth Centre                                                                                                 |
| Street furniture                                     | Community grants - VE Day grants, Wickwar Firework Display, various community groups                                               |
| Grass cutting                                        |                                                                                                                                    |
| Flower planters, hanging baskets and Christmas trees |                                                                                                                                    |

| Table 2 WPC Budget                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2019/20<br>Approved 06.02.2019<br>Amended March 2020 | 2020/21<br>Approved 04.02.2020 |
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| Council Administration*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | £6,632                                               | £8,110                         |
| Payroll/Pension **                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | £20,100                                              | £20,763                        |
| Loan repayments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | £2,450                                               | £2,390                         |
| Cemetery                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | £2,150                                               | £1,705                         |
| Town Hall & Clock                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | £4,680                                               | £2,102                         |
| Community Grants                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | £5,200                                               | £5,200                         |
| King George V Playing Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | £5,000                                               | £6,228                         |
| Capital improvements and repairs***                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | £0                                                   | £750                           |
| Contingencies/ Ear Marked Reserves***                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | £0                                                   | £1,500                         |
| Grass cutting and litter/ dog bins                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | £960                                                 | £1,297                         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>£47,172</b>                                       | <b>£50,045</b>                 |
| <b>Less Income</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>-£4,135</b>                                       | <b>-£4,325</b>                 |
| <b>Less allocation from WPC General Reserves****</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>-£6,037</b>                                       | <b>-£0</b>                     |
| <b>PRECEPT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>£37,000</b>                                       | <b>£45,720</b>                 |
| *2020/21 budget includes one-off costs for the development of a new accessible website to comply with equalities legislation<br>**2020/21 budget includes new role of village Handy-person.<br>*** New costs reflect the need to fund improvements to existing assets to comply with health and safety legislation and to make provision for future expected maintenance and replacement costs in the cemetery and play area.<br>****The Council agreed to minimise the Precept increase to households in 2019/20 by allocating £6,037 from the General Reserve towards the budget. In 2020/21, the Council has not allocated funds from the General Reserve towards the budget, in order to maintain it at the recommended level of 6 months' expenditure. |                                                      |                                |

The Council's ethos is to consult, listen and respond to local residents in order to meet the needs of the community as a whole. As a result of this, over the last 2 years, the Council has undertaken a range of projects offering improved community facilities without using money from the Precept;

- New swings
- New play equipment for younger children (funded by a grant – no cost to tax payers)
- Fencing around the entire play area
- 3 new benches and litter bins, and 2 picnic tables at the playing fields (partly funded by a grant)
- Complete overhaul of the ancient Town Hall clock mechanism to preserve it for future generations
- 2 new dog bins

**Total project/development costs (01.04.18 – 31.03.20) = £22,477**

**funded by Grants = £2,663**

**Wickwar Parish Council reserves and sale of small piece of land = £19,814**

The Council is currently developing projects to invest Community Infrastructure Levy and s106 funding from new development in the parish. Outdoor gym equipment and further improvements to the play area – as suggested in a previous consultation – as well as a range of other capital infrastructure projects, in consultation with parishioners, are being developed. By using funding from new developments and seeking grant funding wherever possible, the Council endeavours to give residents the best possible value for the Precept raised.

If you wish to discuss this please do not hesitate to contact the Council by email: [clerkwickwarpc@gmail.com](mailto:clerkwickwarpc@gmail.com) or ring 07895 527353.