

**1 DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL - PRECEPT BUDGET FOR 2025/2026**  
**(This Budget does not include third party, CIL or Neighbourhood Grant funds.)**  
**Budget agreed at DPC meeting on 22<sup>ND</sup> January 2025**

<u>Items budgeted for</u>	<u>LAST YEAR'S PRECEPT BUDGET</u>	<u>Estimated or actual sum spent as at 31.03.25</u>	<u>Suggested Precept figure for 2025/2026</u>
1. Subscriptions: SALC	£350.00	£346.41	£370.00
2. Insurance	£580.00	£659.40	£660.00
3. Donations	£300.00	£300.00 estimated	£300.00
4. Administrative expenses inc. Broadband/telephone, stationery, postage, ink cartridges, Clerk's travel @ 45p per mile	£600.00	£580.00 estimated	£600.00
5. IT support/website hosting fee	£370.00	£731.24 estimated, included a replacement computer.	£600.00
6. Hall hire for meetings	£200.00	£240.00 estimated	£350.00
7. Contingencies/misc. items. inc. Councillor's expenses	£200.00	£190.99	£200.00
8. Asset maintenance & environmental maintenance	£500.00	£480 to date (22/11)	£nil
9. Training courses	£100.00	Nil	£250
10. Payroll administration	£120.00	£120.00	£120.00

11. Audit fees	£ 125.00	£ 120.00	£ 125.00
12. Clerk's gross salary (inc. PAYE)	£3,510.00	£3,510.00	£3,733.60 - see Note 1
13. Data Protection fee	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00
14. HSBC Bank charges	£ 90.00	£85.60 estimated	£ 90.00
15. Fund towards WWI Memorial Board	£ 300.00	£ 300.00 – see Note 2	Nil
	<b>£7385.00 but agreed</b>	<b>£7,403.64</b>	<b>£7,438.60 – rounded up to £7500</b>
	<b>£7,500 precept budget</b>		

**Total claim for 2025/2026 Precept Budget £7.500**

**Notes to the Precept Budget**

**Note 1: Clerk's Salary:**

The Clerk is currently paid for five hours per week (260 hours per annum) at point SCP 12 of NALC's pay scale. For the year 2024/2025 she has been paid £13.73 per hour. Retrospectively NALC have issued new pay scales for 2024/2025 increasing the rate to £14.36: the Clerk has therefore been underpaid £163.80 for the 24/25 year, but waives the claim as HMRC grab it all. From 01.04.25 the rate claimed will be £14.36 per hour x 260 hours = £3,733.60. The new NALC rates will be available for inspection at the meeting on 22.01.25.

**Note 2: WWI information board funding**

£300 was claimed in the 2024/25 Precept – Minute Ref. 235/23. The sum has not yet been spent so has been transferred to a ring-fenced fund whilst awaiting Diocesan approval.

**Note 3. 2025 Election costs**

SALC have indicated the cost of the 2025 council elections may be £2.30 per elector. DPC has approx. 512 electors = £1178. DPC already has a reserve of £457.73, so will probably need to fund another £720. It was agreed that DPC wait until the 2026/2027 Precept Budget to claim any sums due.

**FINANCIAL EFFECT OF THE 2024/2025 PRECEPT BUDGET OF £7,500.00 ON LOCAL COUNCIL TAX PAYERS, BASED ON BAND D**

For the Precept Budget of 2024 – 2025 of **£7500**, based on Band D, ratepayers were charged **£25.32**

For a Precept of **£ 7500** in 2025/2026, Band D taxpayers will be charged **£25.01**

Additional £100 = £0.33, additional £1,000 = £3.33

**Recent Precept history**

2024 – 2025 -	£7,500
2023 – 2024	£6,660
2022 - 2023	£8,655
2021 – 2022	£8,666
2020 – 2021	£6,952
2019 - 2020 -	£5,552

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22.01.25 - J de Rusett Clerk/RFO to Diddlebury Parish Council