



**Benson Parish Council**  
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**2024/25**

Benson Parish Council has requested a precept of £322,486 in order to maintain the services and facilities it provides for the Parish. This represents an increase of £9.72 per year for a band D property.

The full budget breakdown and precept calculation is as follows

	<b>2023/24 Budgeted Running Costs £</b>	<b>2024/25 Budgeted Running Costs £</b>	<b>Income £</b>
Administration	224700	265703	8900
Halls	103830	88360	67000
Village	16550	15000	2300
Green Spaces and Play Areas	19900	25100	3170
Continuing Costs and non- reclaimable VAT	17750	17750	
	<b>382730</b>	<b>411913</b>	<b>81370</b>
Contribution to allocated projects fund	71963	21269	
	<b>373044</b>		
Funds from reserves	<b>89937</b>	<b>29325</b>	
Precept = expenditure minus income minus funds from reserves	<b>283107</b>	<b>322487</b>	

The following are some of the projects and services the Council plan to deliver in the 2024/25 financial year including those funded by CIL funds

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Current Fund £</b>
Rivermead	Regeneration and paddling pool replacement	CIL
Parish Hall	Solar panels	CIL
Community Hall	Costs to bring hall up to useable standard	13850

St Helens Allotments /Play Area	New fencing	32,000
Parish Hall Car Park	Resurfacing of overflow car park	20,000 precept 20,000 CIL
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	CIL
Village Centre	New planters	3500
Bus shelters	Refurb	3500

The public consultation to establish priorities for allocation our CIL funds has now been developed into a project list and some of these are mentioned above. The projects are complex in many cases and working groups are being set up to plan the next stages. The Rivermead project is a prime example where replacement of the paddling pool has to involve agencies such as the Environment Agency and the Thames Path National Trail as well as electricity and water supply companies.

Other projects being progressed are resurfacing of the overflow car park at the Parish Hall, replacement of the Millbrook Mead boardwalk, refurbishment of the bus shelters on the A4074 and new planters for the village centre. There are also early plans to regenerate the Pavilion which has become an underused asset due to its dated design.

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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