

**ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC CONSULTATION - PRECEPT 2024/2025**

At the Parish Council meeting held on 17 October 2023, consideration was given to the recommendations of the Finance Working Group for the precept application for 2024/25.

The Finance Working Group had deliberated each code and cost centre in the accounting system, recognising the need to limit expenditure as far as possible due to current restraints and economic climate and taking into account a realistic income figure. The Capital Assets Renewal Programme continued to be included in the precept sum and this would be revised to reflect ongoing capital expenditure and to include new capital purchases. Members recognised the requirement to retain 35-50% precept reserves at all times, whilst being aware of access to earmarked reserves. Projected reductions, increases and adjustments were made to previous budget figures which included:-

Cemetery Income	Minus £2,000.00
Cemetery Rates	Plus £250.00
Public Toilets Maintenance and Water	Plus £470.00
Playing Field Maintenance	Plus £3,700.00
Rights of Way Maintenance	Plus £1,000.00
Contingencies	Minus £1,000.00
Legal Fees	Minus £500.00

Additionally, it was anticipated that, due to a potential increase in dwellings and proposed growth, any increase would be spread over more properties and therefore should have a lesser impact on individual households.

Having deliberated the budget for the Financial Year 2024/2025, an anticipated realistic income figure of £11,090.00 set against an anticipated expenditure figure of £93,170.00 plus earmarked reserves of £12,307.00, produced an annual Precept figure for 2024/2025 of £94,387.00.

This represents an increase of £4,632.00 (5.2%) on 2023/2024.

***NB: Anticipated Figures***

Cost Centre	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
	2023/2024	2023/2024	2024/2025	2024/2025
Administration	38295	2095	38235	2420
Section 137	750	0	600	0
Pavilion hire & Courts	275	550	280	550
Public Toilets	2680	0	3150	0
Capital Projects (EMR)	12195	0	12307	0
Allotments	300	120	300	120
Cemetery	15450	10000	15800	8000
Parish Maintenance	32575	0	34805	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>102520</b>	<b>12765</b>	<b>105477</b>	<b>11090</b>

**PRECEPT**

**2023/2024 = £89,755**

**2024/2025 = £94,387**

If you have any comments on the proposed budget, please send these either in writing or via e-mail **no later than 9.00am Monday 20 November 2023** to:-

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