



Nazeing Parish Council – Precept 2024/25

Over the past several years, the Council has kept the Precept at a low figure and the requested precept has not covered the Council's budgetary requirements. It has also deferred any significant necessary capital expenditure, some of which has now become essential for safety reasons. Consequently, this has meant that the Council has used its general reserves to meet its financial obligations over this period.

It was agreed at the Full Council meeting on 25 January 2024 that the Precept for 2024/25 must now increase to the level of a balanced budget and include £25,000 to start to restore the Council's General Reserves. While a significant increase in percentage terms, it is less than a £1 per week increase for the average Band D property.

Plans for the coming year include:

- Removal of the old play equipment at Pound Close, the final phase of the project
- Removal of the old play equipment and fencing at Bumbles Green, as the play area is closed.
- Converting the remaining 41 street lights to LED, which should mean less faulty street lights for Nazeing residents
- Changes at Elizabeth Close play area
- Permanent Christmas tree at Elizabeth Close, with festive lighting
- Continued inspections of the Council's assets; 131 street lights, play areas, tree surveys and defibrillators
- Continued maintenance of the recreational areas within the parish.

Here is a link to the EFDC website "About your Council Tax" for 2024/25:

[About your Council Tax - Epping Forest District Council \(eppingforestdc.gov.uk\)](https://eppingforestdc.gov.uk/about-your-council-tax)

Also a link to Nazeing's budget 2024/25, as required by EFDC:

[Nazeing Parish Council precept analysis 2024 to 2025 \(eppingforestdc.gov.uk\)](https://eppingforestdc.gov.uk/nazeing-parish-council-precept-analysis-2024-to-2025)

The current financial years information will be on the Annual Governance & Accountability Return, details will be on the noticeboard and website in July and September, in line with statutory requirements.

Here is a link to the relevant section on the website:

<https://nazeingparishcouncil.gov.uk/accounts/>