

Community Grants and future projects

We have allocated £200 for community grants in this financial year. This has not been publicised as we have no grant awarding policy or processes for awarding grants in place.

If we are to continue with this there are questions we need to answer:

- Who or what are we seeking to benefit?
- How will we and others make this happen? – need simple application form and publicity
- How will we know that we are being successful (monitoring and evaluation)?
- Are there priorities for support?
- Who is eligible?
 - How will we assess the applicant organisation?
 - What won't we fund?
- Is there a maximum amount that can be applied for?
 - How and how often should we review our progress?

Background

Any money available as grants (or for any other purpose) has to be raised from the precept (the small addition to Council Tax which is our only income and allows us to function as a Parish Council)

Last year we set the precept at £7050

Minutes Jan 25 meeting:

2899 - FINANCE:

a.The Council will RESOLVE the Precept for the Council Year 2025/2026.

Calculations/items considered:

Defibrillator annual amount to set aside	£1000.00
Clerk salary	£2200.00
Hire of Village Hall	£ 300.00
DALC membership	£ 200.00
Auditor (Internal & external)	£ 400.00
Website costs	£ 350.00
Training (costs expenses & travel)	£ 250.00
Community information/ marketing/communication	£ 150.00
Repairs & maintenance (Bus shelter Notice boards)	£ 100.00
Grass cutting - Range Field	£1200.00
Parish Paths Partnership	£ 100.00
Biodiversity Projects	£ 500.00
Chairman Allowance	£ 100.00
Sub total	£6850.00

An additional sum of £200 will be set aside for the Council to make grants to any organisations in the Villages that are deserving of the Council financial support.

It was RESOLVED that the Council Precept for the Financial Year 2025/2026 be set at £7050.

This will result in an annual payment of £28.75 for a Band D property. Previous year the payment was £29.03

The precept to Band D Council tax (which legislation considers to be typical) calculation is as follows:-

Littleham/Landcross Precept divided the estimated council tax base = Band D for the year

Precept set at £7050 / 245.23 = £28.75

therefore each **extra £1,000** we might want to raise translates to £4.08 extra per year for a Band D property. (£1000/245.23)

and **each £100** translates to 41pence per year for a band D.

With the above calculation you can estimate the effects of any level of precept. I say estimate as the Council Tax Base is recalculated annually and will vary a bit. If there has been property growth in the parish then the base should increase and the precept stays the same then the parish element of council tax will reduce.

For information, the table below shows what other parishes raise as their precept

Parishes are difficult to compare due to factors not shown in the cold figures, geographic size, sparsity, proximity to neighbouring towns/villages etc. etc.

Questions :

Should we continue with the idea of community grants?

Should we think of bigger projects which could be funded through the Parish Council via the precept?

Do we need to consult with the community before changing the precept? If so how and how quickly could we do this?

APPENDIX A

Council Tax Base	Parish Precept £	The Parishes of :-	VALUATION BANDS							
			A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
254.67	9,750.00	Abbotsham	155.63	181.57	207.51	233.45	285.33	337.21	389.08	466.90
15.49	0.00	Abbots Bickington	130.11	151.80	173.48	195.17	238.54	281.91	325.28	390.34
176.13	7,280.00	Alverdiscott & Huntshaw	157.67	183.94	210.22	236.50	289.06	341.61	394.17	473.00
156.38	5,616.00	Alwington	154.05	179.73	205.40	231.08	282.43	333.78	385.13	462.16
228.80	11,000.00	Ashreigney	162.17	189.19	216.22	243.25	297.31	351.36	405.42	486.50
315.01	9,538.00	Ashwater	150.30	175.35	200.40	225.45	275.55	325.65	375.75	450.90
204.39	8,500.00	Beaford	157.84	184.15	210.45	236.76	289.37	341.99	394.60	473.52
5580.88	757,387.25	Bideford	220.59	257.35	294.12	330.88	404.41	477.94	551.47	661.76
234.43	11,373.00	Black Torrington	162.45	189.53	216.60	243.68	297.83	351.98	406.13	487.36
231.93	6,064.00	Bradford/Cookbury	147.55	172.14	196.73	221.32	270.50	319.68	368.87	442.64
488.00	21,394.00	Bradworthy	159.34	185.90	212.45	239.01	292.12	345.24	398.35	478.02
306.34	11,320.00	Bridgerule	154.75	180.54	206.33	232.12	283.70	335.28	386.87	464.24
264.86	11,500.00	Broadwoodwidge	159.06	185.57	212.08	238.59	291.61	344.63	397.65	477.18
439.35	30,260.00	Buckland Brewer	176.03	205.36	234.70	264.04	322.72	381.39	440.07	528.08
67.50	3,377.00	Buckland Filleigh	163.47	190.71	217.96	245.20	299.69	354.18	408.67	490.40
29.34	0.00	Bulkworthy	130.11	151.80	173.48	195.17	238.54	281.91	325.28	390.34
133.97	7,240.00	Clawton	166.14	193.83	221.52	249.21	304.59	359.97	415.35	498.42
172.91	4,750.00	Clovelly	148.43	173.16	197.90	222.64	272.12	321.59	371.07	445.28
366.43	17,320.00	Dolton	161.63	188.56	215.50	242.44	296.32	350.19	404.07	484.88
48.73	0.00	Dowland	130.11	151.80	173.48	195.17	238.54	281.91	325.28	390.34
146.17	3,500.00	EastWest Putford	146.07	170.42	194.76	219.11	267.80	316.49	365.18	438.22
149.48	10,500.00	Frithelstock	176.94	206.43	235.92	265.41	324.39	383.37	442.35	530.82
1830.09	257,931.00	Great Torrington	224.07	261.42	298.76	336.11	410.80	485.49	560.18	672.22
336.66	21,690.00	Halwill	173.07	201.91	230.76	259.60	317.29	374.98	432.67	519.20
853.17	28,104.00	Hartland	152.07	177.42	202.76	228.11	278.80	329.49	380.18	456.22
427.03	14,700.00	High Bickington	153.06	178.57	204.08	229.59	280.61	331.63	382.65	459.18
36.45	0.00	Hollacombe	130.11	151.80	173.48	195.17	238.54	281.91	325.28	390.34
1090.64	212,800.00	Holsworthy	260.19	303.55	346.92	390.28	477.01	563.74	650.47	780.56
413.08	11,824.00	Holsworthy Hamlets	149.19	174.06	198.92	223.79	273.52	323.25	372.98	447.58
14.57	0.00	Huish	130.11	151.80	173.48	195.17	238.54	281.91	325.28	390.34
245.23	7,050.00	Landcross/Littleham	149.28	174.16	199.04	223.92	273.68	323.44	373.20	447.84
334.88	10,750.00	Langtree	151.51	176.77	202.02	227.27	277.77	328.28	378.78	454.54
165.34	3,000.00	Little Torrington	142.21	165.91	189.61	213.31	260.71	308.11	355.52	426.62
72.01	5,000.00	Luffincott/Tetcott	176.40	205.80	235.20	264.60	323.40	382.20	441.00	529.20
156.36	11,960.00	Merton	181.11	211.29	241.48	271.66	332.03	392.40	452.77	543.32
190.60	10,900.00	Milton Damerel	168.24	196.28	224.32	252.36	308.44	364.52	420.60	504.72
137.29	6,500.00	Monkleigh	161.68	188.63	215.57	242.52	296.41	350.31	404.20	485.04
5,805.22	644,337.00	Northam	204.11	238.12	272.14	306.16	374.20	442.23	510.27	612.32
82.22	0.00	Newton St Petrock	130.11	151.80	173.48	195.17	238.54	281.91	325.28	390.34
99.73	2,000.00	Pancrasweek	143.48	167.39	191.31	215.22	263.05	310.87	358.70	430.44
394.68	20,710.00	Parkham	165.09	192.61	220.12	247.64	302.67	357.70	412.73	495.28
83.33	1,735.00	Peters Marland	143.99	167.99	191.99	215.99	263.99	311.99	359.98	431.98
181.66	6,000.00	Petrockstowe	152.13	177.49	202.84	228.20	278.91	329.62	380.33	456.40
322.19	8,000.00	Pyworthy	146.67	171.11	195.56	220.00	268.89	317.78	366.67	440.00
131.53	4,000.00	Roborough	150.39	175.45	200.52	225.58	275.71	325.84	375.97	451.16
378.42	15,650.00	Shebbear	157.69	183.97	210.25	236.53	289.09	341.65	394.22	473.06
144.80	8,718.00	Sheepwash	170.25	198.63	227.00	255.38	312.13	368.88	425.63	510.76
239.03	16,500.00	St Giles/Heath & Northcott	176.13	205.49	234.84	264.20	322.91	381.62	440.33	528.40
235.46	8,500.00	St Giles in Wood	154.18	179.88	205.57	231.27	282.66	334.06	385.45	462.54
132.78	7,000.00	Sutcombe	165.26	192.80	220.35	247.89	302.98	358.06	413.15	495.78
127.51	5,104.00	Thornbury	156.80	182.93	209.07	235.20	287.47	339.73	392.00	470.40
52.19	0.00	Virginstow	130.11	151.80	173.48	195.17	238.54	281.91	325.28	390.34
185.38	6,260.00	Weare Giffard	152.63	178.06	203.50	228.94	279.82	330.69	381.57	457.88
108.16	2,550.00	Welcombe	145.83	170.14	194.44	218.75	267.36	315.97	364.58	437.50
689.12	38,568.00	Winkleigh	167.43	195.33	223.24	251.14	306.95	362.76	418.57	502.28
549.88	18,000.00	Woolery	151.93	177.26	202.58	227.90	278.54	329.19	379.83	455.80
140.22	8,300.00	Yarncombe	169.57	197.84	226.10	254.36	310.88	367.41	423.93	508.72
9.69	0.00	Lundy	130.11	151.80	173.48	195.17	238.54	281.91	325.28	390.34