

Whetstone Parish Council Precept Information 2022/23

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.

This last year once again has seen the pandemic affect the income the Parish Council made, by way of having to close the Edward Wright room and therefore booking income was lost. This had an effect on the income we enjoyed. We also were not able to let the sports clubs use the playing fields all the way through their seasons due to lockdowns and as they too were affected by turnout and attendance to their usual sporting activities, and again, this too gave a loss of income usually enjoyed.

There have been some cost savings usually incurred through the above income streams. The staff of the Parish Council have continued to work throughout the year ensuring all public facilities were kept open, clean and safe. This also includes the cemetery which has remained open as per Government guidelines throughout and we have seen it well used throughout, for families and visitors.

The work done last year including the new exercise equipment on Oliver and Trinity Parks, as well as play equipment upgrades and also all-weather pathways, added to two park play areas has been well used and great additions to our open spaces. We will be submitting further grant applications this year to further enhance these well used and well-loved parks.

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 High Street Car Park – The High Street car park has had LED lighting added for better security and prevention of ASB and littering.

The Council Offices – The facility has now had LED lighting installed. We are now welcoming back all of our users and look forward to seeing new users of the facilities.

Back Lane Meadows - The land off Back Lane on Station Street continues to mature. We get unwanted and unnecessary ASB which is a shame. We are grateful to Parishioners who regularly report issues into the office. We will continue with new tree planting, as well as continuing the whole site as a place to walk, enjoy and “escape” village life.

As well as the above, we are hopefully nearing the end of negotiations with DWH to complete the transfer to the Parish Council of the new areas off Wright Close and the already improved Elliot Close Public Open Space. These will hopefully be under our ownership during 2022/23. We are also looking to improve on Highways matters in the village and are currently progressing traffic schemes through the Highways working party to address longstanding matters such as poor parking, queuing traffic and other highways matters.

The precept set for 2022/23 by your Parish Council shows a **nil** increase (once the new homes now in the village are taken into account), on last year’s base precept of the Whetstone Parish Council portion of your council tax. This will allow us to continue improving the facilities for the growing village of Whetstone. We hope you find this to be good value.



STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE
The precept requirement of Whetstone Parish Council for the
year 2022/23 is £251,864 which is based on estimates of
income and expenditure as follows:-

EXPENDITURE	2021/22 £	2022/23 £
Employment Costs	161,288	151,148
Council depot & Cemetery	23,907	24,840
Finance & Administration	11,085	9,935
Equipment	10,200	10,310
Community & Environmental	17,072	15,050
Special Projects	35,700	48,500
Earmarked & General Reserves	0	0
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	259,252	259,783
LESS INCOME		
Raised by Council via cemetery fees, agency agreements, hire of premises and pitches and General Reserves	10,570	11,470
PRECEPT REQUESTED	248,682	251,864

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

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