

## Precept – Groton Parish Council 2021/22

BDC sets the tax base and the PC sets the precept. This has to be done by 31 January 2021. The tax base is the number of properties BDC can levy a Council Tax charge from. The tax base is expressed in terms of “Band D equivalent properties” and calculated taking into account all chargeable properties.

Divide the precept by the tax base to establish the charge for an average Band D property.

If larger authorities increase their precept by 2% or above they risk a referendum, which would incur considerable costs. At the moment this does not apply to PCs but the threat from Central Government to impose this on PCs has been there for several years. It has just been confirmed that it will not apply to PCs for the next 3 years but the advice makes it clear that it would be wise to keep any increase to no more than 1.99% if possible.

2020/21 tax base was £132.35

2021/22 tax base is £130.57

### **2020/21**

$4375 / 132.35 = \mathbf{£33.06}$  for a Band D property

The following options are proposed for discussion:

### **2021/22**

$4375 / 130.57 = \mathbf{£33.51}$ , leaving the precept as it is and increasing the band D figure by £0.45 (1.29%)

or

$4319 / 130.57 = \mathbf{£33.06}$ , reducing the precept by £56.00 and keeping the cost per property the same

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