



Midsomer Norton Town Council

2020/2021 Precept Explained

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



**That's based on an annual Precept of
£97.19 for a Band D household**

Budget 2020/2021

Expenditure	
Central Services – Council Office, Staff, Equipment, Professional Fees	£174,935
Democratic Process & Civic Support – Newsletter, Town Twinning, Training etc	£16,850
Capital & Projects – Town Park, Town Centre Regeneration etc	£18,096
Community Support - Grants & Events	£101,750
Youth Activities	£10,500
Town Environment	£61,988
Devolved Services – Street Marshals	£19,500
Wellow Brook	£2,000
Town Park	£1,000
Allotments	£1,350
Memorials	£2,000
West Clewes	£4,750
Total Net Budget Expenditure	£414,719
Compares with 2019/2020 Total Budget	£375,517
Income	
Precept Received	£388,156
Misc Income	£5,500
Allotments	£1,100
West Clewes	£3,000
Total Budget Income	£397,756
Use of Council Reserves	£16,963

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 Michael Evans (Mayor) (07711766415)

Councillor Stephen Plumley (Deputy Chair and Vice Chair of Finance and Operations Committee (07913 952 901)

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

Councillor Gordon Mackay (Chair of Planning Committee) (07806 604 302)

Councillor Lynda Robertson (01761 415629)

Councillor Richard Robertson (01761 415629)

Councillor Mike Moxham (07593185850)

Councillor John Baker (07827994171)

Councillor Lynne Clement (07855037905)

Councillor Chris Smith (07969181666)

Councillor Sue Graham (07896411840)

Officers

Donna Ford PSLCC – Town Clerk

Amanda Hazell – Deputy Clerk

Caroline Brown – Project Support/Admin

Esther Dodd – Finance/Admin

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.

Wellow Brook – improvement to Wellow Brook but low key to preserve the natural character. On going management and maintenance of the site in conjunction with ecology of the site.

High Street Heritage – After the successful bid from Heritage England work will commence on the following 3 projects: 1. Re-establishing the original medieval town market place in The Island, 2. Improving the pedestrian walkway from South Road Car Park to the High Street, 3. High Street shop front and signage improvement scheme

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 2020.

Community Grants – we will provide £20,000 next year to various community groups. Please see the website for details on how to apply for a grant.

Grants Awarded in 2019/2020 include	£
Midsomer Norton Football Club	£500
Town Trust	£4,878.60
Silver Street Nature Reserve	£500
Midsomer Norton Social Club	£3,000
Welton Rovers Football Club	£2,200

Important Dates for 2020-21

The **Public Annual Town Meeting**
Monday 27th April 2020.

The **Annual Meeting of the Town Council** (which elects the Mayor) - Monday 11th May 2020.

Midsomer Civic Awards - Sunday 21st June 2020.

Midsomer Town Fayre - Saturday 11th July 2020.

Remembrance Parade – Sunday 8th November 2020

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.

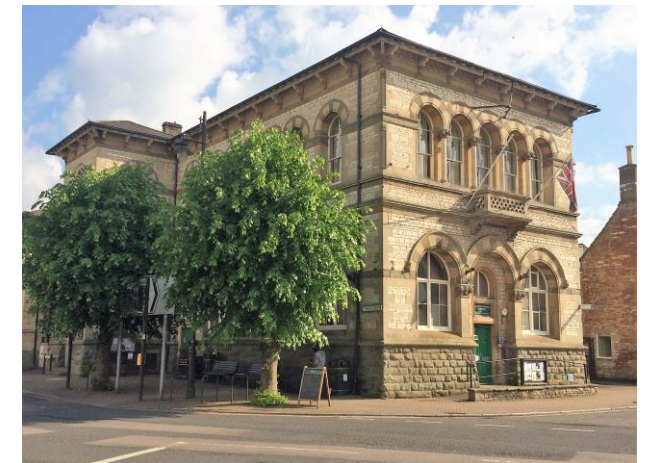
The Planning Committee continues to contribute to a range of planning consultations and makes a strong case for investment and for development that enhances the character, sustainability and infrastructure of our town.

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

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

The Finance & Operations Committee provides guidance to Committees and Council on overall levels of income and expenditure and consider and make recommendations to Full Council on items such as Public Realm, Grounds Maintenance (Green Spaces) and Community Engagement.

Councillor Surgeries are now being held once a month. See the Council Website for details



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.

