**BUDGET & PRECEPT 2013/14**

Precept 2013-14

The reason why the Precept increased is that there are a smaller number of houses participating due to Government changes connected to the Welfare Reform agenda i.e. less residents participating in the overall amount we need to continue with the services residents do get. However, with the new developments there will be more people participating eventually and therefore residents may see a reduction when these households do participate, or no increase. Each financial year has to be reviewed and cleared by External Auditors. Refer below to see what residents in M.C. currently get. If there are any sensible suggestions on what we can eliminate please let me know.

The difference between a payment last year (£127.33) and this year (£138.60) is an increase of £11.27 for the year which means 94p a month for the services provided by the P.C. We are a large village and therefore our costs are much higher than other Parish Councils - one of the largest in Northamptonshire C.C. so no comparison to say, Farthinghoe or Overthorpe or Cropedy.

Dog owners: We pay out just under £4K p.a. to have bins emptied.

Val Furniss

Chair