

West Dean Parish Council

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In order to be able to continue to preserve and maintain our local services the precept requirement for West Dean Parish Council for the year 2026/27 is £240,825.00 which is based upon the estimate of expenditure as set out below.

Summary of Estimated Expenditure 2026/27	Allocated £'s
Administration, Legal & Professional Fees <i>Including employment costs, election expenses, insurance, website, auditors, equipment, training, accountancy, and advisory services.</i>	163,905.00
Parish Maintenance <i>Including grass cutting and maintenance of bus shelters and old BT kiosks, playground inspections & maintenance at Crow Ash, Kells Meend, Sling, Bream, Whitecroft and the provision of grit in parish council grit bins & contingency.</i>	41,570.00
Community Grants <i>Twice annual award of Community Grants, support for Citizens Advice Bureau, The West Dean Centre, Remembrance Wreaths, School Prizes and Local Village Plans & NDP support.</i>	47,050.00
West Dean Projects & Other Financial Commitments <i>Including support for the Five Acres Project, Dean Forest Greenway, Climate & Biodiversity Emergency, & Youth Provision.</i>	15,000
TOTAL	£267,525.00

Unlike the larger District and County Councils the Parish Council receives no funding from Central Government or Business Rates, so the net costs of our services are funded entirely from the council taxpayers of West Dean.

The small element of your overall council tax bill which comes our way is based on a Band D property and equates to £66.60 per annum which is an increase of 5 pence per week for 2026/27 on the previous year.

The parish council promotes the interests of West Dean in its representations to other bodies and works in partnership with the District Council, and other agencies to provide and supplement local government services within West Dean. The Parish Council is consulted on all planning applications made in respect of properties in West Dean and written representations are submitted to the FODDC planning department.

Meetings of the Parish Council are open to the press and public and all meetings are publicised on the Parish Council's website – www.westdeanpc.org.uk. There is an opportunity for members of the public to raise any concerns or queries that they have with the Parish Council. It is helpful if you contact us prior to attending the meeting so that Council is better informed and able to help you.