Four Marks Parish Council – Increase in Share of Council Tax 2026/27

What is the Increase and how was it calculated?

For the financial year 2026/27 the total amount of money raised by Four Marks Parish Council from the Council Tax to be paid by residents has risen from £192,200 to £233,450 that's an increase of £41,250.

For a Band D property the increase represents just under 38p a week. No property in the village will pay more than an extra 75p a week (that's the increase to paid by a Band H property).

Why has Four Marks Parish Council increased its charge by so much?

Over the next two years Four Marks Parish Council intends to extend the Benians Pavilion to provide better changing rooms, more community space and a building better suited to the demands of the 21st century and a growing village. The Parish Council has consulted extensively on this project. Most recently, in August 2025, all households in the village received information about the project and the opportunity to respond to a survey and attend public exhibitions. The project will cost in the region of £2.75m of which £1.25m has been promised by East Hampshire District Council; £500k will come from a variety of other sources including the Parish Council's reserves and £1m will be borrowed from an organisation called the Public Works Loans Board. The annual cost of borrowing £1m is in the region of £68,000 a year; the council already has £35,000 annually set aside for meeting these charges but needed to include an additional £33,000 in its budget to ensure that the borrowing charges can be met in full. This increase of £33,000 is most of the £41,250 extra that the Parish Council is charging in 2026/27. The balance of £8,250 is needed to pay for a little more staffing support to supervise the new project and cover other increasing costs such as utilities.