

BROOKTHORPE-WITH-WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

PRECEPT JUSTIFICATION FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/21

On 3rd December 2019 the Council set a budget of £32,901 and a precept of £18,300. This is in fact a decrease of £4,259 on the budget but an increase of £3,300 on the precept for 2019/20. The remaining money of £14,601 will be paid from reserves.

£5,000 has been set aside towards payment for an impact statement regarding the possible building 3,000 new homes new schools and industrial facilities on Whaddon Fields. The Parish Council is committed to obtaining the best possible outcome for the Parish as a result of the Local Plan consultations.

The Council is also committed to providing the same level, or if possible increasing, Village Enhancements and Community Events and Grants to local organisations over the year

While the Council's finances are healthy, at present, the Council has to look forward and would not like to see a time when the reserves have been so depleted that the Council does not have the money to provide the things that it believes are essential for the wellbeing of the Parish.

The extra £3,300 on the precept will mean an increase of £15.70 per year for the average band D home in the parish. The Council feels that this is justified for the above projects to take place.