

Within every household council tax you will see there is an element for the local East Woodhay Parish Council, which is called precept.

This money pays for our Litter Warden, our Clerk and local facilities including:

- Heath End recreation ground
- Woolton Hill recreation ground (including CCTV)
- Woolton Hill playground
- Woolton Hill parish field path
- Speed indicator
- War memorials at East End and Woolton Hill



At this time of the year the Parish Council determines the precept required for the following financial year (April to March).

As assets become older, costs to maintain naturally rise but it is important to ensure these facilities continue to be available for the community to use. Most of the council costs are people based (playground / recreation ground maintenance etc.) and this year both the living wage and employer national insurance costs are increasing. These factors have put pressure on our budget.

The parish councillors are all volunteers. This means there is no cost to the community for time spent managing these services as well as other activities such as: reviewing all planning applications against our Neighbourhood Plan, escalating highway/road issues, liaising with councils regarding footpaths etc.

As well as receiving money from the Community Infrastructure Fund, which is a contribution following building work, the parish council also seeks grants to help pay for projects within the area. An example of this is that by contributing £10K, the remaining £60K has been secured via grants to replace the Woolton Hill boardwalk.

This financial diligence helps ensure the East Woodhay parish council precept, rising by £2.52 to an annual amount of £32.11 for a Band D household, will continue to be lower, per household, than neighbouring councils in Hampshire (e.g. Highclere, Burghclere, Ashmansworth, Ecchinswell, St Mary Bourne, Kingsclere).

Would you like to come and join us on the Parish Council? There are 2 vacancies for councillors and it's a great opportunity to work on projects for the local community.

If you have enthusiasm, are interested to learn more of what is involved, simply send our clerk, Amy, an email clerk@eastwoodhay-pc.gov.uk