Woodbury Parish Council

(serving Exton, Woodbury, and Woodbury Salterton)

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Dear Resident, 17th February 2026

Woodbury Parish Council – Precept 2026-2027

As we plan for the financial year ahead (2026/27), Woodbury Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to explain the forthcoming adjustment to the Parish Precept – the element of your Council Tax that is collected by East Devon District Council and retained by us to fund local services.

Each year, the Parish Council carefully determines the budget required to maintain, protect, and enhance the facilities and open spaces that make our villages such special places to live.

Our Responsibilities
The Council manages a broad range of assets and services on behalf of the community. These include:

- **Three equipped play areas**, plus financial support for a fourth;
- **Free car parks** serving our residents and visitors;
- **Open spaces** including The Green, the Cricket Field / Dog Walking area, and the Old and New Plantations in Woodbury Salterton;
- **Two allotment sites**;
- **Public toilets**;
- **Bus shelters** and associated street furniture;
- **Other open spaces and green infrastructure** that contribute to the character of our parish which is the largest in East Devon.

Why is the Precept Increasing?
Like all organisations, the Parish Council is facing rising costs. Insurance, utilities, grounds maintenance, and contractor fees have all increased significantly. To simply stand still – to continue providing the same level of service and maintain our assets in a safe and attractive condition – requires additional resource.

However, we are not just seeking to maintain. We also wish to improve**.** This budget includes provision for enhancements to our local amenities, ensuring that our facilities remain fit for purpose and meet the evolving needs of all age groups across the parish.

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Vice Chairman:	Cllr. Mrs. S. Knighton (Woodbury)
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Best Value for Taxpayers
Woodbury Parish Council takes its responsibility as a custodian of public money extremely seriously. We are committed to achieving Best Value in everything we do. Your contribution will be used wisely, transparently, and in direct support of the services you have told us you value.

We wish to thank you for your continued support. It is thanks to our residents that we are able to work toward a greener, brighter, and better future for Woodbury Parish.

If you have any questions regarding the budget or the work of the Council, please do not hesitate to attend one of our monthly meetings, or contact the Parish Clerk. Clerk@woodburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

East Devon District Council will be forwarding to each household the Council Tax 2026-2027 payment breakdown. Unfortunately, this is shown by percentages which can also be misleading.

Woodbury Parish Council is raising its precept by 19.60% **but** this only equates to 35 pence per week for a Band D property. (Other Bands will be proportionate).

Parish Precept	**Total**	**Band D Charge (per property for year)**
2026 – 2027	£174,715	£118.02
2025 - 2026	£146,080	£ 99.87
Increase	**£ 28,635**	**£ 18.15**
		Equates to 35 pence per week (19.60%)

A breakdown of our Parish Precept can be found on our website (below link) or a copy is available from the Parish Office.

https://woodburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Budget-2026-2027-RESIDENTS.pdf

If you should have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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