

The principal topics of discussion at the November 2023 meeting were traffic calming at Moorhampton, setting of the precept (parish council portion of the council tax) for 2024/25 and the award of grants.

After further discussion with Balfour Beatty (BB), the Parish Council has now submitted to BB a request for a quotation for potential traffic calming measures at Moorhampton. Any work to be carried out must be with the approval of both BB and Herefordshire Council (HC). Before we can get an idea of cost, it is necessary for BB to carry out an assessment and this is where the initiative currently sits. In parallel the Parish Council will apply for a speed limit to be implemented but this will take a considerable time to be processed.

The Parish Council budget for 2024/25 was set which included a total precept of £3,900. This will be a 4% increase from 2023/24. The average cost per household will be about £25 although there will be some variation depending on which Council Tax band a property sits in. At the moment, the Parish Council has a budget surplus but it is expected that this will allow it to carry out the above work at Moorhampton.

Grants were once again awarded to Foxley News as a means of communication across the community and to Mansel Lacy PCC to help with the upkeep of the churchyard.

Finally, the parish council is still looking for two members of the public to join as councillors. This can be done by co-option rather than election. The vacancies are for the Brinsop & Wormsley parish and are open to anyone from within the parish or within a three mile radius. Anybody interested should contact the clerk (clerk.foxleygrouppc@gmail.com) to find out more about the role.

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