

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk on 01761 418701, by e-mail to townclerk@midsomernortontowncouncil.co.uk by post to The Town Hall, The Island, Midsomer Norton, Radstock BA3 2HQ.

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 Lynda Robertson (Mayor) (07912516223)

Councillor Mike Moxham (Deputy Mayor) (07593185850)

Councillor Stephen Plumley (07913 952 901)

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

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

Councillor Michael Evans (07711766415)

Councillor Richard Robertson (07511413721)

Councillor Lynne Clement (07855037805)

Councillor Pete Moccock (Vice Chair of Planning Committee) (07891380197)

Councillor Martyn Plant (07903951168)

1 Current Vacancy

Officers

Current Vacancy – Town Clerk
Amanda Hazell – Deputy Clerk
Caroline Brown – Project Support/Admin
Joanne Corbett – Finance/Admin
David Paisey – Town Warden

Budget 2023/2024

Expenditure	
Central Services – Council Office, Staff, Equipment, Professional Fees	£203,574
Democratic Process & Civic Support – Training etc	£5,500
Capital & Projects – Town Park, Town Centre Regeneration etc	£8,096
Community Support - Grants & Events	£91,700
Youth Activities	£25,000
Town Environment	£136,826
Devolved Services – Street Marshals	£28,000
Wellow Brook	£1,115
Town Park	£1,000
Allotments	£1,300
Memorials	£1,000
West Clewes	£3,900
Total Net Budget Expenditure	£506,011
Compares with 2022/2023 Total Budget	£435,495
Income	
Precept	£498,961
Misc. Income	£2,700
Allotments	£1,350
West Clewes	£3,000
Total Budget Income	£506,011



Midsomer Norton Town Council

2023/2024 Precept Explained

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



That's based on an annual Precept of £122.40 for a Band D household

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 Hall – The new Midsomer Norton Heritage Action Zone (HAZ) has opened new hope for the Town Hall Transformation which aims to improve the building for community use. The successful HAZ bid to Heritage England includes budget allocation to support reinstating the original Market Hall.

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 marketplace 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.

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 2022/2023 include	£
Outfield Festival	£2,000
Nature Reserve	£500
Somer FM	£3,000
Musician Southwest	£440
Farmers Market	£1,200

Important Dates for 2023-24

The Public Annual Town Meeting

The **Annual Meeting of the Town Council** (which elects the Mayor) - Saturday 27th May 2023.

Midsomer Civic Awards - Saturday 27th May 2023.

Midsomer Town Fayre - Saturday 8th July 2023.

Remembrance Parade – Sunday 12th November 2023

Regular Council Meetings

(All meetings are currently being held remotely and joining details can be found on the agenda published on the website.)

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 third 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 Monday 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.

