Kilmersdon Parish Precept 2019/20

Last year (2018/19) Kilmersdon Parish Council did not increase its precept and it remained at £12,630. For 2019/20 it was increased to £14,323, which equates to a rise of £4.62 per year for an average band D property.

What services does the Parish Council offer?

The Parish Council is a statutory consultee on planning applications and provides a local voice on highways and environmental matters. The play area adjacent to the Village Hall comes under its remit. It supports the parish environment by paying for the street lighting at the Village Hall, grass cutting of the playing field and Jack and Jill hill, where it also funds the cutting back of the footpath and hedge trimming. The Parish Council supports local organisations through grant funding. It maintains some of the benches in the parish.

This year the Parish Council was pleased to see the setting up of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

How did the Parish Council perform last year?

The Parish Council was pleased to support a number of local organisations through grant provision this year, amongst them the Parish Church, the Parish magazine, the Village Day, Citizens Advice, the defibrillator and Mendip Community Transport.

Earmarked reserves were used for some essential repairs to the wooden framed play equipment and a new play surface under the basket swing was commissioned.

A new sign in the village hall car park helped to bring the overflow parking spaces into use.

We went out to tender for the grass cutting contract and the new contractor has started work.

Thanks to funding from the Village Day, the Parish Council has worked with local residents and Mendip District Council for two new signs for the village.

What is new for the next financial year?

The £2,000 increase in the budget is the Parish Council's contribution to the moving of the 30mph signs in the village. Seen as a high priority for safety reasons, the Parish Council has been in contact with the Highways Department for many months and has agreed to meet 50% of the costs.

The Parish Council is working to represent the people of Kilmersdon and make decisions in the best interests of the village. We welcome your views and input.

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