

Proposed Steventon Parish Council Precept for 2018/19

Steventon Parish Council is proposing to raise a precept for the first time: the rationale and estimated impact on households in the parish is set out below.

Previous funding arrangements and historic expenditure

In previous years Steventon Parish Council, in common with other parish councils in the borough of Basingstoke and Deane, has received an annual grant of £1,100. The Parish Council is required to take out public liability insurance and also to conduct its meetings in public; once these items have been funded the remaining grant has historically been spent on access projects (footpath gates) and maintaining village appearance (including an annual grant to the Parochial Church Council towards the maintenance of the churchyard).

Expenditure over the last five years and for the current year to date is summarised below:

	2012/13 £	2013/14 £	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	2016/17 £	2017/18 YTD £
Insurance	265	273	265	265	276	283
Hire of hall for public meetings	50	50	50	50	50	tbc
Grant to Steventon PCC	400	400	300	400	400	tbc
Jubilee mugs	224	-	-	-	-	-
Brass plaque for oak tree	75	-	-	-	-	-
Footpath gate	-	583	-	-	-	tbc
Flowers	-	60	11	12	-	8
Tree surgeon	-	-	-	350	-	-
Village signs	-	-	-	-	500	-
Telephone box						1,305*
Other	251	77	78	200	60	tbc
Total	1,265	1,443	704	1,277	1,286	1,596

**Note: additional grants of £805 and £544 were received from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and Hampshire County Council respectively for the telephone box project.*

Future funding arrangements

From 1 April 2017 the annual grant from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is being phased out: we received £733 for 2017/18; we will receive £366 in 2018/19 and £nil from 1 April 2019 onwards. We therefore need to raise additional funds in order to continue to maintain current levels of expenditure.

The Parish Council considered the potential level of the precept at its public meeting on 23 October 2017 and discussed the proposed precept with those parishioners present. Basingstoke and Deane

Borough Council has assisted in the preparation of an estimate of the impact of the proposed precept on households in the parish. This is an estimate and final figures will be confirmed later in the year.

	Potential precept total		
	£800	£1,100	£1,300
Council tax band	Estimated annual amount per household (£)		
A	5.33	7.33	8.67
B	6.22	8.56	10.11
C	7.11	9.78	11.56
D	8.00	11.00	13.00
E	9.78	13.44	15.89
F	11.56	15.89	18.78
G	13.33	18.33	21.67
H	16.00	22.00	26.00

The Parish Council agreed to raise a precept for 2018/19 of **£1,200** to maintain total expenditure at a level that is consistent with the average expenditure in previous years. The level of the precept will be reviewed annually towards the end of each calendar year.

The precept will be administered by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council: it will feature as an additional line on Council Tax bills and will be collected in the same way as Council Tax before being paid over to the Parish Council.

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