

**Exminster Parish Council**  
**Approved Budget for the 2019/20 Financial Year**

The Parish Council funds its duties and responsibilities by requesting that Teignbridge District Council (TDC) collects a share of Council Tax on its behalf.

In autumn, the Parish Council compiles a list of anticipated expenditure for the next Financial Year (beginning 1 April). Each line of expense is given a target figure for expenditure - a "budget". The budget lines are totalled, projected income is deducted and the balance, the precept, is claimed through Council Tax.

TDC perform a calculation based on the number of Council Tax band D properties within the Parish to arrive at a base figure for the amount of Council Tax to be collected for the Parish Council from each household. Those in band E, F, G and H properties pay more than the base figure and those in bands A, B and C pay less.

The budget and precept were set by resolution at the Parish Council meeting on 21 January 2019. Minute numbers 19/46 and 19/47 refer. (See extract from minutes below).

<b>Income</b>		<b>2019/20</b>
Precept	£	143,668
Interest	£	785
Leases/Rent	£	270
Cemetery	£	2,060
Footpath Grant	£	500
	<u>£</u>	<u>147,283</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Amenities	£	46,080
Cemetery	£	2,060
Footpaths	£	500
Staff Costs	£	39,450
Sinking Funds	£	20,000
Community Grants	£	4,000
General Administration	£	35,150
	<u>£</u>	<u>147,240</u>
Balance	<u>£</u>	<u>43</u>

19/46	<p><b><u>To set the budget for the 2019/20 financial year</u></b></p> <p>The Budget Working Party had met on 14 January to formulate a recommendation to the Parish Council that was embodied in the Draft Budget and Precept Calculation document circulated.</p> <p>Proposed increases in expenditure in the 2019/20 financial year included statutory salary/pension increases, consideration of contracting a lengthsmen, employment of a Community Plan Support Officer and new budget lines for publication of NDP leaflets and an allowance to buy in additional professional support to assist with the Reserved Matters applications for Matford.</p> <p>For clarity, there would be separate budget lines for funds spent on Parish Council owned assets and those that the Parish Council chose to enhance the statutory maintenance for, such as roadside verges.</p> <p>The total proposed revenue expenditure was £147,240.</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the budget as circulated.</p>
19/47	<p><b><u>To set the precept for the 2019/20 financial year</u></b></p> <p>To balance the budget presented above, the Budget Working Party recommended a 1% increase on the 2018/19 precept (£83.59) for the 2019/20 financial year for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Council Tax Support Grant (CTSG) ceased in the current financial year therefore total income would be reduced by circa £3,700.</li> <li>· Although the housing base had increased by 24.9 band D equivalent properties, this did not compensate for the loss of CTSG.</li> </ul> <p>It was proposed that the precept for the 2019/20 financial year was set at £84.43 per band D property. Resolved.</p> <p>It was suggested that consideration was given to publishing details of the budget and the Parish Council's reserves in addition to the Annual Governance Accountability Return.</p>