

Inflation is set at 2.5%

Following discussion the precept is proposed to increase by 2.5% to match inflation.

**I have increased the** parish plan budget to concentrate on projects such as contribution towards: new footpath; footpath no 9 - clearance of trees; contribution highways signage or priorities in the parish to be discussed, money if not spent could be accrued for future projects.

I have increased the footpath budget as the grant from CC does not cover the Circular footpath or Ambers way, it does not cover any new footpath paths being discussed. Plus I have allowed for some adhoc work such as widening of paths/higher branch clearance.

I have increased the s137 budget allowance (aside from defibs) to allow for funding towards the library service used by our parishioners.

**I have made smaller reductions elsewhere**

Capital expenditure reduced by £500, this can be tied in with Parish plans and other budgets

**There is a £500 contingency buffer.**

**The following budgets are higher than annual spend as they need to accrue money for forecasted future spends**

Elections: every 4 years

Open space: wooden structure repair/removal/maintenance or addition of equipment/rent of field/Rospa inspection

Gen maintenance: (benches painted and repaired every few years, repairs to assets. Cost of maintenance person/share budget with Devo 4 hours per month