

Council Tax 2021/22

The precept for Painswick is £109,700 (last year £107,279) , the tax base * is 1800.73 up from 1796.06

For a Band D property the charge comprises :-

Gloucestershire County Council (Council tax 1.99% Adult Social Care levy 2.76%)	1409.22	(+4.75%)
Gloucestershire Police	270.08	(+4.99%)
Stroud District Council (maximum permitted)	217.52	(+2.35%)
Painswick Parish Council £59.73) (+ 2%)	60.92	(last year
Total	1957.74	

Just for your interest your Parish precept compares quite favourably with other large parishes , for example Bisley 63.33 , Chalford 69.83 , Standish 66.59 .

The average increase across all the towns and parishes was 1.91%

*Tax base number represents the number of properties in the Parish but expressed as Band D equivalent, (there are 9 Council tax bands) so a band D house is 1 , a band H property is 2.

Local Plan – next stage

The timetable for the new Local Plan has slipped slightly, but is progressing in spite of lockdown which has strained resources at the District Council as several members of the Planning Strategy team were having to deal with home schooling as well as self isolation and other responsibilities. A small group of Councillors has been meeting very regularly to give member input, I am a member of that group and it is pleasing to note that there is a great deal of

cross party agreement on the plan content. Certainly everyone agrees that it is vital that a new plan must be agreed and in place to give clarity for future development across the whole District , and also to deter predatory developers. It is hoped that a final draft will be presented to Environment Committee on April 20th, and be presented to full Council on April 29th. If it is approved it will then go to Government Planning Inspectorate for consideration , followed by a Public Inquiry.

Council Meeting 18/3/21

We meet tomorrow to consider the following important matters :-

Equality , Diversity , and Inclusion Policy (draft for public consultation), Stroud District 2030 Strategy - Climate Change response, and the exciting proposal regarding the developments around a prototype nuclear fusion plant at Berkeley.

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