

## LIMPSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT OUTLINE FOR 2021

The Council Tax amounts for 2020/2021 have now been published on the Tandridge District Council website with an increase of around £74 for Band D properties for the coming year (see post here). The Limpsfield Parish Council has agreed to increase its annual precept for 2020-2021, by 2.6%, from £32,470 to £33,315.

This small increase is needed to keep in line with higher running costs and to begin funding of projects that will help fulfil the ambitions of the Limpsfield Neighbourhood Plan. The increase, which as a Band D average amounts to an additional 41p per year for a Band D household.

The last increase was in 2016 in order to develop the Neighbourhood Plan which has now been successfully adopted.

### **What is the precept used for?**

Parish Councils need funds to support their activities and these are raised through the “precept”, which is included in each householder’s annual Council Tax bill and is designed to cover Parish administrative costs and to benefit the needs of the community.

The precept is paid to Limpsfield Parish Council by Tandridge District Council in two instalments over the fiscal year, which starts on 1 April.

The precept will be used to fund some local charitable causes, transports and other volunteer groups, including Limpsfield in Bloom and community events such as the Chart Fair.

More ambitious projects will require additional funding, which can be sourced through Precept increases, grants, donations, community fundraising, Lottery Funds and applications for CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) money from Tandridge District Council. Limpsfield Parish Council receives a proportion (25%) of CIL paid to Tandridge District Council from CIL-eligible building projects in the Limpsfield parish.

The increase in the Limpsfield precept is designed to help us begin to implement some of the projects, plans and improvements identified in the Limpsfield Neighbourhood Plan.

Projects currently being developed and considered include the ongoing footpath improvement scheme; the creation of The Limpsfield Way - a multi-purpose walking and cycling route; a new playground for the area north of the A25; additional parking monitoring through Limpsfield Village; further road safety measures (if approved by Surrey Highways), applications for Assets of Community Value and a Conservation Area Assessment And Management Plan for Limpsfield Village.

We are extremely excited about the future of Limpsfield and all the opportunities we have to implement some great projects and plans over the next few years.