

Precept Demand 2024 - 2025 for Crigglestone Parish Council

At the Council's meeting on Tuesday 6th February, Crigglestone Parish councillors voted to approve the budget and associated precept demand for 2024/25.

The precept demand is submitted to the billing authority Wakefield Metropolitan District Council, who then collects the tax for the Parish Council. The 'Precept' is converted into an amount per Council Tax band which is added onto residents' Council Tax bills, along with charges levied on behalf of the District and County Councils, the Police and the Fire and Rescue Authority.

A precept of £99,779 has been agreed for Crigglestone Parish Council, which represents an increase of £19,980 compared to last year. Based on the current Council 'tax base,' Band D householders will contribute £29.83 this year compared with £23.98 last year, which sees an annual increase of £5.85 and a weekly increase of 12p.

In the budget year 2021 - 2022 the Precept demand was actually reduced, with that figure subsequently being maintained for the last two years. With continuing rising inflation it has sadly not been possible to maintain that position this year.

The Parish Council's budget provides for the maintenance and upkeep of Betty Eastwood Park, grass cutting and maintenance of other open spaces, employment of 3 staff, as well as contributions toward the building maintenance and administration costs for Crigglestone Village Institute and Hall Green Community Centre which the Parish Council is assuming further responsibility for in 2024/2025 and beyond.

The Parish Council continues to offer grants to community groups. These grants support local not-for-profit organisations to provide vital services to the community, more details on how to apply can be found on the Council's website.

Despite the increase in its precept demand, the Chairman of the Council, Councillor Paul Denton wishes to affirm that the Parish Council's budget demonstrates a continuing commitment to the residents of Crigglestone and that the Parish Council will use its precepting powers appropriately. Cllr Denton goes on to say "We are confident the residents of Crigglestone continue to get good value from the Parish Council".

If you require any further information on the Parish Council budget please contact Clerk to Crigglestone Parish Council - Sarah Knowles, by email at clerk@crigglestonepc.org.