



## *Reed Parish Council*

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### **Explanation for increase in the Parish Council element of Council Tax bills 2019-20**

In January the Parish Council, having carefully considered budgets agreed to apply for a 19.6% increase in the Precept from NHDC. (The Precept is money requested by the Parish Council to cover costs that the Parish Council is responsible for in order to maintain the village and is collected by NHDC through the Council Tax). This was the first increase that had been requested in 8 years. The Parish Council was then dismayed to discover that the Council Tax bills issued by NHDC for 2019-20 indicated that the Parish Council element had risen by 28.6%.

This matter was queried with NHDC. The reason for the discrepancy was that an error had been made by NHDC the previous year in recording the number of properties in Reed and it had decided to make an adjustment this year to correct matters. The result was a much higher than anticipated rise in the Parish Council share of the Council Tax bill. For a Band D Property the effect of correcting the error from last year amounts to an additional charge of £2.24 per annum or 4.3p per week.