

Trimley St Mary Parish Council Precept Strategy 2025-2026

At the December Parish Council meeting setting the Precept amount for 2025-26 was briefly discussed. For the year 2024-2025 a Precept amount of £57,000 was agreed.

Considerations for Precept budgeting 2025-26:

- Annual increase to Clerks Salary.
- National Insurance Contributions increase.
- Parish Council insurance cost increases.
- Delays outside Parish Council control leads to increased costs of projects at delivery and maintenance costs for future.
- Monthly running costs for 2023/24 averaged at £3,400.00 outgoings per month. Just under £41K running costs per annum.
- Additional variable income from Cil payments, grants, locality budgets and other came to £15,513.20. This income is not a given year on year.

This list of considerations is not exhaustive but clearly justifies an increase for the next year of 1-2%.

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Set aside funds for the following projects:

Faulkeners Way Play Area £20,000.00 plus – progress Jan 2025 out to tender with ESC
Parish Plan Projects minor £5,000.00
Climate Change £1,000.00
Pedestrian Crossing £30,000.00 – Feasibility study ESC rejected but still on PC agenda
White Lines £10,000.00 – awaiting costings Highways
Events £2,500.00
Woodland Park £15,000.00
Training Budget £500.00
New Playing Field Stennetts £40,000.00

Total Set aside £124,000 minus £1500 formerly for Neighbourhood Watch – no longer under PC management.

TOTAL RESERVE 125,500.00

GENERAL FUND TOTAL FUNDS AT Jan 2025 £194,457.12

Increase of Precept suggested to be £58K or £59K subject to discussion, proposals and agreement at Trimley St Mary Parish Council monthly meeting 13th January 2025.

For consideration and agreement on Monday 13th January 2025.

Kind regards

Nicky Dunn

Clerk and RFO to Trimley St Mary Parish Council

8th January 2025