

Suffolk County Councillor's Report to Lavenham Parish Council meeting on Thursday 4th February 2021

County considering raising precept 4%

The county council is preparing to raise the precept on the council tax for 20/21 for the general budget by 1.99% and by 2% for social care (below the 3% maximum allowed). The council is assuming about £41m extra spending over the previous year and so is taking £16.7m from "risk reserves" to balance the budget. Impact on bands below.

Table 5: Recommended Council Tax 2021-22

Band	General Council Tax	Social Care Precept
	£	£
A	834.25	97.19
B	973.30	113.38
C	1,112.34	129.58
D	1,251.38	145.78
E	1,529.46	178.18
F	1,807.55	210.57
G	2,085.63	242.97
H	2,502.76	291.56

As mentioned at the last meeting, I and my political group are working on various amendments to this budget.

Water Street

SCC Highways hoping to have engineer available to start design mid March

Mud Lane, Market Place

Ownership maps provided. Responsibility for entire Market Place is Highways. Mud Lane, Highways responsible for the path and a bit either side but not the ditch.

Lower Road flooding

I asked for this to be closed off after a number of cars got stuck. Drains there were jetted last year and I gather around November. The flooding was caused by the river flooding its banks. If there is a problem with it draining away I can ask them to jet it again. There are big delays with this as there are many of these floods just in Cosford area.

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