



Precept Position for 2026/27

As we approach the new financial year, Councillors met in at our monthly open meeting in January to discuss how much precept the Parish Council requires to operate during 2026/7. After much consideration, I'm delighted that it was decided that no increase would be incurred. Approximately 17% of what the Parish Council has budgeted for the year comes from other income sources, namely allotment and garage rents, planter sponsorship and income from the wonderful Lakeside café.

Excitingly, plans for the empty building at Ball Grove are expected start coming to fruition in the coming months, paving the way for its transformation into a valuable community space. Ensuring the building meets high standards will help attract a diverse range of users. Once completed, the building will then start generating income and the capital expenditure will be vastly reduced. The consultation held at the end of 2025 was very positive; thank you to all who participated.

The Recreation Ground acquisition nears the end! We remain optimistic about advancing this project this year, bolstered by a passionate group of residents eager to form a Management Committee to maximize the ground's potential. Having been successful in being allocated Pride in Place funding, works can be carried out on the Pavilion to improve it, somewhat.

We have an army of volunteers who do incredible work throughout the Parish. We cannot thank them enough, whether it be your elected and co-opted Councillors, Trawden in Bloom, Trawden Forest Allotment Association or Friends of Ball Grove. Without these people, we just wouldn't be able to do all these things. We need to make sure that we look after our village and the wonderful people who make it such a fabulous community.

Our Lengthsman works in all weathers to keep the grass cut, paths clear, benches accessible, and the Parish looking its best. His dedication consistently goes above and beyond.

We also continue to support swimming sessions for Trawden Primary School children during school holidays.

We again, thank every single resident of the Parish for doing their bit to keep our streets clean by picking up litter and keeping our community the wonderful place we are proud to call home.

