

# Rowde Village

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Precept

For Financial Year 22/23

*January 2022*



## Rowde Precept Principles

The Parish Council agrees that the precept should be sufficient to enable the following principles to be delivered on behalf of the villagers of Rowde:

- ✦ efficient and proper maintenance of the Village
- ✦ the support of Rowde community life, all ages and interests
- ✦ respond to unforeseen events
- ✦ Contribute to the enhancement of the quality and safety of the life of the villagers of Rowde.
- ✦ encourage local commercial enterprise
- ✦ provide services in a cost effective manner

## What the precept is used for

**Mandated:** activities which the Parish Council is bound to perform by law or commitment, which are the running costs of the village.

**Will deliver:** activities that the Parish Council agrees to fund and delivers as part of the precept formulation, such as grounds maintenance work and supporting village groups.

**Aim to deliver:** activities the Parish Council wishes to perform but is dependent upon external agreement or resources; to undertake work to improve the village environment.

## External pressures are on the village precept

- Funding to Wiltshire Council from central government continues to drop. This puts pressure on services that Wiltshire Council provides to the parishes, for example verge cutting, grass cutting in communal spaces, purchasing new public bins and then emptying them, and the maintenance of play areas. These services will either go undone or will have to be carried out by the parish.

## Our current financial position

As in the previous three years, it is still the Parish Council's intention to create a footpath from the start of Conscience Lane into Tanis. The Parish Council is committed to contributing towards the cost of the design for the footpath in the first instance. It is expected by Wiltshire Council that the Parish Council will contribute a minimum of 25% towards the costs of the construction of the path. The Coronavirus pandemic in 2020-2021 has delayed plans for this footpath. The proposal is still active with the Community Area Transport Group and it is hoped that it will be progressed to a substantive funding bid in summer 2021.

The Parish Council has registered its interest to adopt the play area in Silverlands. There will be some legal expenses incurred in taking over the management of this play area, and thereafter the ongoing maintenance for the area.

### Budget figures 2022 - 23

	Actual spend 2020-21	Est spend 2021-22	Budget 2022-23
<b>Village running costs</b>			
Inc. Clerk's salary, HMRC, meeting room hire, insurance, Pensions.			
Totals:	£17,041	£17,287	£18,370
<b>Village Upkeep</b>			
Inc. Grounds maintenance contract, Litter picker, Playground repairs			
Totals:	£10,508	£13,887	£17,950
<b>Village improvements</b>			
Inc. capital investments; demolition of the pavilion and creation of a footpath in Conscience Lane			
Totals:	£1,032	£2,320	£9,200
<b>Supporting village groups</b>			
Inc. donations to village groups & maintenance of Church Clock + contingency			
Totals:	£2,308	£2,004	£6,200
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>£30,889</b>	<b>£35,498</b>	<b>£49,170</b>
Tanis footpath			£15,000
<b>Estimated budget</b>			<b>£66,720</b>
Estimated income			£2,823
Estimated carry over			£25, 079
Estimated precept needed			£38, 818

Possible precept calculation

*Last year, the Parish Council voted on 13th January 2021 to increase the precept by 0%. This resulted in receiving a precept of £37, 644.93.*

*Payment for a band D house remained the same at £76.93 per annum.*

- To meet the budget of £38, 818 for 2022-23, the precept will need to increase by 1.46%. This would mean an increase of £1.12 per annum per band D household.

A full list of activities funded is shown in the table below. A separate spreadsheet shows the estimated amounts budgeted for each activity.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Items</b>	<b>Legislative reference</b>
<i>Provision of allotments Clerk's Wages Maintain public safety on parish property</i>	Allotments maintenance: Skips/New fencing/water trough	Small Holdings & Allotments Act 1908, ss 23, 26, 42
	Wessex Water rates	See above
	HMRC (PAYE & NI)	LGA 1972, s112

	Playground safety reports	Health & Safety Act 1974
<i>Administration</i>	Clerk's Annual Salary	LGA 1972, s112
	Clerk's Disbursements	LGA 1972 s 112 - 119
	Stationery and postage (paper, printing cartridges...)	LGA 1972 s 135
	Capital purchases	LGA 1972 s. 135
	Parish Council Insurance	LGA 1972 s. 135?
	Financial audits	Audit Commission Act 1998
	Pay roll software	LGA 1972, s112
	Training/Reference books	LGA 1972 s 112 - 119
	Website domain charges/hosting	LGA 1972, s142/LGA 1972 s144
	Room hire for meetings: Village Hall/ Zoom subscriptions	LGA 1972, s133
	Subscriptions: WALC & NALC;	LGA 1972, s143
	Chairman's sundries fund	LGA 1972 s 15(5) & 35 (5)
<i>Support to Village clubs &amp; activities</i>	Monday Club	LGA 1972, s137
	Tuesday Club	LGA 1972, s137
	Subscriptions: K & A Canal; CPRE	LGA 1972, s143
	Toddlers Group	LGA 1972, s137
	Link	LGA 1972, s137
	Youth Club	LGA 1972, s137
	External requests	LGA 1972, s137
	Church Clock maintenance	Parish Councils Act 1957 s. 2
	Village Magazine	LGA 1972 s 137
	Village Shop	LGA 1972 s 137
	Village Hall	LGA 1972 s133
	Christmas Tree costs/electricity	LGA 1972 s144
	Defibrillator – electricity charges/consumables	LGA 1972, s137
<i>Village Maintenance</i>	Grounds maintenance: Sports field & small playing field: mowing, hedges, strimming, Marsh Lane footpath maintenance	LGA 1972, s14 para 27

	Ditches	LGA 1972, s14 para 27
	Pitch marking	LGA 1972, s14 para 27
	Litter picking	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss. 9,10
	Bus shelter cleaning	LGA (Misc. provision)1953, s4
	Village repairs: signs/bins/The Hill/ swings....	Highways Act 1980, s6; Litter Act 1983, ss 5,6
	TPO maintenance	LGA 1972, s14, para 27
	Pathways and leaflets	LGA 1972, s144