



Longstanton Parish Council

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Justification for precept demand

Longstanton Parish Council Finance Committee recommended a precept of £128,000 for the financial year 2015/16. This is a 2.9% reduction from 2014/15.

Expected income for the financial year is budgeted as follows:

Pavilion rent	£4,500.00
Grass Cutting Grant	£2,400.00
Burial Income	£300.00
Interest from Bank accounts	£300.00

A large part of the precept is used to build the reserves required by the Council, totalling £25,000. In addition, the administration of the Council including staff salaries, office running costs and anticipated elections for 2016 totals £55,030. These overhead expenses have been budgeted with a decrease of roughly 10.73%.

With an increase in open space being transferred over to the Council following completion of the Home Farm development, the costs for Parks and Open Spaces sees an increase of 40.7%, totalling £14,000.

The council would like to enter into some maintenance of areas which have gradually become inadequate or irreparable including replacement of litter bins, refurbishment of bus shelters, looking at highways projects. With this in mind, the budget for village maintenance has been increased by 63% to cover these projects, totalling £31,000.

Due to the lack of facilities in the village for secondary school children, the Council will be arranging for the Connections Bus Project to visit the village on a weekly basis in term time (39 weeks). This bus provides various activities for the students for 2 hours per week. The cost of this is an increase of £7,000, or 250%.

Most other expenditure has remained little changed from the current year although the council has been able to decrease its precept request so that a Band D property will have a reduction of £2.68.