



Benson Parish Council
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2023/24

Benson Parish Council has requested a precept of £283,107 in order to maintain the services and facilities it provides for the Parish. This represents an increase of £3.72 per year for a band D property.

The full budget breakdown and precept calculation is as follows

	2022/23 Budgeted Running Costs £	2023/24 Budgeted Running Costs £	Income £
Administration	205877	224700	950
Halls	91410	103830	77000
Village	11500	16550	1104
Green Spaces and Play Areas	19750	19900	2595
Continuing Costs and non- reclaimable VAT	21750	17750	
	350287	382730	81649
Contribution to allocated projects fund	50943	71963	
	401230	373044	
Funds from reserves	49250	89937	
Precept = expenditure minus income minus funds from reserves	265331	283107	

The following are some of the projects and services the Council plan to deliver in the 2023/24 financial year including those funded by CIL funds

Item	Description	Current Fund £
A4074 crossing	Part funding of a new toucan crossing on A4074	CIL
Parish Hall	Further improvements to refurbished hall including	40500

	first floor blinds, improved access doors, solar panels	
Community Hall	Costs to bring hall up to useable standard	12000
Paddling pool replacement	Replacement with new pool	CIL
Parish Hall Car Park	Resurfacing of overflow car park	20,000
Youth Hall Replacement	Replace existing youth hall with new modern building (subject to renewal of current land lease)	CIL
Millbrook Mead walkway	Replacement with new boardwalk	5000
Coronation Events	A Parish celebration for the coronation of King Charles	2000

There is currently a public consultation to establish priorities for allocating our CIL funds. Many great suggestions have been submitted and the Council will be drawing up a target project list shortly.

The long awaited Parish Hall extension with improved internal facilities was completed last year but small scale works to further improve the space will continue. The overflow carpark will also be resurfaced to create a year round usable space.

Other projects being progressed are a safer A4074 crossing, formal transfer of the Community building to Council ownership and improvements to acoustics to bring it up to standard. A design has been received for a new paddling pool and this will be studied by the relevant committee shortly. There are also projects to provide EV charging points at the Parish Hall, to assess solar panels for the Parish Hall and to provide an electric supply to Bobs corner for community stalls and events.

Benson Parish Council is committed to continue to deliver the projects, facilities and services the residents and visitors to the village expect and use every effort in the budgeting process to achieve this. If you have any views, questions or feedback then please do get in contact

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