

## Tanworth in Arden Parish Council Precept 2019/29

Tanworth in Arden Parish Council has always had one of the lowest precepts in the District but has reluctantly decided that additional funds are necessary and has taken the decision, with regret, to raise its precept for 2019/20 by £10,000 to £60,000.

The precept is money that is paid to the Parish Council and is collected along with your Council Tax. The increase will mean that Band D property Council Tax payers will pay £37.20 a year to the Parish Council compared to £30.87 last year. This equates to an annual increase of £6.33 or 12p per week.

Due to budgetary pressures both Warwickshire County Council and Stratford District Council are increasingly expecting Parish Councils to pay for services and projects they say they are unable to provide any longer. County Councillor Horner has advised that over the next 5 years the *Council's discretionary budget is due to increase from £236 to £267 million and the major part of the increase is in children's and adult social care with the consequence of severe pressure on all non-social care budgets.*

The Parish Council has traditionally run its budget to cover just the routine activities, which are mainly street lighting, grass cutting, maintenance of Earlswood Leisure Park, grass cutting around the parish, quarterly grants to St Mary Magdalene Church for footpath maintenance, providing and maintaining defibrillators around the parish, providing grit bins and maintaining Tanworth Village Green.

The Parish Council is proud to continue to provide financial support to both Tanworth and Earlswood Village Halls and also to other local groups throughout the parish in the form of grants when they are requested.

The Parish Council has also recently adopted its draft Neighbourhood Development Plan which will soon be submitted to the local planning authority. Following this a period of publicity will follow, an independent examination will be arranged followed by a public referendum. All of this will require extra expenditure.

Taking this action now will ensure that the Parish Council is in a strong financial position going forward and the Parish Council will be able to operate more effectively on behalf of our community as well as continuing to provide and improve the range of services and facilities that we currently provide.

Julie White  
Parish Clerk

Stratford-on-Avon District Council collects over £96.0m from council tax on behalf of all the authorities shown below. The total amount is then split to provide the services that are part of your everyday life.

