

Rowde Village

Rowde Village Precept

For Financial Year 20/21

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Rowde Precept Principles

The Parish Council has agreed that the precept should be sufficient to enable the following principles to be delivered on behalf of the villagers of Rowde:

- ✧ efficient and proper maintenance of the Village
- ✧ the support of Rowde community life, all ages and interests
- ✧ respond to unforeseen events
- ✧ Contribute to the enhancement of the quality and safety of the life of the villagers of Rowde.
- ✧ encourage local commercial enterprise
- ✧ provide services in a cost effective manner

What the precept is used for

Mandated: activities which the Parish Council is bound to perform by law or commitment, which are the running costs of the village.

Will deliver: activities that the Parish Council agrees to fund and delivers as part of the precept formulation, such as grounds maintenance work and supporting village groups.

Aim to deliver: activities the Parish Council wishes to perform but is dependent upon external agreement or resources; to undertake work to improve the village environment.

External pressures are on the village precept

- Funding to Wiltshire Council from central government continues to drop. This puts pressure on services that Wiltshire Council provides to the parishes, for example verge cutting, grass cutting in communal spaces, public bin emptying, and the maintenance of play areas. These services will either go undone or will have to be carried out by the parish.

Our current financial position

It is still the Parish Council's intention to create a footpath in Tanis, on Conscience Lane. The Parish Council has committed money towards the cost of design the footpath. It is anticipated that this will be progressed to a substantive funding bid in summer 2020. The scheme will require funding from the Parish Council.

The Parish Council has registered its interest to adopt the play area in Silverlands. This will incur expense in replacing the long removed items of play equipment and ongoing maintenance costs. The Parish Council has spent money in 2019-20 on siding out the pavements around the village to

widen the pavement areas. This work to maintain the safety of pedestrians will continue in 2020 and onwards.

Other items which will be considered by the Parish Council in the coming financial year, include the Hill area which is under review and may need to have a new surface laid. The sport fields is in regular use and there will be ongoing costs relating to this maintenance, some of which will be covered by incoming fees. Issues surrounding the Common and maintenance of it, have not been Resolved yet.

Budget figures 2020 - 21

	Actual spend 2018-19	Est spend 2019-20	Budget 2020-21
Village running costs			
Inc. Clerk's salary, HMRC, meeting room hire, insurance, Pensions.			
Totals	£16,540	£17,486	£18,315
Village Upkeep			
Inc. Grounds maintenance contract, Litter picker, Playground repairs			
Totals:	£10,298	£13,554	£15,800
Village improvements			
Inc. capital investments; demolition of the pavilion and creation of a footpath in Conscience Lane			
Totals:	£841	£ 11,940	£34,400
Supporting village groups			
Inc. donations to village groups & maintenance of Church Clock			
Totals:	£2621	£3286	£3160
Total expenditure	£30,300	£46,266	£71,675
Estimated income		£4830	
Estimated carry over		£19,080	
Need to find			£47,765

Precept calculations

- To achieve a budget of £47, 765, there would be an increase of 37% in the precept. This would increase the payment for a band D household from £70.58 to £96.77 per annum.
 - To receive the same total precept as 2019-20, £35, 074.73, there would be an increase of +0.068%, making the cost £71.06 per annum, per band D household.
 - To achieve a 0% increase in the rate payable by households, the Parish Council would need to request £34,838.79, maintaining the current rate of £70.58 per annum, per band D household.
 - An increase of 0.5% would give a precept of £35, 011.76. The rate payable for a band D household would be £70.93 per annum.
 - A decrease of 0.5% would give a precept of £34, 666.23. The rate payable for a band D household would be £70.23 per annum.
 - An increase of 1% would give a precept of 35, 189.46. The rate payable for a band D household would be £71.29 per annum
 - A decrease of 1% would give a precept of £34,488.53. The rate payable for a band D household would be £69.87.
- **The Parish Council voted on 8th January 2020 to increase the precept by 9%. This will result in a precept of £37, 973.42. Payment for a band D house will increase from £70.58 to £76.93 per annum which will be an increase of £6.35 over the year.**

A full list of activities funded is shown in the table below. A separate spreadsheet shows the estimated amounts budgeted for each activity.

Activity	Items	Legislative reference
<i>Provision of allotments Clerk's Wages Maintain public safety on parish property</i>	Allotments maintenance: Skips/New fencing/water trough	Small Holdings & Allotments Act 1908, ss 23, 26, 42
	Wessex Water rates	See above
	Clerk's Annual Salary	LGA 1972, s112
	HMRC (PAYE & NI)	LGA 1972, s112
	ROSPA	Health & Safety Act 1974
<i>Administration</i>	Clerk's Disbursements	LGA 1972 s 112 - 119

	Stationery and postage (paper, printing cartridges...)	LGA 1972 s 135
	Capital purchases	LGA 1972 s. 135
	Parish Council Insurance	LGA 1972 s. 135?
	Financial audits	Audit Commission Act 1998
	Pay roll software	LGA 1972, s112
	Training/Reference books	LGA 1972 s 112 - 119
	Website domain charges/hosting	LGA 1972, s142/LGA 1972 s144
	Room hire for meetings: Village Hall	LGA 1972, s133
	Subscriptions: WALC & NALC;	LGA 1972, s143
	Chairman's sundries fund	LGA 1972 s 15(5) & 35 (5)
<i>Support to Village clubs & activities</i>	Monday Club	LGA 1972, s137
	Tuesday Club	LGA 1972, s137
	Subscriptions: K & A Canal; CPRE	LGA 1972, s143
	Toddlers Group	LGA 1972, s137
	Link	LGA 1972, s137
	Youth Club	LGA 1972, s137
	External requests	LGA 1972, s137
	Church Clock maintenance	Parish Councils Act 1957 s. 2
	Village Magazine	LGA 1972 s 137
	Village Shop	LGA 1972 s 137
	Village Hall	LGA 1972 s133
	Christmas Tree costs/electricity	LGA 1972 s144
	Defibrillator – electricity charges/consumables	LGA 1972, s137
<i>Village Safety</i>	Grounds maintenance: Sports field & small playing field: mowing, hedges, strimming, , Marsh Lane footpath maintenance	LGA 1972, s14 para 27
<i>Estate management</i>	Ditches	LGA 1972, s14 para 27
	Pitch marking	LGA 1972, s14 para 27
	Litter picking	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss. 9,10
	Bus shelter cleaning	LGA (Misc. provision)1953, s4
	Village repairs: signs/bins/The	Highways Act 1980, s6;

Hill/ swings....	Litter Act 1983, ss 5,6
TPO maintenance	LGA 1972, s14, para 27
Pathways and leaflets	LGA 1972, s144
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