

**What is my Band D Precept rate of
£1.69 spent on each week?**

25p on Staff Salaries

27p on Council Administration, Pensions,
Rent, IT, Staff Training and Equipment

11p on Capital Projects

3p on Parks and Play Areas

20p on Grounds Services and Horticulture

10p on Street Marshals

11p on Community Grants

20p on a Wide Range of Community Events

4p on Youth Club and Children's Activities

11p on the Neighbourhood Plan

6p on Initial Town Park Development

11p on Capital Provision for the Future

10p on LIFE Newsletter, Web Site,
Councillor Training

Budget 2016/2017

Expenditure	
Central Services - Council Office, Staff, Equipment, Professional Fees	£108,425
Democratic Process - Newsletter, Website, Training, etc	£20,600
Parks and Play Areas - Equipment Maintenance	£5,350
Allotments - Water and Grounds Maintenance	£1,150
Ground Services - Maintaining the Town Environment	£41,750
Memorials - Maintenance	£1,100
Street Marshals	£20,250
Community Support - Grants	£20,000
Community Events	£40,600
Youth and Children Activities	£8,000
Community Trust and Neighbourhood Plan	£20,000
Town Park Development Costs	£10,000
Capital Projects and Loans	£37,096
<i>Net additional transfer to capital reserve</i>	£20,000
Total Budget Expenditure	£354,321
Income	
Precept Received	£327,119
Local Council Tax Support Grant	£25,620
Interest Received	£800
Allotments Rent Receivable	£850
Total Budget Income	£354,389



**Midsomer Norton
Town Council**

2016/17 Precept Explained

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



**That's based on an annual Precept of
£87.88 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.

2016/2017 Income – the Precept

Having set a budget for 2016-2017, the Town Council has to set the level of the Precept to make sure it can secure the funds to meet its commitments. This year, B&NES Council have decided to reduce the amount of Local Council Tax Support it gives to the Town Council by £6,000 and it will reduce further by a total of £26,000 over the next three years.

Although the Council has not raised the amount paid by each household since it was formed, this year it reluctantly decided to increase the Band D base Precept by 2% to £87.88 per annum, a rise of £1.72 per annum or just over 3p a week to £1.69 a week.

This small increase will help offset the reduction in Local Council Tax Support income and allow the Town Council to make plans for large capital projects such as the Town Park and Community Buildings.

Important Dates for 2016-17

Community Grants

The Town Council provides around £20,000 each year to various community groups through its Community Grants. There are three rounds each year and the deadlines are:

6th May 2016 – 23rd Sep 2016 – 20th Jan 2017

Annual Meetings

The Public Annual Town Meeting will be on Monday 25th April 2016 and the Annual Meeting of the Town Council which elects the Mayor will be on Tuesday 10th May 2016.

Midsomer Town Fair

This year the Town Fair will be held on Saturday 9th July 2016.

Midsomer Civic Awards

The Annual Civic Awards Ceremony will be on Sunday 19th June at St John's Church Midsomer Norton.

Midsomer LIFE Magazine

The quarterly magazine, sponsored by the Town Council, contains a wealth of information about the town including what's on and things to do sections. It will be delivered to all households in the town in March, June, September and December 2016

Outdoor Gym

A new outdoor gym is being installed at West Clewes Recreation Ground and is scheduled for opening in April 2016.

Your Town Council

Cllr Paul Myers BEM – Town Mayor
Cllr Steve Plumley – Deputy Mayor
Cllr Jane, Lewis – Chair of Planning Committee
Cllrs Luke Barnes, Glyn Davis, Michael Evans, Brian Lawrence, 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

Meetings of the Council are normally held on the first Monday of the month and Planning Committee meetings are on the second or third Monday. Meetings are held in the Town Hall, The Island, Midsomer Norton, starting at 7.00pm.

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.

Planning applications are considered by the Planning Committee. Councillors contributed to the development of Bath and North East Somerset Council's neighbourhood planning protocol.

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

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 or by post to The Town Hall, The Island, Midsomer Norton, Radstock BA3 2HQ.

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