

### Explanation re 2024/25 precept increase:

I have noted the comment(s) made recently on the Burstall Noticeboard Whats App referencing the 2024/25 precept increase.

The full details of the breakdown of the precept, showing the increase and a comparison with the 2023/24 precept demand, were published on our website on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Parishioners should be minded that although the 2024/25 precept demand presents as a 45% increase on 2023/24, this equates to an increase of 36p per electorate per week.

[ £3,337 (precept increase on 2023/24) / 180 (registered electorate) = £18.54 (annual increase ppn)

£18.54 / 52 = £0.36 weekly increase per registered electorate ]

### Budget Heading Increases, or new for 2024/25

Clerk's salary	£602	(workload increased due to number large planning applications)
Village Hall hire	£50	(meeting room)
Grass Cutting	£1,150	(previous contractors had been undercharging)
Insurance	£20	
Web fees	£15	
General Reserve	£550	(to put back some of what was spent on legal fees in 2023/24)
Clerk's broadband	£180	(new)
Tree/hedge cutting	£400	(new)
Village sign maintenance	£500	(new)

**Total increases = £3,467**

### Budget Heading Decreased, or removed for 2024/25 (savings)

Chair's Allowance	£50 (removed)	saving £50
Training	£200 (was £250)	saving £50
Newsletter Printing	£90 (was £120)	saving £30

**Total savings = £130**

**Overall increase = £3,337**

### What is the Council Precept?

The precept is a tax that parish, town and community councils charge their local residents in order to cover spending on service delivery within the community. It is collected on their behalf by the district, or borough council, and is charged to the residents through their annual council tax bills.

For Burstall the services include grass cutting in the village, the Clerk's salary, Council administration, insurance, website fees, hire of the village hall for Council meetings, annual newsletter printing and more.

It should be noted that Councillors do not receive payment to undertake their roles.

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