

Parish Precept 2022/2023

2021/22 has been another challenging year financially. While the 'precept' (the Parish Council's share of your Council Tax) makes up the greater part of our income, a significant contribution comes from the hiring of rooms at the Rothley Centre and Village Hall. As in 2020/21, both buildings have either been completely closed or hiring of rooms severely curtailed through much of the year. From early February 2022 the Rothley Centre has again been closed and will remain so for several months for a major refurbishment programme funded from S106 monies. These closures have led to a significant shortfall in income. However, we have fortunately been able to make up much of this shortfall by obtaining a number of grants. This means that for the coming year the precept will only need to be increased by a relatively small amount, from £190,207 in 2021/22 to £199,132 in 2022/23, an increase of about 4.7% or less than £5 per household per year.

The Parish Council's budget for 2022/23 is £239,682. This compares with £220,412 for 2021/22. The breakdown of Parish Council expenditure for 2022/23 will be approximately as follows:

Salaries	35%
Admin/operating costs, insurance	10%
Open spaces	21%
(Grass cutting, maintenance, floral displays, playgrounds, cemetery etc)	
Village Hall	5% *
Street Lighting	6%**
Rothley Centre costs	20% *
Other	3%

* Largely offset by lettings income in 'normal' years

** includes an allowance for gradual replacement with LED bulbs