

Rowde Village

Rowde Village Precept For Financial Year 24/25 *January 2024*



Rowde Precept Principles

The Parish Council agrees 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, purchasing new public bins and then emptying them, 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

There are some ring-fenced amounts for projects to be carried out around the village, including money received from the Community Infrastructure Levy.

The Parish Council acquired Silverlands Play Area from Wiltshire Council in 2022 as an asset transfer. The Parish Council was given £32,010.38 for the replacement/repair of play equipment and ongoing maintenance. This ring-fenced money has been spent on new equipment. The existing equipment has now come to the end of its lifespan and will need replacing over the next few years. There are additional unknown costs involved with maintaining the S.I.D device, for example new batteries, and additional expenditure in rising costs for waste management.

Budget figures 2024 - 25

	Actual spend 2022-23	Est spend 2023-24	Budget 2024-25
Village running costs			
Inc. Clerk's salary, HMRC, meeting room hire, insurance, Pensions.			
Totals:	£22,524	£24,221	£25,080
Village Upkeep			
Inc. Grounds maintenance contract, Litter picker, Playground repairs			
Totals:	£13,959	£10,137	£17,000
Village improvements			
Inc. capital investments; demolition of the pavilion and creation of a footpath in Conscience Lane			
Totals:	£5,077	£34,276	£6,950
Supporting village groups			
Inc. donations to village groups & maintenance of Church Clock + events			
Totals:	£5,680	£3,580	£7,780
 Total expenditure	 £47,240	 £72,214	 £66,810
Ring fenced amounts			£17,782
 Estimated income 2024-25			£10,570
Estimated carry over at end of March 2024			£34,963
 Budget needed			£39,059
Precept needed: (est exp + ring fenced) – (est income + est carry over) =			
			£39,059

Precept calculation

In January 2024, the Parish Council voted to increase the precept by 4%. The total amount requested was £40,553.64. This equates to an annual increase of £3.14 for a Band D house, making the annual payment of £81.61 to Rowde Parish Council through the Council tax provision.

In January 2023, the Parish Council voted to set the precept with a 0% increase for residents. Due to an increase in the tax base, the Parish Council received a higher precept of £39,371.54. Payment for a band D house remained at £78.47 per annum.

In January 2022, the Parish Council voted to increase the precept by 2%. This resulted in receiving a precept of £39,026.27.

Payment for a band D house increased to £78.47 per annum.

In January 2021, the Parish Council voted to increase the precept by 0%. This resulted in receiving a precept of £37,644.93.

Payment for a band D house remained the same at £76.93 per annum.

- To meet the budget of £39,059 for 2024-25, the Parish Council could receive a precept equal to that amount, which would equate to a 0.17% increase in payments made by residents (due to a decrease in the parish's tax base). This would mean an increase of £0.13p per annum per band D household.

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</i> <i>Clerk's Wages</i> <i>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
	HMRC (PAYE & NI)	LGA 1972, s112
	Playground safety reports	Health & Safety Act 1974
<i>Administration</i>	Clerk's Annual Salary	LGA 1972, s112
	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/ Zoom subscriptions	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 Maintenance</i>	Grounds maintenance: Sports field & small playing field: mowing, hedges, strimming, Marsh Lane footpath maintenance	LGA 1972, s14 para 27
	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 Hill/ swings....	Highways Act 1980, s6; Litter Act 1983, ss 5,6
	TPO maintenance	LGA 1972, s14, para 27
	Pathways and leaflets	LGA 1972, s144