

Birstall Parish Council

Parish Precept – Financial Year 2018 / 2019

The Parish Council met on 18 December 2017 and 15 January 2018 and agreed a budget for the forthcoming financial year which requires a precept of £378,414 which, with the grant element of £3,080 amounts to £381,494.

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

	2017/18 Gross	2017/18 Net	2018/19 Gross	2018/19 Net
Admin & wages	352,616	316,324	355,003	317,355
Youth work	10,000	10,000	14,000	14,000
Parks, Cemeteries, Car Parks, Public Toilets & allotments	98,413	74,978	98,413	75,230
Community Events - Gala, Christmas Lights, Civic.	17,700	15,150	19,700	17,000
Sub Totals	478,729	416,452	487,006	423,585
From reserves		36,973		45,171
Total Precept (minus the grant)		374,589		378,414

- 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 donations, 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.