

Cottingham Parish Council



COTTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

PRECEPT NOTICE 2020/2021

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Summary of Cottingham Parish Council 2020/2021 Precept

Every financial year, Cottingham Parish Council produces a projected budget. From this, the Parish Council asks East Riding of Yorkshire Council to place a charge on every rate payer within the Cottingham area. This money covers the Parish Council's expenditure and is called **the precept**.

The amount each household pays is based on the Council Tax band in which their property falls. The precept in the 2019/2020 year was £20.67 per year for a **Band D** property and for 2020/2021 will be **£24.10**. To put this into context, the national average charge for 2019/2020 was £67.69.

Cottingham Parish Council always strives to get the best value for Taxpayers. In the 2014/2015 financial year the precept stood at £22.12 per Band D property. Through use of reserves and increased housing in Cottingham, we allowed this to slowly fall to £20.67 for both the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 financial years. Unfortunately, due to increased operations, overheads, and the need to overhaul the Cottingham CCTV system, this is unsustainable. The 2020/2021 charge is the equivalent of the 2014/2015 figure adjusted for inflation, meaning that, in real terms, the per household charge to residents from Cottingham Parish Council has not increased for six years.

In total the precept will bring in £144,692 to the Parish Council. This is lower than our projected budget (see below) with the difference being covered by other sources of income and use of reserves.

Expenditure April 2020 to March 2021

Heading	Budgets	
	2020/2021	Description
Remuneration	67,500	Staffing Costs (includes tax, salary, pensions and training)
Utilities and similar	9,750	Electricity, water, gas, insurances, comms, legal fees, audit fees etc
VAT payments	10,000	Recouped the following year
Professional fees/memberships	2,500	Membership of East Riding & North Lincolnshire Local Councils Association
Office running costs	5,500	Stationery, printing, postage, advertising, newsletter
Parish Amenities	35,750	Bus shelters, litterbins, seating, flowers, events, lighting, ice clearance
Maintenance of land	4,000	Includes Memorial Gardens and Allotments
Property costs	16,500	Public Works Loan Board repayment
Grants & Projects	42,000	Including Cottingham Lights and Market Green Public Toilets
CCTV	32,500	Upgrade to system and general maintenance
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