

NOTICE

Increase in the Parish Precept

What is a precept? The precept is the parish council's share of the council tax. The precept demand goes to the billing authority (for Higham this is Gravesham Borough Council), which collects the tax for the Parish Council.

The 'Precept' is converted into an amount per Council Tax Band that is added onto the Council Tax bill.

If you are banded D then your **total** payment for Council Tax will be £1,583 next year. Of this total payment only £78 goes towards the Precept requested by Higham Parish Council. There is an increase from last year. The extra equates to **£18.86** for the year (2022-23).

The reason for the increase is that Gravesham Council are relinquishing responsibility of the street lights and the lights will become the responsibility of Higham Parish Council. We are still in discussions with Gravesham Borough Council and KCC about this problem.

We are not the only Parish to have this issue.

Unfortunately, we have no alternative but to increase the Precept to accommodate this issue of the street lights.

Higham Parish Council