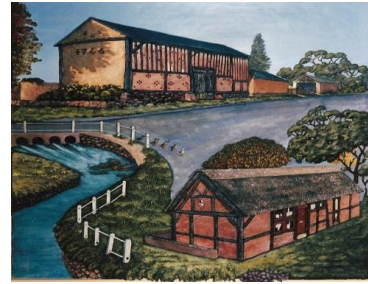


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Cosby Parish Council Precept for the year 2024/25

The 2024/25 Precept sets a stable, responsible and balanced budget and Precept necessary for the Parish of Cosby and which continues to put the Parish Council on a firm footing for both the current and future years, recognise and address risks but also is sensitive to the current cost-of-living challenges.

The Parish Council recognises the future risks to funding, increasing liabilities and progressive ambitions for the village of Cosby and will continue to invest in the provision of valuable services in support of the parishioners of Cosby including Cemetery Maintenance, Children's Playground, Victory Park, Christmas lights, Cosby Brook, community events, recreation facilities and the wider maintenance and development of our Public Open Spaces including c:200 trees.

The Parish Council recognises the inefficiencies and burdens placed on the administration staff in the absence of a parish office and will continue to explore options for the future.

The Parish Council strives to minimise the cost to local tax-payers but recognises its overall responsibility to the village of Cosby but principally has only two income streams, the Council Tax Precept and Cosby Cemetery. The Parish Council therefore plans its budget accordingly and builds up reserves to fund new projects, equipment replacement and village maintenance.

	Budget headlines	2023/24	2024/25
Income	Precept, Bank interest & Cemetery	£154,769	£169,993
Costs:	Administration, Legal and IT	£5,017	£5,042
	Employment Costs	£81,202	£77,607
	Council office and property	£3,950	£6,330
	Cemetery	£2,150	£2,140
	Victory Park and Public Open Spaces	£27,520	£24,000
	Community and environmental	£15,830	£16,724
	Accruals against planned future expenditure	£12,900	£31,900
	Other and incidental costs	£6,200	£6,250

The Precept Demand of £155,093 equates to an increase of £7,334 (4.96%) an average of **(£0.116p)** per Band D property (+4.84%) for the residents of Cosby for the year 2024/25. This increase is necessary to enable the Parish Council to fund the 2023/24 Local Government pay awards with provision for a 3% pay increase in the 2024/25 financial year and to continue to invest in staff; training, property, recreation, sports, leisure and equipment for the future and to provide Cosby-wide improvements for our parishioners.

Les Phillimore
Parish Manager, Clerk and RFO to Cosby Parish Council

Council Office

Cosby Parish Council remains in need of an office to operate efficiently, provide our staff with practical accommodation, manage the village services and ensure that the parish council is visible and accessible for the residents of Cosby.

A number of options continue to be considered.

Recreation and Leisure

Cosby Parish Council will continue to take a progressive approach to investment in community recreation facilities including open spaces, playground equipment, village projects and community events whilst also supporting community groups with village activities and small grants.

The Parish Council is in discussions with the sports teams, agencies and consultants with the ambition of improving the quality of the Victory Park sports fields and providing improved facilities.

The Parish Council is working on a major business case for the improvement of and expansion of facilities on Cosby Victory Park. Substantial grant funding will be required to deliver the Parish Councils ambitions and the Parish Council also faces the substantial future costs approaching £1,000,000 if, as and when ownership of Cosby Village Hall transfers to Cosby Parish Council.

Cemetery

Cosby Parish Council is looking to bring the Cemetery Chapel back into use for the benefit of the entire community and will be seeking to secure a Heritage Lottery Grant to achieve this.

Planning permission has been secured to re-purpose the Cemetery Chapel as a low value Parish Council office but this is a significant project to deliver which requires a business case to be developed for grant funding.

Traffic and Road Safety

The Parish Council continue to focus on traffic and road safety seeking to improve traffic flow and reduce speeding and congestion within the village.

Cosby Parish Council newsletter

The Parish Council continues to invest in this service to ensure that all parishioners are kept informed of developments, events and opportunities within the village.