

**What is my Band D Precept rate of  
£1.77 spent on each week?**

37p on Staff Salaries

30p on Council Administration, Pensions,  
Rent, IT, Training and Equipment

7p on Capital Projects and Loans

4p on Parks, Play Areas and Memorials

17p on Grounds Services and Horticulture

10p on Street Marshals

10p on Community Grants

24p on a Wide Range of Community Events

4p on Youth Club and Children's Activities

7p on the Neighbourhood Plan and the  
Community Trust

16p on Building the Council's Capital for the  
Future

11p on LIFE Newsletter, Web Site,  
Councillor Training

**Budget 2018/2019**

Expenditure	
Central Services - Council Office, Staff, Equipment, Professional Fees	£114,965
Democratic Process - Newsletter, Website, Training, etc	£17,250
Parks and Play Areas - Equipment Maintenance	£3,300
Allotments - Water and Grounds Maintenance	£725
Ground Services - Maintaining the Town Environment	£61,500
Memorials - Maintenance	£2,000
Street Marshals	£20,000
Community Support - Grants	£23,000
Community Events	£47,350
Youth and Children's Activities	£8,000
Community Trust and Neighbourhood Plan	£16,000
Town Park Development Costs	£2,500
Capital Projects and Loans (less Town Trust loan)	£22,596
To Capital Fund	£21,750
<b>Total Budget Expenditure</b>	<b>£360,936</b>
(Compares with 2016-17 Budget)	(£351,173)
Income	
Precept Received	£352,703
Local Council Tax Support Grant	£6,400
From Reserves and Misc Income	£1,833
<b>Total Budget Income</b>	<b>£360,936</b>



**Midsomer Norton  
Town Council**

**2018/19 Precept Explained**

**How much does your  
household pay, on average,  
each week towards your  
Town Council?**



**That's based on an annual Precept of  
£91.79 for a Band D household**

Further details can be found on the Town Council web site – details are at the foot of the page

## The Council's Strategic Objectives

- To develop a strong sense of community
- To encourage civic pride in our town
- To be a well-run council that delivers results

Since its formation in 2011 **Midsomer Norton Town Council**, its eleven Councillors and its Officers, have worked to deliver an increasing range of projects and services to take the town forward.

### 2018/2019 Income – the Precept

Having set a slightly increased budget for 2018-2019, the Council has to set the level of the Precept to make sure it can secure the funds it needs to meet its commitments. Due to changes imposed by Central Government, B&NES Council has had to remove the Local Council Tax Support it pays to Parish and Town Councils and this year it falls by another £6,410.

Last year the Town Council agreed to raise the Band D base Precept by less than 2% and faced with another large reduction in income from Tax Support it has decided to increase the Precept again by 2.5% - an average increase of £2.24 per annum.

This will help offset the reduction in income and also allow the Town Council to continue its plans for large capital projects such as the Town Park and Community Buildings.

The Council has also reviewed its reserves over the last year and ensured that it has earmarked funds to carry out projects for the future and also ensure that resources are available if some specific risks associated with taking on buildings are to be mitigated.

## Council Projects

We directly run or facilitate, in partnership with the community, a wide range of projects including:

Town Park and Green Spaces – having purchased the land for the Town Park, we are well advanced in our work to design the Park and have also secured initial funding. We have also decided to recruit a Groundsperson in the coming year to help us with managing the Council's land.

Regeneration – a project to improve signage and street furniture is being developed and will be jointly delivered with B&NES Council.

Asset Transfer Programme – after several years of work plans will come to fruition in 2018 to secure the future of three community buildings in the town; The Town Hall, Somer Centre and Orchard Hall.

Community Events – we will continue to support events including the Arts Festival, the Summer Fayre, M-Fest and the Christmas Event.

Community Grants – we will provide £23,000 in 2018-19 to various community groups through our Community Grants.

To find out more please see Midsomer Norton LIFE, the quarterly magazine, sponsored by the Town Council and delivered to each household.

## Important Dates for 2018-19

The **Public Annual Town Meeting** - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018. The **Annual Meeting of the Town Council** (which elects the Mayor) - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

**Midsomer Civic Awards** - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

**Midsomer Fayre** - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

**Midsomer LIFE Magazine** will be delivered to all households in the town in March, June, September and December 2018.

## Your Town Council

Cllr Paul Myers BEM – Town Mayor  
Cllr Steve Plumley – Deputy Mayor  
Cllr Michael Evans – Chair of Planning  
Cllr Brian Lawrence - Chair of Finance Working Party  
Cllrs Glyn Davis, Gordon Mackay, Amy Purchase, Michael Rich, Lynda Robertson, Richard Robertson and Alastair Slade

Your eleven Town Councillors are volunteers and do not receive any payment.

Officers – Clive Stilwell PSLCC and Carole Sims

## Regular Council Meetings

Council Meetings are normally held on the first Monday of the month. These start at 7.00pm in the Town Hall, The Island, Midsomer Norton. There is a public session prior to the meetings when questions can be asked of the Council by members of the public although they may not take part in the meeting itself.

Planning applications are considered by the Planning Committee which normally meets on the second Monday of the month at 7.00pm in the Town Hall.

The Planning Committee continues to contribute to a range of planning consultations and makes a strong case for investments and developments that enhance the character, sustainability and infrastructure of our town.

Work continues on producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan, managed by a Steering Group consisting of Councillors and volunteers.

*If you have any questions on the Precept or Midsomer Norton Town Council, please contact the Town Clerk on 01761 418701, by e-mail to [townclerk@midsomernortontowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:townclerk@midsomernortontowncouncil.co.uk) or by post to The Town Hall, The Island, Midsomer Norton, Radstock BA3 2HQ.*

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