

Blankney Parish Council Draft Precept for the year 2021-2022

Parish Clerks Salary (3hrs p/w @ £11.25 p/h x 52)	£1,755.00
NI - Employers contributions	200.00
Clerk's expenses (travel to meetings training, or NKDC)	50.00
Employers & Public Liability Insurances	350.00
Stationary, postage and printer costs	50.00
Cemetery (provisional sum)	1,000.00
Village grass cutting.	300.00
Website	250.00
LALC Membership	200.00
Election sinking fund.	350.00
Training.	100.00
Planning application costs (£464.00 x 50%).	232.00
Audit fee.	200.00
NKDC first year administration costs.	200.00
Dog bins.	100.00
Previous years overspend.	<u>500.00</u>
	<u>£5,837.00</u>

Note's:

The Clerks salary has been calculated in several ways, Jason says any less hours would (in his opinion) be insufficient, there are too many intangibles to make it any less at the initial stage.

Taking Scopwick PC Clerk at 8hrs a week x 280 houses x Blankney at 120 = 3.5hrs

In 1895 the Blankney Parish Clerk's salary was £15/0/0, in today's money that is just over £1,900.00, and they only had two meetings a year!

I think it will take that amount of time; the Clerk should keep timesheets, with the permission of the council I think it prudent for me to carry on for a while before we get into a detailed procurement process (as Scopwick PC are discovering), we need the right person, we have to make sure the person we want is best qualified for the position, in other words more qualified than the other applicants. In Employment Law and Local Government you can't cherry pick who you like.

I also believe we will need legal cost indemnity insurance as well as EL & PL, I know a little more since Scopwick's PC's Extraordinary Meeting regarding the new Clerk's appointment, but unlike Scopwick I will make sure we have a recruitment policy to approve at the next Annual Meeting - as other PC's have.

If we have over estimated we can reduce it for the year 2021-2022, Jason said it's better to do that rather than having to increase it. The £200.00 NK admin cost are their incidental costs.

Communicating the changes to the parishioners is our responsibility, hopefully just one per council tax payer, providing we can letter drop it this will keep our costs down. The grass cutting item is a contingency sum, but it could be argued the parish should pay for this service the estate currently provide. If we decide I should be paid a nominal sum for the time involved in setting all this up, we can pay that next March from the previous years overspend, Jason advises.

If you divide the draft precept equally between the number of houses it comes to £48.30, the same as Scopwick, I know it will differ in bands, from memory Blankney cottages are mostly Band B, say £30.00? The larger houses will obviously pay more. Ashby de la Launde has 66 houses + Temple Bruer and Temple High Grange, I doubt they will make 120 houses, their precept is £9,000.00.

Regarding the website mentioned, we do this as a parish link of the main LCC website, I have had a days on line training (hosted by a lady of Polish extraction I had difficulty in fully understanding), we can start loading parish information from next week, including Members details, PC agendas, minutes etc.

Also see below my draft note prior to the meeting, other potential costs was from Jason and Richard's input.