

APPENDIX 1

Etchingham Parish Council - Budget & Precept 2021-2022 - 21/01/2021			
Budget heading	2020/2021	APPROVED 2021/2022	
Expenditure:			
Office & Admin costs			
Clerk Salary & expenses (not attributable to another line)	17500.00	25,000.00	↑
Insurance	1000.00	950.00	↓
Audit	750.00	600.00	↓
Office & Administration Costs (inc share of)	2500.00	2,000.00	↓
Subscriptions	600.00	500.00	↓
Parish Communications (INC new website)	1500.00	1,000.00	↓
Training Courses	750.00	1,250.00	↑
Grants inc £500 Neighbourhood Plan	3500.00	2,500.00	↓
Community Projects/Budget Lines			
Traffic Management/pedestrian safety	2000.00	2,000.00	Same
Grass Cutting of highways additional cost to ESCC for extra cuts	250.00	275.00	↑
General village maintenance	2500.00	2,000.00	↓
Trees and risk management of green spaces	3300.00	1,000.00	↓
Queens Gardens Equipment maintenance fund	500.00	625.00	↑
Viper Play area Equipment maintenance fund	500.00	625.00	↑
Inspections (not trees) and minor works to play equipment and upkeep	750.00	500.00	↓
Play equipment match funding to boost ERGT donations	1,000.00	0.00	↓
Village Churchyard	500.00	500.00	Same
Etchingham Community Shop Premises - PWLB Loan	6432.00	6,432.00	Same
New Village Hall - PWLB loan	7164.96	7,164.96	Same
Queen's Gdn - if a PWLB loan for £25k : if no loan taken transfer to Playgrounds maintainance	1500.00	0.00	↓
Etchingham Community Shop Premises - Fabric Repair Fund	1500.00	10,000.00	↑
Etchingham Community Shop Premises - fees	750.00	750.00	Same
project in 2022-2023	0	10,000.00	↑
Election expenses	500.00	500.00	Same
Chairmans allowance	200.00	100.00	↓
Total Expenditure			
PRECEPT Requirement	57,446.96	76,271.96	↑
Receipts			
Shop Rental income	5000.00	1.00	
Bank Interest	50.00	100.00	
Total Receipts	5050.00	101.00	

includes NICS contributions to HMRC from council not just salary

still includes the upgrade recommended playground safety course included

Based on previous annual requests and to reserve £500 for 'exceptional' requests through year. Grant to churchyard shown on separate line.

urgent/emergency work only

to be an Ear-marked Reserve (EMR)

2021-2022

To achieve £76771.96 using the notified tax base of 411.00 is an increase of £56.50 per annum for Band D i.e. from £130.30 to £186.80 which represents an increase of £4.71 per month (£1.10 per week) at Band D.

In spite of trimming all possible expenditure this is still an exceptional increase due to **four** factors:

It is no longer considered prudent or expedient to reduce the amount of Precept requested by anticipated income. This is due to the unprecedented difficulties experienced by many councils because of lockdown, this is a national directive not just local, and straightaway adds a little over £5000 to the Precept request compared to last year.

An estimate is still awaited at this time for urgent remedial work to the roof and rear lower window of the Old Etchingham Stores. This work is urgently required before further damage is incurred. The rear door and frame also need completely replacing and has been authorised from budget 2020-2021 as until that is replaced, there is no access to the rear of the building to gain access to the roof and determine the work needed and the costs involved. Tenders will be invited if these costs are high of course.

In addition the sum of £10,000 potentially needed, although unlikely to be called down in full, to support ETSR and the Community Halls from April 2021 through to end March 2022, should it be necessary due to UK Government regulations to control Covid-19. If this full sum is not required then the balance to be carried over to an ear-marked reserve in 2022-2023 against a specified project of village benefit to be decided at that time, i.e. Budget 2022-2023.

The fourth element is completely outwith your Parish Council's control. Rother District Council has run the council taxbase for the next financial year (the key calculation to allow Parish Councils to properly calculate the impact of its rate on the residents) and has to make adjustments compared to the current year. This has resulted effectively in an increased rate to be charged at Parish level. The main reason is due to the increase in households claiming support through the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTR). It has also been necessary to reduce the collection rate by a small margin (0.2%) to allow for an increase in non-collection. They expect as the financial situation gets tougher that it will impact on the amount of money it can collect in the year, particularly if the number of households claiming CTR continues to rise.