

## **Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council**

### **The Budget and Precept request for 2021/22**

This time last year, the Parish Councillors were working towards the Parish Strategy and keeping in mind the numerous projects and events that we had planned.

Unfortunately, it soon became clear that the pandemic was to have a significant effect on our ability to continue with some of the projects and the likelihood of being able to arrange the calendar of events was slim.

It was also necessary to admit that the reduction in income from the hire of our buildings would seriously affect our budget.

As it happens, the regulations enabled us to continue to provide for Special Needs and under the umbrella of our Special Needs Activity Centre and through the Youth Provision Partnership, we were able to offer the Pavilion as a venue throughout the pandemic.

We were also in a position, throughout the year, to welcome back the pre-school and after-school provisions.

In the Autumn, when Members started to consider the budget for 2021/22, Members were very aware of the hardship that many local families had faced and the difficulties experienced whilst the effects of Covid 19 had affected work availability. Members unanimously agreed to keep any increase to a minimum in an attempt to support local residents as much as possible.

Keeping this in mind, Members resolved to set the precept at £235,273, resulting in a reduction of 0.8%.

This would enable a budget of £400,330.00.

Katrina

Responsible Financial Officer

19<sup>th</sup> April 2021