

Kilmersdon Parish Precept 2022/23

In 2021/22 the Parish Council precept was £15,821, equating to £67.13 for a Band D Property. For 2022/23 the precept has been set at £20,493, equating to £86.71 per Band D Property. The requirement to budget £5,000 for the May 2022 election prompted the increase in the precept.

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, as does the Village Hall car park. 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, the Village Shop Committee, training for the village defibrillator and the Citizens Advice Mendip.

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.

In the autumn the fingerpost at Charlton, which had sunk into a sad state of repair, was fully renovated.



Thank you to the volunteers who maintained the spiral garden at the Village Hall this year and kept it looking lovely for all to enjoy.



The much-loved play park is still suffering from rot on the wooden beams. During the year the zip wire was replaced with a longer version thanks to a grant from Awards for All. A grant from the Sperring Trust plus Crowd Funding enabled the replacement of the wooden train with a bright red alternative and a new trim trail.



The condition of the swings is being examined by an engineer because of their age and depending on the outcome, this might be the next item for replacement.

The beautiful Silver Birch in the play park had a crown lift in the summer and the bench underneath was repaired.



As ever, grateful thanks go to the small but active team of 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. If you can help lighten the load and join this team, please contact the Parish Clerk.

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.

Raising funds to continue to keep the play area safe, bright and enjoyable for children continues to be a priority.

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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