

Barton Seagrave Parish Council

Precept Increase 2025/2026



As we approach the new financial year, we want to inform you about a necessary update regarding the Barton Seagrave Parish Council precept.

What is the Precept?

The precept is the amount of money the Parish Council requests from North Northamptonshire Council to fund essential services and fulfil the Council's statutory obligations.

Historical Context

Barton Seagrave Parish Council always makes every effort to manage its budget effectively. Over recent years, we have decreased the precept from £70,000 to £50,000 and then to £45,000.

Understanding the Increase

Increased administration costs, rising utilities and costs associated with the village hall have necessitated an increase in this year's precept. It has been agreed to use reserves of £86725 to balance this year's budget whilst still maintaining an adequate level of reserves for unexpected costs relating to the Village Hall. In setting our budget, we have considered our responsibilities and liabilities and made amendments to ensure the Parish Council can continue to meet its commitments.

The precept will rise from £45,000 to £60,000. The following table shows how the precept has changed and the impact that this will have on each council tax band:

25/26 precept request	£60,000	Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
25/26 tax base	2650	Ratio	6/9ths	7/9ths	8/9ths	9/9ths	10/9ths	11/9ths	12/9ths	13/9ths
25/26 band D charge	£22.64	Charge £	15.09	17.61	20.12	22.64	27.67	32.70	37.73	45.28
24/25 band D charge	£17.14	Change from 24/25 £	3.66	4.28	4.88	5.50	6.72	7.94	9.16	11.00

% change in charge	32.1									
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For a Council Tax Band D household, the increase equates to £5.50 per year, or just 10p per week. Not everyone lives in a Band D household, so your increase may vary depending on your home’s banding. The above table helps to understand what this will be. We understand the challenges households face with rising costs, and we have worked hard to keep the impact as minimal as possible.

Where Your Money Goes: Achievements and Plans for Barton Seagrave Parish Council

Barton Seagrave Parish Council strives to support our community. Some of these accomplishments are listed below along with our plans for 25/26:

- Purchase of VAS
- Erection of Christmas Tree and Lights on Village Green
- Completion of survey and schedule of work completed on Wallis Spinney Pocket Park which includes a new forest school/ seating area
- Support to overheads/running costs of Village Hall
- Specialist legal support on planning application
- Specialist restoration work to the War Memorial
- To continue work on the Neighbourhood Plan
- Support Streetwatch in partnership with the Police
- Increased Administration Hours
- Maintenance of areas as identified in the Planting and Maintenance report October 2024
- Repairs/upgrades to bus shelter, notice boards, village sign
- Responsibility for maintenance of grit bins
- Introduction of a Community Grants Scheme

Conclusion

We appreciate your understanding in these challenging times. As your Parish Council, we are committed to transparent communication and responsible financial management.

Thank you for your continued support.