

Birstall Parish Council

Parish Precept – Financial Year 2017/2018

The Parish Council met on 12 December 2016 and 9 January 2017 and agreed a budget for the forthcoming financial year which requires a precept of £374,589 which, with the grant element of £4,890 amounts to £379,479.

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

	2016/17 Gross	2016/17 Net	2017/18 Gross	2017/18 Net
Admin & wages	346,560	304,130	352,616	316,324
Youth work	14,000		10,000	10,000
Hallam Fields Recreation area II	7,000		0	0
Parks, Cemeteries, Car Parks, Public Toilets & allotments	127,665	107,387	98,413	74,978
Community Events - Gala, Christmas Lights, Civic.	13,700	10,150	17,700	15,150
Sub Totals	508,925	442,667	478,729	416,452
From reserves		63,112		36,973
Total Precept (minus the grant)		369,305		374,589

- Continuing inflationary pressure to deliver services no longer provided by or delivered by the larger authorities and are being devolved to Parish Councils.
- Potential wage increases and the inclusion of Pension provision from 1 November 2016 as a legal requirement
- Costs of youth work assuming grant funding is not possible for the continuation of Birstall Youth Café.
- Obligatory provision for the upkeep of two play areas at Hallam Fields, both of which have now been transferred to the Parish Council.
- The retention of the Stonehill Avenue public toilets, repairs, maintenance, cleaning contract and general upkeep.
- Ongoing costs to maintain:
 - a) four playing fields.
 - b) five play areas including enclosed toddler play areas.
 - c) outdoor gym equipment on two sites.
 - d) BMX pump & Jump track
 - e) Skate Park area
 - f) newly installed Trim-Trail activity zone
 - g) newly installed Zip Wire activity
 - h) Grit Bins
 - i) three allotments sites
 - j) cemetery upkeep
 - k) three 'free Parking' car parks
 - l) maintaining sports facilities in attractive and in good order for use & hire
 - m) well maintained venues available for hire for parties, meetings, etc.
 - n) maintain estates vehicles & machinery for the maintenance of the above areas
 - o) to deliver events with a view to encouraging community cohesion, part of which is self funded by a small admission fee and stall fees.
 - p) donations to organisations ensuring the wellbeing of elderly and vulnerable residents
 - q) to ensure adequate insurance is in place for all of the above.