Meriden
PARISH COUNCIL
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Dear Resident

3rd March 2022

May I start by apologising for this year's inflationary increase for the parish council precept; setting the precept is probably the most important decision that a parish council can take. Although the actual amount paid by each household is small compared to the Council Tax paid to Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council any increase, especially when seen as a percentage needs to be justified to residents. This letter sets out the thinking behind the decision by Meriden Parish Council to increase its precept by 6% for the financial year 2022/2023. This is clearly not something that we take any pleasure in passing onto Meriden residents, in what continues to be difficult and unprecedented circumstances for many of us to navigate.

- **Precept Increase**

	2022-2023
Precept 10% Increase p.a.	**£61,206 + £3,327**
Increase Per Band D p.a.	**£48.65 + £4.17**
Based on previous year	**1261**
Support Grant	**0**
New Indicative Tax Base per Band D	**1258**
Indicative Increase to Band D	**-3**
Increase per Band D dwelling p.a.	**£2.64p/annum 0.0508p/week**

- Solihull MBC has agreed the parish council notice for a precept of £61,206 p.a.
- Equating to a Band D charge of £48.65. This is a 6% increase.
- This means an increase of £2.64 pence per annum per Band D dwelling.
- Equating to 0.0508 pence per week.
- 0.24% reduction to tax base
- Council approved 6% increase to precept on a 4:3 vote in favour on 24th January 2022 Parish Council Meeting to be effective from 1st April 2022 for financial year 2022-2023.

- **Justification**

There is no longer a support grant from Solihull MBC. Therefore, we need to make provision for this shortfall and currently there is no cap for precept increase. There is also 0.24% reduction to band D Additional service delivery to the community is highlighted in the Parish Action Plan and Business Plan which includes Youth Council, Climate Emergency, Warm Hub, and Infrastructure including digital review, communications, and Assistant Clerk. Members agreed that a 6% increase to precept would be prudent at this time and makes a sensible provision of additional expenditure to current community service delivery provided by the parish council.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to continuing to serve our local community.

Yours sincerely

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