

Colwich Parish Council

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BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2018/19

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government announced, on 19th December 2017, that he was increasing the referendum principles for the Council Tax set by District and County Councils from 2% to 3% to take account of inflation. Parish Councils are not bound by this referendum principle and in 2017/18 the average Parish Council increase was 6.3%. Nevertheless, as a responsible organisation, Colwich Parish Council, at its meeting on 21st December 2017, set its budget for 2018/19, taking into account the referendum principles prevalent for the principle authorities, at 2.9%. The increase of **£2.92 per year**, for a band D property will be used to fund various projects including:

Continued support for the Green Infrastructure Plan, including support for the Best Kept Village and to purchase additional bulbs supplementing those planted across The Butts; Abbeyfields; both A51 junctions and the Parish Centre.

The Council has listened to calls for Christmas lights in the village, see the Chairman's report in the latest Newsletter, and has set aside a small amount should this prove popular.

Additional monies have been earmarked for the proposed footpath linking the Memorial Hall car park and the doctors' surgery.

Monies are being allocated to support the Youth Council.

Next year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1. The Council has earmarked funds to support the parish's commemorations next November.

A further amount has been agreed to provide traffic calming on Mill Lane, near to the railway bridge. This should have a two-fold benefit i) slowing vehicles along Mill Lane and ii) providing a safer route for pedestrians wishing to access the canalside.

The Council must keep a minimum of 3 months and up to 12 months funding in a general reserve for unforeseen circumstances and to avoid any temporary borrowing.