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FOULDEN
PARISH COUNCIL

11th November 2026

Foulden Parish Council – Financial Budget Explanation 2027-2028 NO INCREASE

Foulden Parish Council receives its annual funding, known as the *precept*, through Breckland District Council. Each year, Councillors review the Parish's expected costs for the upcoming financial year (1 April – 31 March) and set a budget. The agreed precept amount is then collected by Breckland District Council as part of residents' council tax bills and passed directly to the Parish Council.

Council tax contributions are calculated using a Band D property as the standard measure. Residents will pay slightly more or less depending on their individual property band.

The Council has discussed and set their budget for 2027-2028 and there will be a zero increase for residents.

The Council has published the full budget on the website for residents to view – additional factors not immediately apparent from the budget published but taken into account by Councillors are:

- **Reserves:**
  The Council had not earmarked money and built reserve funds to meet future costs for many years – they are now building funds for anticipated future expenditure, see the November Parish Council minutes for a full list of reserves to be put aside.
- **Maintenance of outdoor spaces:**
  The Council is responsible for maintaining village green areas, including those managed by local charities. This includes regular grass-cutting, general upkeep, and, during 2026-2027, tree surveys and essential works, which have carried significant costs.
- **Streetlighting:**
  A full survey of Parish Council–owned streetlights has identified the need for upgrades and replacements. Some of the work has taken place, some is scheduled for future years.
- **Election costs:**
  The four yearly election is to take place in May 2027. This will be a minimal cost if less than 7 persons stand, however if more than 7 residents stand there will be a poll (election) and the anticipated cost for this is £1543.67. Council has had to allow for this eventuality.

For the 2027–28 financial year, the Parish Council has set:

- **Total budget:** £21,826.00
- **Precept amount:** £27595.09
- **Tax base (Band D equivalent properties):** 162.2
  This results in a **Band D charge of £170.13**, there is an increase in the band d figure (more band d properties) allowing the precepted amount to increase slightly without any increase being passed to residents.

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