

## Histon &amp; Impington Parish Council

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>15 February 2015</b>
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**Precept 2015-2016****Background, national and county**

The Government continues to operate an austerity programme that continues to impact the available funding for Principal Authorities, and continues to operate a 2% cap on Council Tax rises without a referendum. There has been the regular offer of further funding (at the 1% level) for those authorities holding their Council Tax levels.

A recent announcement confirming the capping level declined to mention capping of Town & Parish Councils, which is out for "consultation".

Locally, the indications are that the following increases will apply (all £ at Band D)

<b>Authority</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>increase</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>2015/16</b>
Cambridgeshire County Council	1121.94	1.99%	22.33	1144.27
South Cambridgeshire District Council	122.86	1.99%	2.44	125.3
Cambridgeshire Constabulary	181.35	0%	0	181.35
Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue	64.26	0%	0	64.26
Histon & Impington Parish Council	87.67	<b>tba</b>	*3.51	*91.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>1578.08</b>		<b>28.28</b>	<b>1606.36</b>

\*If proposals accepted

Note that the Histon & Impington tax base has increased to 3253.4 (from 3222.2) - an increase of some 2%

**Budget development**

As last year, all Committees submitted budget plans to Finance, Legal and Admin. For the first time these included forward forecasts for the next 3 years.

These budgets built on the work that was done last year, and few changes have been made to the proposals for the coming year. Thanks are due to Councillors and staff for the quality of the submissions.

Basis/principles/assumptions:

1. The precept should at least cover all revenue costs
2. Capital items to be met from general or specified reserves, or, in the longer term, borrowing for larger items.

It should be noted that for 2014/15 we expected capital spend on ByPass Farm, we approved mid-year capital spends on fencing at the Recreation Ground and Homefield Park but only one of these three will be delivered in the year.

All capital proposals will be subject to rigorous review, including deliverability in the year.

3. Note the resolution from 28th January FLA "to additionally Budget £10,000 into "community services" fund, working with Committee Chairs to bring the total new budget down to the precept level of £296,635 a net reduction of £6,500" (ie a reduction of the total for the committee bids to £286,635). The purpose of this fund would be to meet the anticipated need for the Parish Council to support the community as principal authorities remove/reduce their spend.

Details are in Appendix 1 (*without* the community services fund) - presented in a like for like form as per previous year, with capital proposals on the second page. Note that no explicit contingency bids were identified, and therefore the combined Council contingency has been omitted.

Appendix 2 is a reformat of this, breaking down Payroll, FLA to give a more complete picture of per committee costs, and adding all capital bids.

**Proposals**

1. That the plans for capital spend be noted. Approval is conditional on a case by case basis after a detailed submission by the relevant Committee.
2. That Council Tax rates continue to be equal for the two Parishes
3. That the Council Tax rate should be increased by 4%, giving a precept of £296,635.  
Noting that this gives a Band D rate of £91.18, an increase of £3.51 (almost 7p per week); £2.34 a year/4.5p per week for Band A; and £7.02 a year/13.5p per week for Band H

## Appendix 1

	Budget 2014/2015 Expenditure	Budget Nett 2014/2015	Forecast Nett	Budget 2015/2016 Expenditure	Income 2015/2016	Nett 2015/2016	Increase Budget v Previous Year Forecast
Committee							
Planning	£7,200	£200	0	8000	8000	0	0
Youth	£22,000	£22,000	15276	26931	900	26031	10755
Recreation	£38,720	£16,135	3825	37665	36270	1395	-2430
Highways	£1,600	£1,600	2269	3340		3340	1071
Environment	£38,688	£27,003	35521	39300	6900	32400	-3121
Kings Meadow	£200	£200	5400	4600		4600	-800
Community Facilities	£53,050	£20,500	20500	12000		12000	-8500
Payroll	£126,863	£126,863	123402	134192		134192	10790
FL&A	£73,190	£66,190	74621	73262	7000	66262	-8359
Contingency	£6,000						
Total	£367,511	£286,691	280814	339290	59070	280220	
Payments into reserves			15658	13000		13000	
<b>Total</b>			296472	352290		293220	

For capital proposals, see next page

#### Impact of various precept options

Band D equivalent	3253.4						
Percentage rise on last year	0.00%	1.00%	2.00%	3.00%	4.00%	5.00%	6.00%
£ rise on last year		0.88	1.75	2.63	3.51	4.38	5.26
Poundage	87.67	88.55	89.42	90.30	91.18	92.05	92.93
Raises	£285,226	£288,078	£290,930	£293,782	£296,635	£299,487	£302,339

**Capital Proposals**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Committee Description)</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Available specified reserves</b>	<b>Reserve title</b>
Environment	Burial ground Mill Lane fence	2000		
	Public Art	30000	30000	public art fund
	Street furniture	6500		
	Manor Park Fencing 25m St Audreys	1250		
	Village Green Xmas Lights	1400		
	Homefield Park Fencing	12000		
	Homefield Park Electricity	10000		
Highways	Minor improvements	30000	10000	green implementation
	Bus shelter renewal	2500		
	Drainage	20000	11000	county+£3K
Administration	restroom building extension	110000		
Recreation	Cricket nets (nett of external funding)	20000	20000	s106
	Tennis Court project (nett of external funding)	115000	115000	s106
	Community facilities	89000	89000	community facilities
	<b>Total</b>	<b>449650</b>	<b>275000</b>	<b>specified reserves</b>
	<b>If all projects implemented then requires from general reserves</b>		<b>174650</b>	

**Reserves**

Reserves are either specified (ie have been set aside for a specific purpose) or general. In addition to the reserves the Council has set aside for specific purposes, there are S106 monies, which have come to the Council from housing development projects, where these can only be spent on specific items (eg open space). The Public Art monies, for example, fall into this category.

Expected reserves balances at March 31<sup>st</sup> 2015

Specified reserves	£273,388
Reserve recovered from S106 spend	£51,614
S106 reserve	£244,141
General reserve	£206,947
<b>Total</b>	<b>£776,090</b>

**Appendix 2**

This view of committee spend has:

- moved payments into specific reserves to the relevant committee
- merged Recreation and Community Facilities (ie ByPass Farm)
- apportioned staff (excluding youth worker, who was never In "Payroll") to the appropriate committee/function
- charged loans (eg Pavilion, 12 New Road, Office) to the appropriate committee
- added all of the capital bids (recognising that not all of them will be brought to fruition)
- NB there is a small rounding error in the arithmetic re payroll which has introduced an artificial £3 increase

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Budget 2015/2016 Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget 2015/2016 Capital</b>	<b>Income 2015/2016</b>	<b>Nett 2015/2016</b>
<b>Planning</b>	14817		8000	6817
<b>Youth</b>	29203		900	28303
<b>Recreation</b>	155880	224000	36270	343610
<b>Highways</b>	10157	52500		62657
<b>Environment</b>	53531	63150	6900	109781
<b>Kings Meadow</b>	7889			7889
<b>Finance&amp;Legal</b>	26099		7000	19099
<b>Community Support/Donations</b>	6000			6000
<b>Administration</b>	48717	110000		158717
<b>Total</b>	<b>352293</b>	<b>449650</b>	<b>59070</b>	<b>742873</b>

Without the capital spend (but continuing to include loan repayments) it is:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Budget 2015/2016 Expenditure</b>	<b>Income 2015/2016</b>	<b>Nett 2015/2016</b>	<b>%age</b>
<b>Planning</b>	14817	8000	6817	2.3%
<b>Youth</b>	29203	900	28303	9.7%
<b>Recreation</b>	155880	36270	119610	40.8%
<b>Highways</b>	10157		10157	3.5%
<b>Environment</b>	53531	6900	46631	15.9%
<b>Kings Meadow</b>	7889		7889	2.7%
<b>Finance&amp;Legal</b>	26099	7000	19099	6.5%
<b>Community Support/Donations</b>	6000		6000	2.0%
<b>Administration</b>	48717		48717	16.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>352293</b>	<b>59070</b>	<b>293223</b>	