

# Luttons Parish Council

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With the new Council Tax bills now being received, we wanted to provide some insight into how the Parish Council is funded.

Luttons Parish Council is primarily funded through a Precept which is received from North Yorkshire Council and is collected as part of Council Tax. In November and December of each year, the Parish Council attempts to forecast the likely expenditure for the next Council year (in November and December 2025, the forecast was for April 2026 through to March 2027). We also take into account the reserves that are projected to be held at the beginning and end of the next Council year, and from all of that we set a Precept for the next Council year which must be submitted to North Yorkshire Council before the end of December. The Precept should enable the Parish Council to carry out all of its functions without significantly depleting or boosting its reserves.

For April 2025 to March 2026, a Precept of £7523.92 was set, and for April 2026 to March 2027, a Precept of £8,250 has been set, an increase of 9.65%.

Council Tax bills will also vary according to what is known as the Band D Equivalent. This is an aggregated figure derived from weightings applied to each Council Tax Band. It stood at 179.02 for 2025-26 but has fallen to 167.01 for 2026-27, a decrease of 6.71%.

We asked North Yorkshire Council about this significant decrease in the Band D Equivalent, and received the below response from their Strategic Finance Team;

*"The calculation of the Council Tax base takes into a number of factors to result in the annual Band D Equivalent Charge at a point in time, some of these are estimates and can change from year to year.*

*I have compared the calculation for 2025-26 and 2026-27 and can see that there has been a decrease in the Second Homes Premium, meaning that the number of second homes recorded in 2025-26 has reduced in 2026-27. Also, the number of new properties estimated to be built, sold and lived in does not seem to have materialised from the 2025-26 estimate to the 2026-27 estimate."*

If you happen to live in a Band D property, to calculate the Parish Council element of your Council Tax bill it is just a case of taking the Precept amount and dividing it by the Band D Equivalent;

2025-26 £7,523.92 divided by 179.02 is £42.03

2026-27 £8,250.00 divided by 167.01 is £49.40, an increase of 17.5% despite the Precept only increasing by 9.65%

If you live in a property that falls into one of the other Council Tax Bands, the calculation is similar but a weighting is applied to each Band – the weightings are shown below;

Band A  $6/9 = 2/3$  so a Band A property will pay  $2/3$  of a Band D property

Band B  $7/9$

Band C  $8/9$

Band D  $9/9 = 1$

Band E  $11/9$

Band F  $13/9$

Band G  $15/9$

Band H  $18/9 = 2$  so a Band H property will pay double a Band D property

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Here are the figures for the Parish Council element of your Council Tax bill for each of the Bands in each of the two years;

<b>Band</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>Change</b>
Band A	£28.02	£32.93	17.5%
Band B	£32.69	£38.42	17.5%
Band C	£37.36	£43.91	17.5%
Band D	£42.03	£49.40	17.5%
Band E	£51.37	£60.38	17.5%
Band F	£60.71	£71.36	17.5%
Band G	£70.05	£82.33	17.5%
Band H	£84.06	£98.80	17.5%

We appreciate that the above may seem quite complicated at first glance, but we're more than happy to answer any questions you may have – please e-mail [Clerk@LuttonsParishCouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@LuttonsParishCouncil.gov.uk)

We are also intending to bring you more of these insights over the coming months, with the next one being an overview of what the Parish Council spent during the last Council year.