

Kilmersdon Parish Precept 2021/22

In 2020/21 the Parish Council precept was £15,100, equating to £63.60 for a Band D Property. 2021/22 has seen a reduction in the tax base, meaning that for the precept to remain the same, the precept for a Band D property goes up. For 2021/22 the precept has been set at £15,821, equating to £67.13 per 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 car park, grass cutting of the playing field. The Parish Council maintains some of the benches in the parish.

How did the Parish Council perform last year?

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

2021 saw the Parish Council respond to the Planning Inspector's examination of the proposed new housing in the parish, which if successful, would see a significant number of houses being built near the White Post.

In the summer the fingerpost at Church Square was fully renovated, giving a smart new look to this area.



The Parish Council lobbied its County Councillors to improve the safety of the B3139 through Kilmersdon through liaison with its County Councillor and Somerset Highways Officers.

Both of the Welcome to Kilmersdon signs have been damaged by what looks like the hedge cutting machines. The Parish Council has been in contact with the County Council to arrange for them to be replaced and this has been confirmed for early in the new financial year.

Website Accessibility regulations came into force during the year and the Parish Council commissioned and populated a new website which meets the new requirements. www.kilmersdonpc.co.uk Here you can find local information and please contact the Clerk if you would like to post a news item.

The much-loved play park is still suffering from rot on the wooden beams. During the year the see saw was replaced thanks to a number of councillors who reduced the cost massively by replacing the wooden beam themselves.

The small train was taken out of use during the winter because the rot had made it too dangerous to use and the Parish Council has commissioned a replacement play train.

Grateful thanks go to the team of five local people who undertake weekly checks of the play park by turn throughout the year. It is such valuable work and gives the Parish Council advance warning of deterioration of the equipment.

Thank you also to the volunteers to look after the Spiral Garden and the shrubs adjacent to Manor Close. It makes such a difference to the village.



What is new for the next financial year?

The Parish Council plans to continue its programme of renovating the fingerposts and has budgeted for another to be done in the forthcoming year.

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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