

ORLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes & Online Announcement

At the Orlestone Parish Council Meeting of 4th December 2023, it was RESOLVED to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to apply for a PWLB loan of £200,000 over the borrowing term of 49 years for the purpose of purchasing land beside Pound Leas Open Space in Hamstreet for the recreation use of those living in the community. The annual loan repayments will come to around £15,340.

It is also intended to increase the Council Tax Precept for the purpose of the loan repayments by 52.72% which is the equivalent of an additional £12,000.

Precept increase consultation to those living in the parish took place during the month of November 2023. Letters were distributed to every household in the parish and were also placed on the noticeboards, shop windows and the Parish Council's website. This letter stated that the Parish Council wished to purchase land that sat beside the existing Pound Leas Recreation Ground for the use of recreational and sporting facilities for the benefit of those who lived in the parish. A public consultation/presentation was held on 5th November 2023 between 11am and 4pm in the Hamstreet Sports Pavilion and members of the public were invited to give their opinion on the proposal of raising the Precept so that a loan could be undertaken to enable the purchase a parcel of land that adjoined the existing Pound Leas Recreation Ground. An online questionnaire was also available for those wishing to make a comment.

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