



## SHENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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### Council Tax Precept 2017/18

At the Parish Council meeting in November 2017, it was unanimously agreed to raise the Precept for the forthcoming year by 6.5%. The main reasons for this are:

- We will no longer benefit from Local Council Tax Support from Lichfield District Council which is approximately £8,000 per year
- The Parish Council must cover a number of additional services previously covered by Staffordshire County Council.
- A new cemetery to replace the Lower Lawn Cemetery at St Johns, which is nearing capacity, is planned with funds already ring fenced to support this. However, more funds must be raised to meet the demands of such an extensive project.

Any rise in tax is regrettable, and whilst the Parish Council strives to work as effectively and efficiently as possible, it is felt that this increase is both justified and necessary.