

## HPC budget and precept notes January 2026

Estimated bank balance Apr 2026	<sup>a</sup> 62565
Projected income (excluding precept)	5150
Projected expenditure	18348
<b>Projected balance</b>	<b>49367</b>
General reserve	<sup>b</sup> 18348
Earmarked reserve	<sup>c</sup> 50000
<b>Projected shortfall</b>	<b>18981</b>

- a Bank balance includes £8206 Neighbourhood Fund.
- b The recommended general reserve for a parish council this size is 50-100% of annual revenue expenditure.
- c The earmarked reserve has been shown increased to £50K.

Some example precept requests considered by the council:

Precept £15273, 0% increase on average Band D Council Tax. This would mean a smaller increase in the earmarked reserve or significantly decreasing your general reserve.

Precept £16271, +5%. Band D increase to £42.90 (from £40.86) for the year.

Precept £18981, +18.3%. Band D increase to £50.04. This would cover the shortfall without affecting the reserves.

After discussion, the parish council agreed to a precept of £16648, +9% rise. Band D increase to £43.89 (+£3.03). This was achieved by agreeing to accept a reduction in the general reserve and by adding the gained interest to the £40K earmarked fund but not taking it right up to £50K.

**Please note** that calculations are based on information provided by Shropshire Council which is based on averages. The actual parish council precept shown on your Council Tax bill may vary slightly from the figures shown above.