

## **Rottingdean Parish Council**

### **COMMUNICATION ABOUT THE PRECEPT FOR 2019/2020**

On 3 December 2018 the Parish Council agreed the budget for the next financial year 2019/2020. The budget plan can be seen on the RPC website. The total amount required to run the Council and carry out the tasks and minor projects identified in the plan is £51,000.

On 7 January 2019 the Parish Council after detailed debate agreed by a majority vote to an increase in the Precept for Rottingdean to £31 per year for a Band D property. This will raise £48,740 from the Rottingdean precept, which with the inclusion of a Government Council Tax Reduction Scheme (£2,340) amounts to £51,080 in the year 2019/20.

In monetary terms this results in an additional £2.15p per year for a Band D property. The Precept at £31, equates to less than £3 per month, which is modest when compared to the average Band D Parish Precept for England of £64.05 in 18/19.

In percentage terms it represents an increase of 7.5% but on a relatively small base. As explained above it is a small increase in cash terms. Over the last 5 years, 14/15 to 18/19 the Parish Council has held the Precept level steady, with only a very small increase of 1% in 17/18. If the rise in 19/20 was spread over the last 6 years the increase works out to about 1.4% per annum.

The Parish Council will strive to work hard for the residents to deliver the budget plan and make progress in collaboration with Brighton & Hove City Council on the major projects. These include improvements to the Lower High Street, refurbishment of the Park Road public toilets, further work on the problems of Traffic Volumes both on the Falmer Road and the A259 and air quality within the High Street. The RPC "reserve" funds will be used to meet our share of the costs.

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