



Midsomer Norton Town Council

2019/2020 Precept Explained

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



**That's based on an annual Precept of
£94.45 for a Band D household**

Budget 2019/2020

Expenditure	
Central Services – Council Office, Staff, Equipment, Professional Fees	£156,065
Democratic Process & Civic Support – Newsletter, Town Twinning, Training etc	£17,750
Capital & Projects – Town Park, Town Centre Regeneration etc	£16,596
Community Buildings – Property Maintenance	£1,000
Community Support - Grants & Events	£101,220
Youth Activities	£10,500
Town Environment	£67,016
Devolved Services – Street Marshals	£20,500
Wellowbrook	£1,020
Allotments	£1,850
Memorials	£2,000
West Clewes	£5,000
Total Net Budget Expenditure	£400,517
Compares with 2018/2019 Total Budget	£360,936
Income	
Precept Received	£367,467
Misc Income	£3,000
Allotments	£850
West Clewes	£4,200
Total Budget Income	£375,517
Use of Council Reserves	£25,000

Midsomer Norton Town Councillors

Your eleven Councillors are volunteers and do not receive any payment. If you have any problems or want action taken on a local issue then please contact one of your Town Councillors.

Councillor Paul Myers (Mayor & Chair of Operations Committee) **(07530 042 627)**

Councillor Alastair Slade (Deputy Mayor) **(07714 898 902)**

Councillor Glyn Davis **(07713 353 430)**

Councillor Michael Evans (Chair of Planning Committee) **(01761 235996)**

Councillor Brian Lawrence (Chair of Finance Committee and Vice Chair of Planning Committee) **(07701 007 277)**

Councillor Gordon Mackay **(07806 604 302)**

Councillor Stephen Plumley (Vice Chair of Operations Committee) **(07913 952 901)**

Councillor Amy Purchase **(01761 411860)**

Councillor Michael Rich **(07812 170 943)**

Councillor Lynda Robertson **(01761 415629)**

Councillor Richard Robertson **(01761 415629)**

Officers

Donna Ford PSLCC – Town Clerk
Carole Sims – Admin/Finance Officer
David Paisey – Town Warden

Further details can be found on the Town Council website – 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.

Council Projects

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

Town Park – With the Town Park Masterplan approved and funding secured of £300,000, work commenced in September clearing banks of brambles in the wild meadow, cutting back ground cover along the river bank revealing flowing water and reducing the overhanging tree canopies.

Regeneration - Improved signage has been developed and agreed and will soon be installed in the Town.

Asset Transfer – The Town Council is due to finalise the Asset Transfer of three Community buildings, the Town Hall, Somer Centre, Orchard Hall, and the Silver Street Nature Reserve.

Community Events – We will continue to support events including the Arts Festival, the Summer Fayre, M-Fest, Carnival and the Outfield Festival.

Midsomer LIFE Magazine will be delivered to all households in the town in March, June, September and December 2019.

Community Grants – we will provide £21,720 next year to various community groups. Please see the website for details on how to apply for a grant.

Grants Awarded in 2018/2019 include	£
Somerset & Dorset Railway	£2,000
WISH	£700
Silver Street Nature Reserve	£500
Radstock Museum	£360
Three Firms Social Club	£200
Midsomer Norton Pride	£2,000
Thursday Club	£100
The Royal British Legion	£1,200

Important Dates for 2019-20

The **Public Annual Town Meeting**
Monday 15th April 2019.

The **Annual Meeting of the Town Council** (which elects the Mayor) - Monday 13th May 2019.

Midsomer Civic Awards - Sunday 16th June 2019.

Midsomer Town Fayre - Saturday 13th July 2019.

Regular Council Meetings

Council Meetings are normally held bi-monthly on the first Monday of that 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. Members of the public are welcome to attend all Town Council and Committee Meetings.

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.

The Planning Committee continues to contribute to a range of planning consultations and makes a strong case for investment and for development that

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enhances the character, sustainability and infrastructure of our town.

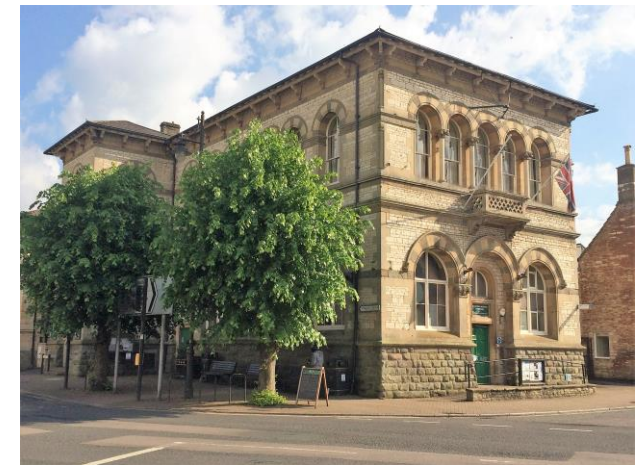
Work continues on producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan, managed by a Steering Group consisting of Councillors and volunteers.

Finance Committee Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5.30pm in the Town Hall.

The Finance Committee provides guidance to Committees and Council on overall levels of income and expenditure.

Operations Committee Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm in the Town Hall

The Operations Committee consider and make recommendations to Full Council on items such as Public Realm, Grounds Maintenance (Green Spaces) and Community Engagement.



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.