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For the 2018/2019 Financial Year, the Finance Committee have recommended that, despite the fact that inflation is running at 3%, the Town Council approve an increase of only 1% to the annual Precept which is the amount due to the Kingsteignton Town Council from their section of the Teignbridge Council Tax Bill.

The effect of this will raise the annual amount due per Band D Household from £51.79 to £52.31 which is an increase of £0:52p per year or approximately £0:01p per week.

The Council have managed to keep this rise to a minimum due to the additional income created by the increase in the Tax Base from additional housing stock.

This small increase is to help defray some of the costs created by the Town Council's endeavour to continue to provide first class amenities at the Community Hall.

The current programme includes a much needed replacement of the Hall Floor and refurbishment of the Toilet facilities.

Running alongside this will be the continuous upgrading of areas of the Town.

In response to the many complaints which were received during 2017, the Town Council is currently in negotiation with other Authorities to restore the Higher Leat during the 2018/2019 financial year. This important feature of the Town has suffered from neglect over the years to the point that it is now seriously silted and showing a very low flow rate.

As always, the Town Council will continue to actively looking at ways to improve the facilities in Kingsteignton with projects like Bus Shelters, Dog & Waste Bin sites, Notice Boards and Seating continuing to need attention. The Town Council is also looking at taking on an increase in the amount of Grass Cutting and Verge Maintenance from our County Council, this will incorporate a comprehensive programme of seasonal bulb planting to enhance the green areas.

During the year they managed to purchase an additional 2 Defibrillators which have been positioned at the Community Hall and the Swimming Pool.

They also hope to work more closely with both Teignbridge District and Devon County Councils to try and improve those areas where they have no jurisdiction, i.e. Roads, Waterways, Footpaths etc.