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## 2020/21 Parish Precept – Great Budworth Parish Council

Dear Gill Ayres

I am writing to formally request your parish precept information for 2020/21. Through your power to raise a local precept, the money needed for your parish's budgetary requirements is added to the council tax charge in your area. The local precept charge is calculated by dividing the precept you request by the parish tax base. Great Budworth Parish Council's tax base for 2020/21 is **211.4**. This has been calculated by taking the number of Band D equivalent properties in your parish from information supplied by the Valuation Officer and making allowances for discounts and exemptions, successful valuation appeals, the cost of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme, non-collection, and housing growth estimates. The number of Band D equivalent properties is calculated by scaling properties in other bands either up or down to convert them to a Band D level.

In order for the Council to include your local precept and set the council tax for 2020/21, please complete the enclosed form and return it to the above address for the attention of David Sconce by **Friday 31 January**. The form must be signed to confirm that the local precept has been formally approved at a meeting of the local council. As well as returning the signed form in the post, it would be greatly appreciated if you could also forward a copy via email to [david.sconce@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:david.sconce@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk).

The following examples are included to show the impact of two common scenarios on the precept charge for a Band D property in your parish. The charges for properties in other bands can be calculated in relation to this. For example, the charge for a Band C property is  $\frac{8}{9}$ <sup>ths</sup> of the Band D charge; for a Band F property it is  $\frac{13}{9}$ <sup>ths</sup>. A spreadsheet is attached to the email to enable you to see the impact of the precept request on the charges for each band.

### Example 1: Maintaining the same Band D precept charge as 2019/20

The Band D precept charge for Great Budworth Parish Council in 2019/20 was £46.17. If you want this charge to be the same in 2020/21, you will need to request a precept of **£9,760**.

**Example 2: Requesting the same precept as in 2019/20**

In 2019/20, Great Budworth Parish Council requested a precept of **£9,857**. If you were to request the same precept for 2020/21, this would increase the Band D precept charge by £0.46 to £46.63.

The above examples are just to illustrate two common scenarios. If you wish to raise a different precept, the table below and the attached spreadsheet can be used to calculate your local Band D charge for 2020/21 in alternative scenarios, and to compare it to your local Band D charge in 2019/20.

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Calc</b>			<b>Note</b>
A	-	Local precept request	.....	How much will be raised from residents
B	-	Local tax base	211.4	
C	$A \div B$	2020/21 Band D charge	.....	2020/21 charge to a resident in a Band D property
D	-	2019/20 Band D charge	£46.17	
E	$\frac{(C-D)}{D} \times 100$	% change in charge	.....	This is the % change that will show on the Council Tax bill

If you have any questions about setting the local precept and would like support then please do not hesitate to contact David Sconce using the contact details provided.

Yours sincerely



Mark Wynn  
Chief Operating Officer