

Whetstone Parish Council Precept Information 2026/27

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 our owned village amenities and assets.

Over the last year, room bookings for the Edward Wright room have been steady, and the Cemetery demand constant. The staff of the Parish Council have continued to work hard throughout the year ensuring all public facilities were kept operational and safe.

We are still progressing the acquisition of Trinity Road Park after having a commercial offer to buy the park off Blaby District Council (BDC) accepted at the beginning of 2025. We are awaiting final agreement for the transfer over to the Parish Council which will then be kept in perpetuity as an open space, for the village to enjoy as it has always done.

We have continued tree safety works throughout the village on our open spaces, parks and the Cemetery. Last year's s106 projects were completed successfully over summer and included new play and exercise equipment to replace aged equipment on both Trinity Road Park and Warwick Road Sports Ground which totalled £196,492. We have approvals for additional lighting on Trinity Road Park which will be completed once the land is acquired. This year we will have further s106 monies off new developments that we can use 'towards the provision, enhancement and/or development of open space and recreational facilities within the Parish'.

Council have approved new projects in the budget for this coming year and these include: replacing our 3 defibrillators as the current models are getting to the end of their warranted period, new drainage ditches for Warwick Road Sports Ground to prevent flooding near to the 3 arches, new tree planting along the newly installed metal fencing around parts of Trinity Road Park, upgrading the aged office computers and external CCTV system and additional funds into the Highways working party, who amongst other schemes, are looking to improve the parking situation on Wale Road around the vets, the school and the old Baptist Church site, now Mosaic, on King Street.

Council is still looking to acquire the Public Open Space areas off Wright Close and Elliot Close from DWH. This is on hold at present due to the previous flooding issues that the open spaces have seen and to ensure that mitigation works undertaken by DWH on and around the floodplain have been successful.

The precept set for 2026/27 by your Parish Council shows a 3.6 % increase, equivalent to 8p per week on a band D property of the Whetstone Parish Council portion of your

council tax. This small increase allows us to continue to improve the facilities for Whetstone. We hope you find this to be good value.



STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE

The precept requirement of Whetstone Parish Council for the year 2026/27 is £286,524 which is based on estimates of income and expenditure as follows:-

EXPENDITURE	2025/26 £	2026/27 £
Employment Costs	181,273	170,214
Council depot & Cemetery	30,566	32,185
Finance & Administration	15,103	14,020
Equipment	11,875	11,610
Community & Environmental	24,799	25,000
Special Projects	33,000	48,450
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	296,616	301,479
LESS INCOME Raised by Council via cemetery fees, agency agreements, hire of premises and pitches	21,980	14,955
PRECEPT REQUESTED	274,636	286,524

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

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