

The tax base for the coming year is £659.11 per Band D property.

A Precept of £25,300 would be £38.38 per annum or 74p per week per Band D property which would be 1p per week increase on last year.

Precept last year £24700 The Tax Base was £653.16 (£37.82 or 73p per week)

Notes:

Lighting - maintenance costs were less than anticipated again, so a reduction for 18/19, but as reserves are generous, £2k vired to Repairs head.

Electricity - a slight reduction of £100 in this head from 17/18.

Administration - a reduction here as Reserves quite healthy.

Salary - Nil Reserves on this budget head, so a slight increase.

Donations - now a healthy reserve. As mentioned last year, the Neighbourhood Fund may be used for support to the Village Hall.

Play Equipment - Now need to slowly build up Reserves again as equipment ages.

New Lights - Has a healthy reserve and the replacements with solar/led lights can be funded from the CiL monies, as this is already earmarked for such spending in the Parish Plan.

Grounds Maintenance - a slight increase on last year's figure.

Elections - has sufficient reserves.

Projects - The figure of £4,397 shown in expenditure was defibrillators which were paid for by public subscription, fund raising and grant aid, so did not come out of rates.

Loan repayments will cease in August 2018 with the final instalment.

Training - there is a reserve held to cover sufficient training.

Contingency is held to cover any eventualities

Additional Comments:

As mentioned previously, the need for resurfacing the Heritage Area car park has been mentioned by the CRT, a contribution towards this may come out of the Neighbourhood Fund reserves. The Rectory Lane development has provided £18,000 of CiL money and the Bradford Estate development at the rear of the Village Hall will provide further CiL funding. The Council have spent all the s106 and CiL funding from the Badgers Green development. Shropshire Council are seeking contributions towards their Green Spaces, as the Countryside Department will have a zero Budget. This matter will be on the Parish Council Agenda and is under review.

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