

Whetstone Parish Council Precept Information 2020/21

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 – The High Street car park continues to be a well used asset for the village. Works were completed to tidy up the trees and shrubs, and in the next financial year, we will be improving the current lighting on the car park.

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. Two years ago we installed a new heating system, and the energy saving benefits of a new boiler and radiators will see the system pay for itself in 5 years.

Cemetery – The Cemetery is well used and benefits all year round from the ground staffs hard work and dedication in making it a place for reflection.

Playgrounds and Parks – Using S106 monies, the Council installed new footpaths on Oliver Park and Trinity Road Park. We also installed a new footpath from Otter Way to link to the Linden Homes development, to complete an all weather walk to school route for parents. We are still in the process of refreshing play equipment on all of the parks as well as some new safety surfaces, as well as providing new exercise equipment on Oliver and Trinity Road parks. We have added new seating across the parks and we hope to install new litter bins, dog waste bins and also new signage to all of our parks later this year.

Back Lane Meadows - The land off Back Lane on Station Street continues to mature. Additional seating has been added and additional 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 improve non-play areas of public open spaces we own and maintain. We are still in 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.

We are also looking to improve on Highways matters in the village and have set aside some funds to allow our Highways working party to address longstanding matters such as poor parking, queuing traffic and other highways matters. Council has also set aside funds for another defibrillator to be located in the village to compliment the two currently installed at the Park Vets on Wale Road and at the Bulls Head Public House.

The precept set for 2020/21 by your Parish Council shows a small increase of just under 2% (once the new lived in 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 2020/21 is £248,500 which is based on estimates of
income and expenditure as follows:-

| EXPENDITURE | 2019/20 £ | 2020/21 £ |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Employment Costs | 166,786 | 159,416 |
| Council depot & Cemetery | 22,798 | 22,833 |
| Finance & Administration | 11,445 | 10,580 |
| Equipment | 8,150 | 8,870 |
| Community & Environmental | 19,073 | 25,701 |
| Special Projects | 28,823 | 34,350 |
| Earmarked & General Reserves | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE | 257,075 | 261,750 |
| LESS INCOME | | |
| Raised by Council via cemetery fees, agency agreements, hire of premises and pitches and General Reserves | 14,750 | 13,250 |
| PRECEPT REQUESTED | 242,325 | 248,500 |

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

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