

Middleton Parish Council

Projection for Precept 2020-21

Projection to 31st March 2020

A. Account Balance

Account Balance 31st December 2019 (after taking off items in transit) **£13,531.06**

B. Projected Income to 31st March 2020

+ VAT Repayment owed to the Parish Council (current plus projected) **£1246.49**

Sub Total £1246.49

C. Projected Expenditure to 31st March 2020

- (Section A) Reserves £244.75

- (Section B) General Administration £2,769.75

- (Section C) Activities £970.00

- (Section D) Grants & S137 £0.00

Sub Total £3,984.50

D. Restricted Funds (Grants received)

- Derbyshire County Council £1000.00

- Middleton Remembers (all sources) £3680.00

Sub Total £4,680.00

E. Projected Carry Forward

(A+B)-(C+D)

£6,113.05

F. Anticipated Requirement 2020-21 (*per estimates*)

(Section A) Reserves £6350.00

(Section B) General Administration £9,137.00

(Section C) Activities £3,770.00

(Section D) Grants & S137 £250.00

Sub Total £19,507.00

G. Precept Required

Anticipated Requirement (F) **£19,507.00**

Minus Projected Carry Forward (E) **£6,113.05**

Total £13,393.95

Notes:

Proposed Key changes from 2019-20

Section A - Reserves

Election Reserve adjusted downwards to cover a single poll

Suggest removing Middleton Remembers budget headings (A7 and A9) on completion of the project

Section B – General Administration

Clerk Salary increased in line with estimated national pay agreement

Training figure reduced, but retains a contingency for training of co-optees

Section C – Activities, Purchases and Grants

Increased Caretaker Pay to maintain differential to National Living Wage (which is increasing by 6.2% in April)

Middleton Remembers; suggest delete budget heading

Section D – Grants & s137

Reduced Village Pump figure to reflect grant requested in 2019

See spreadsheet for full details

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Notes (continued):

Current UK annual inflation figure; CPI 1.5% (November 2019 – latest figure published)

The projections have been made with guidance from “Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England 2018”.

Previous Precept Figures		Change
2019-20	£12,800	£+575
2018-19	£12,225	£+737
2017-18	£11,448	£+1166
2016-17	£10,282	£+482
2015-16	£9,800	£+286

Tax Base and Parish Council element of Council Tax

DDDC, Middleton Parish Council’s precepting authority, advises the “Actual Tax Base”, the number of properties in Band D equivalents, to be 310.23 for FY 2020-21 (up from 304.89 in FY 2019-20). The Parish Council element of the Council Tax is calculated by dividing the precept by the Tax Base.

Year	Precept	Actual Tax Base (No. Properties in Band D Equivalents)	Council Tax
2019-20 (4% increase)	£12800	304.89	£41.98
2020-21 (no increase to precept)	£12800	310.23	£41.26
2020-21 (Council Tax neutral)	£13025	310.23	£41.98
2020-21 (4% increase)	£13400	310.23	£43.19

Officer recommendations

This budget recommends setting the precept at £13400 for 2020-21. This is an increase of £600 or 4.6% over 2019-20.

I have made no provision for the costs associated with the Neighbourhood Plan (deferred from the December 2019 to the January 2020 meeting).

In setting its precept Council may wish to adopt one of the following suggestions:

- To set a neutral precept of £13,025 giving a shortfall of £375 against the proposed budget. This would show as a “Band D” equivalent increase of 0%. Guidance from Council would be required on which budget headings to reduce.
- To set a precept of £13,400, fulfilling the budget, would show as a “Band D” property increase equivalent to +4.6%, or £1.21 per property per year or fractionally over 10p per month.