

Birstall Parish Council

Parish Precept – Financial Year 2019 / 2020

The Parish Council met on 10 December 2018 and 14 January 2019 and agreed a budget for the forthcoming financial year which requires a precept of £420,182.

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

	2018/19 Gross	2018/19 Net	2019/20 Gross	2019/20 Net
Admin & wages	355,003	317,355	368,489	323,100
Youth work	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
Parks, Cemeteries, Car Parks, Public Toilets & allotments	98,413	75,230	98,413	75,463
Community Events - Gala, Christmas Lights, Civic.	19,700	17,000	23,250	20,500
Sub Totals	487,116	423,585	504,152	433,063
From reserves		45,171		12,881
Total Precept		378,414		420,182

- 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 and new posts being created to manage the Community Hall at Hallam Fields from October 2019.
- 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:
 - 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) Trim-Trail activity zone
 - g) 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) to ensure well maintained venues available for hire for parties, meetings, etc.
 - n) to 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 maintain and keep records for the Greengate Lane cemetery
 - r) to maintain and service public toilets on School Lane playing fields car park and at the Cemetery
 - s) to ensure adequate insurance is in place for all of the above.