

# Hovingham with Scackleton Parish Council

## Precept Review for 2026-27

Each year, from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March, the Council charge a precept which is collected by North Yorkshire Council (NYC). It is then paid to the Parish Council (PC) in two tranches, one half at the end of April and the other half at the end of September.

### Historical Precepts

|             |        |             |        |             |        |             |        |
|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| <b>2006</b> | £2,630 | <b>2011</b> | £3,179 | <b>2016</b> | £6,017 | <b>2021</b> | £6,600 |
| <b>2007</b> | £2,630 | <b>2012</b> | £3,179 | <b>2017</b> | £6,017 | <b>2022</b> | £6,600 |
| <b>2008</b> | £2,750 | <b>2013</b> | £3,338 | <b>2018</b> | £6,017 | <b>2023</b> | £7,900 |
| <b>2009</b> | £2,750 | <b>2014</b> | £6,017 | <b>2019</b> | £6,017 | <b>2024</b> | £8,400 |
| <b>2010</b> | £3,086 | <b>2015</b> | £6,017 | <b>2020</b> | £6,017 | <b>2025</b> | £8,400 |

The actual amount each household pays is dependent on the rateable band of their property. The precept paid per household varies depending on the amount charged by the PC, number and band of properties, plus how much NYC, Fire and Police charge.

50% of the PC precept goes towards grass cutting and 30% towards the Clerk's allowance. Sue and Ann have both not taken their allowance which is held in reserve for projects that would otherwise not be afforded and take place. In 2014 the precept nearly doubled when grass cutting costs were substantially increased.

We have been advised that the PC will be additionally charged for the costs of elections which are estimated at £800 for each four-year period. The next election is currently scheduled for May 2027. A small increase each year may be preferable to a larger, reactive increase, over a longer period

The PC must decide prior to the end of December 2025 the precept for 2026-27.

### Proposals

- a) No increase
- b) Increase by £200 to £8,600 – cover new election costs, nothing else
- c) Increase by £500 to £8,900 – cover above, plus allowance for other projects, such as turnaround circle

Phil Chapman, November 2025