

Tydd St Giles Parish Council

Statement on the Council Tax Precept

Between 2015 and 2016, the Parish Council increased the precept, the Parish Council's share of the Council Tax, from less than £10,000 to £21,000. We did this because we were told that many of our street lights had reached the end of their life and were in urgent need of replacement. Initial estimates suggested that this might cost as much as £50,000, which the Council could not afford at the time.

It soon became clear that the cost would be considerably less and, following a public outcry, Fenland District Council agreed to contribute towards the cost. By 2018, we realised that the Council had more than sufficient reserves to undertake this work. As a consequence, the Council reduced the precept to a nominal figure of £1,000, to save you giving us money we didn't need.

For three years, the Council has set a deficit budget, gradually using surplus reserves to pay the day-to-day running costs. We have now reached the point where the reserves are at a more acceptable level and we must once again ask residents to contribute to our annual budget through the Council Tax mechanism. Members of the Council have worked with the Clerk to make plans for the coming year and to set a budget that enables us to achieve our goals. In order to accomplish this, the precept for the 2021/22 year has been set at £12,000, which equates to around 23p per week for every adult resident of the parish.

We hope that you will understand the need for this increase and engage with us to make Tydd St Giles a better, happier, healthier place to live.

Thomas Doyle

Chairman

Tydd St Giles Parish Council