

**Calne Without Parish Council  
Budget and Precept Request for 2024/25**

**1 Introduction**

1.1 Budgets and precepts in the previous five years have been:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Precept for Band D Property</b>
2023/24	£32,097	£21.72
2022/23	£30,633	£21.72
2021/22	£29,682	£21.72
2020/21	£28,161	£20.76
2019/20	£24,000	£17.97

1.2 The deadline for parish councils to confirm their precept requirement for 2024/25, to Wiltshire Council, is 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

1.3 Wiltshire Council have recently completed a consultation on changes to their Council tax reduction scheme. The outcome of this consultation will be confirmed on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023. CWPC have been provided with two tax base calculations, based on both the existing and proposed Council tax reduction scheme. has confirmed the tax base for 2024/25 as £1514.08 (if no changes are made to the scheme) or £1507.96 (if changes are made to the scheme.)

1.4 The Draft Budget for 2024/25 was developed by the Finance Committee and presented to the Parish Council for review on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

1.5 The Council Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> October provided direction that the council was keen to not increase the precept rate per Band D property.

**2 2024/25 Budget position**

2.1 The proposed Budget for 2024/25 is:

<b>Budget Heading</b>	<b>Budget 2024/25</b>	<b>To be funded from:</b>
Running Costs:	£36683.23	Precept & Income from interest payments

2.2 The detailed build up for this is detailed below. (A spreadsheet version has been circulated for ease of reference.)

2.3 Running Costs (to be funded from Precept):

Spreadsheet provided .

Note: minor amendments have been made to the Draft Budget presented on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023, as follows:

- YTD costs updated to 5<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- Current payroll costs updated.
- Bin Emptying increase to allow for all bins to be serviced at the new rate quoted for the new bin at lower Compton.
- Inflation costs of 5% added to most budget lines.
- Minor amendments made to IT lines following review of licenses.
- Public participation budget increased to include Remembrance day closure and extra work to publicise CGR changes and elections.

### 3 Precept Calculation

- 3.1 The finance committee note that the Full Council are keen not to increase the precept request per household. The finance committee are therefore proposing requesting a precept at a level that results in a band d precept of £21.72. The difference between the running cost budget and precept request to be funded from the income received from interest from saving account.
- 3.2 For the proposed Running Costs Budget of £36683.23, the resultant precept calculations are as follows:

With no changes to Council tax reduction scheme;

Precept Request for 2024/25:	£32885.82
Tax Base for 2024/25:	1514.08
Resultant Band D Precept:	£21.72
Percentage change to 2023/24:	0.0%
Actual change to 2023/24:	£0
Difference to be funded from interest income	£3797.41

Changes accepted to council tax reduction scheme;

Precept Request for 2024/25:	£32752.89
Tax Base for 2024/25:	1507.96
Resultant Band D Precept:	£21.72
Percentage change to 2023/24:	0.0%
Actual change to 2023/24:	£0
Difference to be funded from interest income	£3930.34

- 3.3 The range of precept charges across the bands will be as follows:

Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
£14.48	£16.89	£19.30	£21.72	£26.54	£31.37	£36.19	£43.43

#### 4 Recommendation

- 4.1 That the Parish Council approve the Budget for 2024/25, as detailed above and agree that a Precept request of **£32,885.82 or £32752.89** (dependent on the outcome of the Council Tax Reduction scheme consultation) with a resultant Band D cost of £21.72 should be made to Wiltshire Council.
- 4.2 That the Council authorises the signing of the Parish Precept Requirement 2024/25 Form, by the Chairman and the Clerk, for a Precept of **£32,885.82 or £32752.89**

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