



BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

# THE BRAUNTON EXPRESS

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## Parish Council Budget 2024/2025

After lengthy discussions Braunton Parish Councillors have taken the decision to increase the precept for 2024/25 to £251,690 from its current level of £190,875. A Band D household in Braunton currently pays £2,258.49 in Council tax, of which £61.75 comes to the Parish Council. This increase will mean that the Band D property contribution to the Parish Council will rise to £80.98 per annum. This equates to an increase of £19.23 per annum or 36 pence per week.

The main reason for this increase is because the Parish Council have saved the only public conveniences in Braunton from closure by agreeing to take on the asset and service from North Devon Council.

Public conveniences are an essential service for everyone particularly children, the elderly and people with health issues.

Of course they are also crucial for visitors to our village. Although some of us may never use them in Braunton, we will have all taken advantage of services available free elsewhere.

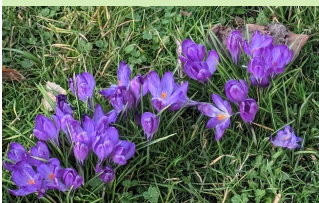
This increase in the precept will also enable us to continue supporting local community groups. Providing £7,500 in grants to these community groups which allows them to carry on their good work. The Council is also continuing to invest in the maintenance and protection of community assets, including providing new play equipment in our parks.



### Braunton Annual Parish Meeting

7pm Wednesday 10 April

**Braunton Parish Hall**



### Mobile Bank Closure

We have recently heard that Lloyds will no longer be offering a Mobile Branch service to its customers following an in-depth review.

The Lloyds vehicle, which visits Braunton's Caen Street car park every fortnight, is making its final stop in Braunton on Friday 24 May 2024. Sadly, after that date the nearest Lloyds branch will be Cross Street in Barnstaple. The Post Office on Chaloners Road will be the nearest location to access a selection of banking services with the nearest cash point at the Co-operative Food store on Exeter Road.

The Post Office offers cash withdrawals, balance checks, bill payments and paying in cash and cheques.

## Annual Car Park Permits

Permits are available to purchase for the Caen Street Overflow car park from the Council office (situated next to the Parish Hall). **The annual cost is £240** and run from 1 April to 31 March but can be bought at anytime throughout the year (at a pro rata rate).

There has been no price increase this year and the cost remains excellent value - equivalent to £20 per month or 66p per day.

Please see our website for details or visit the Parish Council office (details below).



## AFFORDABLE HOUSING

We need affordable homes for rent for Braunton people. Come to Braunton Community Land Trust's meeting in the Parish Hall on **Saturday 6th of April at 11am** and find out more.

## Braunton Parish Council

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*Hours: 09:00 - 12:00 Monday - Friday*

Tracey Lovell, Clerk to the Council  
Angela Corner, Senior Council Officer  
Julie Spain, Admin Assistant

## Braunton Parish Council Drop-in Surgery



## CHAT TO A COUNCILLOR

**Opportunity to discuss any issues  
you may have in the village with  
local councillors**

**Free tea and coffee provided**

**Saturday**

**13<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Braunton Parish Hall**

**10.30pm - 11.30pm**

**Come and say 'hello' and meet the  
people who represent you in Braunton.**



## Meeting Calendar 2024

Full Council meetings are now being held back in the Council Chamber and additional meetings, to primarily consider planning applications, are being held virtually.

### Full Council Meeting

**7pm Tuesday 9 April 2024**

### Annual Parish Meeting

**7pm Wednesday 10 April 2024**

### Additional Council Meeting

**7pm Monday 22 April 2024**

