

DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL - PRECEPT BUDGET FOR 2024/2025
(This Budget does not include third party, CIL or Neighbourhood Grant funds.)
Budget agreed at DPC meeting on 24th January 2024

<u>Items budgeted for</u>	<u>LAST YEAR'S PRECEPT BUDGET</u>	<u>Estimated or actual sum spent as at 31.03.24</u>	<u>Suggested Precept figure for 2024/2025</u>
1. Subscriptions: SALC	£350.00	£327.62	£350.00
2. Insurance	£550.00	£567.79	£580.00
3. Donations	£300.00	£ none to date	£300.00
4. Administrative expenses inc. Broadband/telephone, stationery, postage, ink cartridges, Clerk's travel @ 45p per mile	£600.00	£660 estimated	£600.00
5. IT support/website expenses	£250.00	£368.00	£370.00
6. Hall hire for meetings	£150.00	£170.00	£200.00
7. Contingencies/misc. items. inc. Councillor's expenses	£100.00	£182.00	£200.00
8. Asset maintenance & environmental maintenance	£500.00	£190.00	£500.00
9. Training courses	£ 60.00	£120.00	£100.00
10. Payroll administration	£120.00	£120.00	£120.00
11. Audit fees	<u>£300.00</u>	<u>£628.00 (less £65 VAT)</u>	<u>£125.00</u>
C/fwd ...	£3,280.00	£3,333.41	£3,445.00

B/fwd...	£3,280.00	£3,333.41	£3,445.00	
12. Clerk's gross salary (inc. PAYE)	£3,250.00	£3,250 + underpayment of £260 = £3,510	£3,510.00	See Note 1 below
13. Data Protection fees	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	
14. HSBC Bank charges	<u>£ 90.00</u>	<u>£ 90.00</u>	<u>£ 90.00</u>	
	£6,660.00	£6,973.41 (+ donations?)	£7,085.00	
<u>New items for 2024-2025</u>				
15. Fund towards WWI Memorial Board	£-	£-	£ 300.00	
16. Donation to Westhope Village Hall for refurbishment works	£ -	£ -	£ nil	See Note 2
17. Funds towards new public access Playground in Diddlebury	<u>£-</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£ nil</u>	See Note 3
Totals	<u>£6,660.00</u>	<u>£6,973.41 + donations</u>	<u>£7,385 but agreed as £7,500</u>	

Notes to the Precept Budget

Note 1: Clerk's Salary:

The Clerk is currently paid for five hours per week (260 hours per annum) at point SCP 11 of NALC's pay scale. Having been Clerk since January 2014 the Clerk thinks it is not unreasonable to ask the council to promote her to at least SCP 12 on the NALC pay scale with effect from 1st April 2024. SCP 12 currently pays £13.73 per hour.

In January 2023 when the 2023/2024 Precept was set, the NALC pay scales operative from 1st April 2023 were not available – and indeed were not published until November 2023. In January 2023 Councillors therefore voted to award the Clerk a salary of £3,250 from 1st April 2023: this was based on 260 hours per annum on SCP 11 which paid £12.50 per hour. The NALC Pay scale published in November 2023 revised SCP 11 from

April 2023 to £13.50 per hour. Thus the Clerk, by 1st April 2024, will have been underpaid by £260 and requests that the £260 is added to her salary in March 2024.

Note 2 - Donation for Westhope Village Hall.

The Parish Council has since 2020 made donations to Westhope Village Hall Committee of £7,100: £2,100 from Precept funds and £5,000 from the Neighbourhood Fund. The Westhope Village Hall Committee now seek a donation in the region of £3,000 for exterior works, which will be debated at the DPC meeting on 24th January 2024.

Note 3 – Funding for the development of a public access playground in Diddlebury

Depending on the quotations received, it may just be possible to fund this from the Neighbourhood Fund, or with assistance from the school, although a small amount from the Precept Fund may be required. Grants and donations will also be sought.

FINANCIAL EFFECT OF THE 2023/2024 PRECEPT BUDGET OF £7,500.00 ON LOCAL COUNCIL TAX PAYERS, BASED ON BAND D

The Precept Budget of 2023 – 2024 of £6,660 cost Band D ratepayers £23.12. Shropshire Council estimate £7,500 for 2024/2025 would cost £25.46

Recent Precept history

2023 – 2024	£6,660	
2022 - 2023	£8,655	
2021 – 2022	£8,666	
2020 – 2021	£6,952	
2019 - 2020 -	£5,552	
2018 - 2019 -	£5,128	
2017 – 2018 -	£5,128	
2016 - 2017 -	£5,149	
2015 - 2016 -	£4,449	
2014 - 2015 -	£4,449	(plus £234 Council Tax Support Grant)
2013 - 2014 -	£3,449	(plus £201 Council Tax Support Grant)
2012 - 2013 -	£2,650	

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