



KILPIN PARISH COUNCIL

## Parish Precept for 2024-25

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For the past three months Cllrs have been discussing the financial requirements of the Parish Council for the new financial year commencing in April and how improvements and enhancements to our community might be made and financed. At an Extra Ordinary Meeting in January, Cllrs made their final decisions and agreed to a number of projects to be carried out in the new financial year

- Parish Signs – Cllrs are looking at new village signs welcoming visitors to our communities, decorative and eye catching but also with practical features including reminding drivers of the speed limit
- Groundwork & work to the front of the hall – Cllrs are looking to carry out improvements to the carpark and the façade of Scholfield Hall to improve the look of both.
- Unknown Soldier Statues – seen in many villages, these would be appropriately placed throughout the Parish and personalised to reflect how we remember and honour the fallen of conflict, both past and present.
- A new website – to improve our communications with the community we are looking for a new ‘fit for purpose’ website which can more easily feature the work of the Parish Council, as well as provide the necessary information you would expect from a Parish Council in an accessible and easy format.

As the primary source of finance received by the Parish Council, the annual precept payment (as part of the tax base) is the only way Cllrs can fund improvements in our communities, which Cllrs believe, alongside its statutory duties is a fundamental role of the Parish Council. We are a small Parish, made up of scattered hamlets and villages (Kilpin and Kilpin Pike and the hamlets of Balkholme, Belby, Howdendyke and Skelton) so Cllrs needed to consider how any improvements will be seen by all residents, spread out as they are. Cllrs hope the above projects achieve this aim.

Therefore, at the extra-ordinary meeting of January, Cllrs unanimously agreed to increase the precept by £6,000 to finance the projects identified above. Although this is a relatively large increase in the precept, it should be noted that the actual cost to individual households would be a few pounds a month on their tax base and it is hoped that residents would appreciate the improvements to the Parish. The following demonstrates the breakdown of the new precept (using Band D properties).

Current Precept =	£7,436.00
Increase to pay for projects	£6,000.00
Precept for 2024/25	£13,436.00
Annual Individual Household cost in 2023/24 =	£52.37
Annual Individual Householdcost in 2024/25 =	£94.82
Annual Individual household increase of =	£42.45
Monthly Individual household cost in 2023/24 =	£4.36
Monthly Individual household cost in 2024/25 =	£7.90
Monthly Individual household increase of =	£3.54

In finishing, Cllrs will continue with their ambition to make our Parish a lovely place to live – there are ideas for future projects and Cllrs always welcome residents attending our meetings and they strongly encourage resident involvement in the discussions and ideas for community projects.

The Parish Council will keep residents up to date on the timetable and roll out of the projects.

**The Councillors of Kilpin Parish Council**

**January 2024**