

Parish Precept Increase Explained.

You will shortly be receiving your Council Tax bill that will include an increase in the annual Precept (the part of your council tax that is paid direct to the Parish Council). As an example, for a Band D household this will be an increase of £7.56 (totalling £82.93) for the year.

Background

The Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of Sullington Parish Hall and the football and cricket pavilions in Spierbridge Road as well as the related car parks for these properties. Other services we carry out include the maintenance of recreation grounds and open spaces, playgrounds and equipment, the Memorial Pond, organising local events and more.

Why is this increase necessary?

Unlike the County and District Councils, the Parish Council receives no funding from central government which means all of the services listed above are paid for from the precept. (Councillors are volunteers and are therefore not paid.)

There is currently an embargo against approval of planning applications for any development which might increase the amount of water used in Horsham District and this means that the Parish Council will not receive any income from developers that might have been used to pay capital and infrastructure projects, for the foreseeable future.

In order to maintain services, pay staffing costs and continue the Wardens Scheme (approved by residents in 2018) Councillors have had to take the difficult decision to increase the amount our residents pay.

Every budget line has been pruned where possible and non-urgent projects have been postponed in order that our Precept figure remains significantly lower than similar sized parishes in the District and we will strive to ensure that this remains the case.

For further information please contact the Clerk at the Parish Office on 01903 746547 or clerk@storrington-pc.gov.uk