

Birstall Parish Council

Parish Precept – Financial Year 2016/17

The Parish Council met on 14 December 2015 and 11 January 2016 and agreed a budget for the forthcoming financial year which requires a precept of £369,305 which, with the grant element of £10,250 amounts to £379,555.

This table is the information required for the Council Tax leaflet.

	2015/16 Gross	2015/16 Net	2016/17 Gross	2016/17 Net
Admin & wages	350,352	307,422	346,560	304,130
Youth work	14,000	14,000	14,000	
Hallam Fields Recreation area II	7,000	7,000	7,000	
Parks, Cemeteries, Car Parks, Public Toilets & allotments	86,100	67,100	127,665	107,387
Community Events - Gala, Christmas Lights, Civic.	15,700	12,150	13,700	10,150
Sub Totals	473,152	407,672	508,925	442,667
From reserves		31,841		63,112
Total Precept (minus the grant)		375,831		369,305

- Continuing inflationary pressure to deliver services no longer delivered by the larger authorities and are being devolved to Parish Councils.
- Potential wage increases and to include Pension provision as a legal requirement
- Additional costs of youth work assuming grant funding is not possible
- Obligatory provision for upkeep of the play areas at Hallam Fields one of which the Parish Council is wholly responsible for the upkeep and maintenance and the second is imminent.
- The retention of the Stonehill Avenue public toilets, repairs, maintenance, cleaning contract and general upkeep.
- Ongoing costs to maintain:
 - a) four playing fields
 - b) four enclosed toddler play areas,
 - c) outdoor gym equipment on two sites.
 - d) three allotments sites
 - e) a beautifully kept Cemetery
 - f) three 'free Parking' car parks
 - g) maintaining sports facilities in attractive and in good order for use & hire
 - h) well maintained venues available for hire for parties, meetings, etc.
 - i) maintain estates vehicles & machinery for the maintenance of the above areas
 - j) to deliver events with a view to encouraging community cohesion, part of which is self-funded by a small admission fee, which in turn has enabled the budget to be reduced.
 - j) donations to organisations ensuring the wellbeing of elderly and vulnerable residents
 - k) to ensure adequate insurance is in place for all of the above.