

The Parish Council's budget for 2019/20 is £188,000. This compares with around £170,000 for 2018/19 once the income from the Rothley Centre is added – readers may recall that RPC took over responsibility for the Centre from the Rothley Centre Management Trust during last year.

As always, the 'precept' (the Parish Council's share of your Council Tax) makes up the greater part of our income - £132,000 for 2019/20 compared with £122,000 for 2018/19. In recent years we have been able to rely on an increased precept because of the newly built and occupied houses in the Parish. This increase will not be as much as we hoped in 2019/20 because Charnwood Borough Council's Governance Review last year decreed that the Primrose Hill development at the northern end of the Parish would become part of Mountsorrel from April 2019. The contribution to the precept from around 150 houses will therefore go to Mountsorrel rather than Rothley.

There will inevitably be a small increase in the contribution of each household to the precept in 2019/20. We cannot say exactly how much this will be because Charnwood Borough Council has not yet told us how many houses will be contributing but it will be only a few pence per week per household.

Parish Council expenditure for 2019/20 will be approximately as follows:

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| Salaries | 36% |
| Admin & operating costs | 7% |
| Open spaces | 23% |
| Village Hall | 7% |
| Cemetery | 4% |
| Street Lighting | 2% |
| Rothley Centre Running Costs | 14% (largely offset by lettings income) |
| Other | 7% |