

## **Whetstone Parish Council Precept Information 2018/19**

This leaflet provides you with a summary of the estimated income and expenditure for Whetstone Parish Council in the forthcoming year and compares this with the budget figures for the previous year. The Parish Council provides a range of services for the benefit of the community. We try and maximize the revenue we receive and use this to make the village a better place to live in, as well as maintaining all of the village amenities and assets. Last year we updated you on a number of projects that were either planned or underway and we can update you with these and other developments:

**The Dicken and High Street Car Parks** – On the High Street car park last year we added a height restrictor and gate to allow us to stop commercial vehicles fly tipping at the rear of the car park. This has been immediately effective. Using S106 developer contribution money available we also hope to improve the current lighting on this car park and add lighting to the Dicken car park to prevent night time ASB activity that takes place.

**The Council Offices** – The facility is well utilized by commercial and private users for meetings, conferences, events, social gatherings and a variety of activity classes. It continues to provide reliable hire to all of its users. This year we will be installing a new heating system as the old one is 26 years old and is no longer efficient. The energy saving benefits of a new boiler and radiators will see the system pay for itself in 5 years. We are also replacing the carpets in the Edward Wright room as well as fitting new toilets and sinks and replacing those vinyl floors. They have served us all well. The top yard is being resurfaced in March to expand and enhance the car parking facilities at the Offices.

**Cemetery** – Resurfacing of the footpath in front of the cemetery and also the Church paths were completed last year as well as new plinths for the ongoing use in the cemetery. Major tree works were also much needed and completed last year.

**Playgrounds and Parks** – Last year, using S106 monies, the Council installed new perimeter fencing on Oliver Park along Wychwood Road and also on Trinity Road Park around the play equipment to prevent dog fouling which is currently a major problem, not only for Whetstone and our parks, but for all parishes in the District. Using S106 monies again this year we will be refreshing play equipment, safety surfaces, providing new exercise equipment on Oliver and Trinity Road parks, as well as improving the footpaths on all of our parks and adding new seating, litter bins, dog waste bins and also new signage to all parks.

**Back Lane Meadows** - The land off Back Lane on Station Street continues to mature. Additional seating, waste bins and new information signs are still to be added for your continued use and enjoyment.

As well as the above projects to be undertaken in this financial year, we will be looking to add new play equipment to the parks and improve non play areas of public open spaces we own and maintain.

The precept set for 2018/19 by your Parish Council shows a small increase on last year's base precept of the Whetstone Parish Council portion of your council tax which will allow us to continue improving the facilities for the growing village of Whetstone. It does in part, also cover the loss of the grant awards previously received from the District Council as well as new homes bonus which has been beneficial to this Parish Council over the last two years.



**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE**  
The precept requirement of Whetstone Parish Council for the year 2018/19 is £233,345 which is based on estimates of income and expenditure as follows:-

EXPENDITURE	2017/18 £	2018/19 £
Employment Costs	151,492	161,814
Council depot & Cemetery	25,408	24,003
Finance & Administration	14,380	14,495
Equipment	6,385	7,000
Community & Environmental	18,084	18,373
Special Projects	29,640	24,300
Earmarked & General Reserves	0	0
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>245,389</b>	<b>249,985</b>
<b>LESS INCOME</b>		
Raised by Council via cemetery fees, agency agreements, hire of premises and pitches and General Reserves	19,151	16,640
<b>PRECEPT REQUIRED (Less Grant award from BDC)</b>	<b>13,088</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PRECEPT REQUESTED</b>	<b>220,257</b>	<b>233,345</b>

The Council welcomes any comments from Parishioners and our website details are shown below:

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