



# Newton Flotman Parish Council

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## Budget and Precept 2022/23 Public Statement

At the beginning of January 2022, the Parish Council met to consider its budget for 2022-23 and to set the precept – the amount of money to be taken from the residents of the village as part of the council tax.

There were some very difficult decisions to make and councillors struggled between not wanting to put additional financial burden on residents at what is understandably a very difficult time for some and needing to secure additional funds to allow the Council to undertake some of the recommendations from the [research carried out in the summer of 2021](#) and to assist the Village Centre Committee.

Urgent work is needed at the Village Centre and Playing Field that the Village Centre Committee are unable to afford themselves, including some ditch clearance work, cutting back of trees and hedges and maintenance of the play equipment which if not carried out will mean the closure of some of the equipment.

After very careful consideration, it was agreed to increase the precept from £12,298 to £23,418. This will result in an increase on the council tax demand of 89%. However, when broken down into real terms, for a band D property the increase will equate to £2.03 per month or 47p per week. The Parish Council are well aware of how high this increase is but hope that residents will understand that it is a relatively small price to pay for the services that are required.