

FONTMELL MAGNA PRECEPT PLANNING

This document is a summary of the key information compiled to assist the PC in setting the 2021/22 Precept. The PC must consider an appropriate precept to cover: a) the costs it is likely to incur in 2021/22; b) a realistic contingency and; c) safe guarding the PC's reserves.

Issues facing FMPC in 2021/22 & future years

Main expense paid Clerk – subject to a satisfactory probationary period the new Clerk will receive a pay rise in May 2021.

What expenses should be included in this and future Precept?

What local community issues should be included in the Precept e.g. grants for community services?

What services will be moved from District & County to Parishes?

Professional service costs – there is currently a major development being proposed for Fontmell Magna and the PC should consider making a further provision for the costs of taking professional advice.

The Neighbourhood Plan will at some stage need to be updated - a provision of £500 has been included in 2020/21 and of £1200 for 2021/22

The CLT have enquired whether the PC are willing to take out a loan to assist with the purchase of the Village shop does this need to be catered for in the 2021/22 budget?

FMPC reserves – the general rule is that the reserves should not exceed one year's precept.

	Budget 2020/21	Estimated Actual 2020/21	Budget 2021/22	Comments
Clerk's salary	£4200.00	£4849.19	£4460.00	*1
Bookkeeper	£89.00	£89.00	£95.00	*2
Website costs	£1160.00	£615.00	£150.00	*3
Travel expenses/stationary	£50.00	£131.89	£400.00	*4
Maintenance & grass cutting	£550.00	£620.00	£390.00	*5
Insurance	£620.00	£594.74	£620.00	*6
Training	£220.00	£58.65	£250.00	*7
DAPTC/SLCC	£320.00	£312.13	£350.00	*8
Planning	£450.00	£433.95	£500.00	*9

Miscellaneous	£500.00	£567.27	£500.00	*10
Neighbourhood Plan	£312.00	£500.00	£1200.00	*11
Grants	£1000.00	£877.00	£1000.00	*12
Total	£9471.00	£9648.82	£9915.00	

*1 The 2020/21 budget includes the cost of 2 Clerks during February 2021 to allow for the handover and the current Clerk's accrued but untaken holiday. The 2021/22 budget includes a pay rise to take effect from 1st May 2021.

*2 This includes the rate increase as advised.

*3 The 2020/21 budget included the cost of the new website however the first payment of £485.00 was paid in 2019/20. Vision ICT indicated in their quote for the new website that the annual charge would remain the same. However should provision be made for any increase?

*4 Councillors who attend meetings should be claiming this particularly if they go to Dorchester.

*5 The expenses to 31/03/2021 includes the cost of the tree at Bedchester. Is there likely to be any further work between now and 31/03/2021? The estimate for cutting the grass at the war memorial based on this year's figures is £350. A provision of £40 has been included in 2021/22 for cutting the hedge on Lurmer St. Should there be a provision made for any other maintenance work?

*6 The budget for 2021/22 includes an uplift for inflation.

*7 The budget for 2021/22 should allow for the recruitment and training of new councillors.

*8 This takes into account any increase.

*9 As above there is a major development proposed for Fontmell Magna provision for 2.5 days work was made in 2020/21. A provision of £500 has also been included in 2021/22 budget.

*10 The majority of the miscellaneous budget was not spent this year.

*11 The Neighbourhood Plan will need to be reviewed at some stage. A provision of £500 has been made in 2020/21 and of £1200 in 2021/22.

*12 This includes a grants for maintenance of the churchyard and the play area and allows for any other grants e.g. for the A350CG.

Anticipated reserves at the year end 2020/21 ex VAT:

Opening balance: £7702.05

Plus Precept: £9000.00

Plus anticipated interest: £1.95

Plus other income including VAT refund: £207.60

Total income: £16911.60

Less expenses to 23/10/2020: £4740.61

Less anticipated expenses: £4908.21

Total Expenses: £9648.82

Estimated Balance 2020/21: £7262.78

Estimated Balance 2021/22 ex VAT assuming the precept requested is £9750:

Opening balance: £7262.78

Plus Precept: £9750

Plus anticipated interest: £2.00

Other income (including VAT refund): £400.00

Total Income: £17414.78

Less anticipated expenses: £9915.00

Anticipated Balance for 2021/22: £7499.78

FM Parish Precept 5 year Summary

Year	Precept	Value	Band D	Range of Annual amount per household
2013/14	3470	325.40	10.66	
2014/15	3500	331.30	10.56	
2015/16	1618	331.20	4.88	
2016/17	2050	328.80	6.23	4.15 Band A to 12.50 to Band H
2017/18	7000	330.20	21.19	14.12 to 42.38
2018/19	7000	324.80	21.55	14.36 to 43.10
2019/20	8500	333.30	25.50	17.01 to 51
2020/21	9000	328.90	27.36	18.24 to 54.72
2021/22	9750	327.10	29.81	19.87 to 59.61

The rate for 2021/22 it equates to £3.06 for every £1000 of precept asked for a band D property.