

**What is my Band D Precept rate of  
£1.72 spent on each week?**

26p on Staff Salaries

29p on Council Administration, Pensions,  
Rent, IT, Training and Equipment

9p on Capital Projects and Loans

4p on Parks, Play Areas and Memorials

19p on Grounds Services and Horticulture

10p on Street Marshals

10p on Community Grants

22p on a Wide Range of Community Events

4p on Youth Club and Children's Activities

8p on the Neighbourhood Plan and the  
Community Trust

20p on Building the Council's Capital for the  
Future

11p on LIFE Newsletter, Web Site,  
Councillor Training

**Budget 2017/2018**

Expenditure	
Central Services - Council Office, Staff, Equipment, Professional Fees	£109,915
Democratic Process - Newsletter, Website, Training, etc	£18,000
Parks and Play Areas - Equipment Maintenance	£3,300
Allotments - Water and Grounds Maintenance	£700
Ground Services - Maintaining the Town Environment	£46,550
Memorials - Maintenance	£2,000
Street Marshals	£20,250
Community Support - Grants	£21,000
Community Events	£45,350
Youth and Children Activities	£8,000
Community Trust and Neighbourhood Plan	£17,000
Town Park Development Costs	£2,500
Capital Projects and Loans (less Town Trust loan)	£11,846
To Capital Fund	£40,000
<b>Total Net Budget Expenditure</b>	<b>£346,411</b>
Surplus to Reserves	£4,762
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£351,173</b>
(Compares to 2016-17 Budget)	(£354,321)
Income	
Precept Received	£338,363
Local Council Tax Support Grant	£12,810
<b>Total Budget Income</b>	<b>£351,173</b>



**Midsomer Norton  
Town Council**

**2017/18 Precept Explained**

**How much does your  
household pay, on average,  
each week towards your  
Town Council?**



**That's based on an annual Precept of  
£89.55 for a Band D household**

Further details can be found on the Town  
Council web site – details are at the foot of  
the page

## The Council's Strategic Objectives

- To develop a strong sense of community
- To encourage civic pride in our town
- To be a well-run council that delivers results

Since its formation in 2011 **Midsomer Norton Town Council**, its eleven Councillors and its Officers, have worked to deliver an increasing range of projects and services to take the town forward.

### 2017/2018 Income – the Precept

Having set a reduced budget for 2017-2018, the Council has to set the level of the Precept to make sure it can secure the funds it needs to meet its commitments. B&NES Council continues to remove the Local Council Tax Support it pays to Parish and Town Councils and this year it falls by over £12,000 - it will reduce further by a total of £14,000 over the next two years.

Last year the Town Council agreed to raise the Band D base Precept by 2% and faced with another large reduction in income from Tax Support it has decided to increase the Precept again by 1.9% - an average increase of £1.67 per annum.

This will help offset the reduction in income and also allow the Town Council to continue its plans for large capital projects such as the Town Park and Community Buildings.

The Council has also decided to bolster its reserves to help it with its ambitious plans to purchase two community buildings which will also be funded by a loan from the Public Works Loans Board for which approval has been obtained.

## Council Projects

We directly run or facilitate, in partnership with the community, a wide range of projects including:

Town Park and Green Spaces – having purchased the land for the Town Park, we are now in the process of planning the project and securing funding. We also continue to improve the Wellow Brook Walk, St Chad's Well, West Clewes Recreation Ground and the Garden of Friendship.

Regeneration – we have jointly funded a Regeneration Project Manager with B&NES to support the drive to regenerate the High Street in partnership with landlords.

Asset Transfer Programme – after several years of work plans will come to fruition in 2017 to secure the future of three community buildings in the town; The Town Hall, Somer Centre and Orchard Hall.

Community Events – we will continue to support events including the Arts Festival, the Summer Fayre, M-Fest and the Christmas Event.

Community Grants – we will provide around £20,000 each year to various community groups through its Community Grants.

To find our more please see Midsomer Norton LIFE, the quarterly magazine, sponsored by the Town Council.

### Important Dates for 2017-18

The **Public Annual Town Meeting** - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The **Annual Meeting of the Town Council** (which elects the Mayor) - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

**Midsomer Civic Awards** - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

**Midsomer Town Fayre** - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

**Midsomer LIFE Magazine** will be delivered to all households in the town in March, June, September and December 2017.

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## Your Town Council

Cllr Paul Myers BEM – Town Mayor  
Cllr Steve Plumley – Deputy Mayor  
Cllr Jane, Lewis – Chair of Planning  
Cllr B Lawrence - Chair of Finance Working Party  
Cllrs Luke Barnes, Glyn Davis, Michael Evans, Amy Purchase, Lynda Robertson, Richard Robertson and Alastair Slade

Your eleven Town Councillors are volunteers and do not receive any payment.

Officers – Clive Stilwell MILCM and Carole Sims

### Regular Council Meetings

Council Meetings are normally held on the first Monday of the month. These start at 7.00pm in the Town Hall, The Island, Midsomer Norton. There is a public session prior to the meetings when questions can be asked of the Council by members of the public although they may not take part in the meeting itself.

Planning applications are considered by the Planning Committee which normally meets on the second Monday of the month at 7.00pm in the Town Hall.

Work continues on producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan, managed by a Steering Group consisting of Councillors and volunteers.

The Planning Committee continues to contribute to a range of planning consultations and make a strong case for investment and for development that enhances the character, sustainability and infrastructure of our town.

*If you have any questions on the precept or Midsomer Norton Town Council, please contact the Town Clerk on 01761 418701, by e-mail to [townclerk@midsomernortontowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:townclerk@midsomernortontowncouncil.co.uk) or by post to The Town Hall, The Island, Midsomer Norton, Radstock BA3 2HQ.*

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