

Mary Tavy Parish Council Chairman's report Wednesday 13th February 2019.

The Budget and Precept increase. The Budget is a positive one as I stated at the last Parish Council meeting. 'It's a Budget not for this Sitting Council but the new Council which is about to take office in May of this year 2019'. Councillors agreed that the net expenditure would be financed by a precept of £16,689. This is an increase in the precept of £3,106. The band D parish rate will be £47.41 pa or 91p per week. A rise of 17p per week. At the end of the financial year 2019/2020 it is estimated that the Parish Council's credit balance will be approximately £13,483, inclusive of the cemetery accounts. It is required practice to keep one year's precept as reserves.

The reasons for the 23% or £3,262 on the Precept

1. Lengthsman

For the last couple of years, we've been able to employ a lengthsman to maintain the drains, pipes and ditches on our Parish Roads. The money for this came indirectly from Devon County Council but has now stopped, so we have agreed to the Parish paying directly for his services as this is a vital to the Parish.

Extra Cost £1,200 or 9% increase on the Precept

2. Clarks wages

The Role of a clerk is getting bigger by the year, new rules more paper work etc. The new sitting council will need to employ a new Clerk. By increasing the budget we have tried to ensure that they won't be constrained by the budget from hiring the person right for the job.

Extra Cost £548 or 4% increase on the precept

3. New Website

Over the course of the next 6 months a new website needs to be constructed and available to the Parish.

Extra Cost £443 or 3% increase.

4. Councillor & Clerk Training

After the May election there will be a new council and up to nine brand new councillors. Finances must be made available for their training.

Extra Cost £300 or 2.2% increase on the precept

5. Subscriptions

We've re-subscribed to DALC Devon Association of Local Councils a membership organisation run by and for its member councils for over 70 years. This association could be a great help to new Councillors. We've found them to be a great help and they could help the new council hit the ground running,

Extra Cost £255 or 1.9% increase on the precept

6. Defibrillator Service

Two years have passed since the defibrillator was installed. Both sets of pads will need replacing this year at a cost of £100 each.

Cost £200 or 1.5% increase on the precept

As you can see from the six important areas, we hope to leave Mary Tavy in a good financial stable position, so that when the new council takes over it can do what it needs to do; with a budget we hope will give them room to work and deliver a good service without being financially constrained.

Good Luck to the next Council

Cllr. John Hill

Chairman

Mary Tavy Parish Council