

# Biddulph Town Council



## Precept Statement 11 February 2022

At the Town Council meeting on Tuesday 8 February 2022, Town Councillors approved a precept requirement of £381,194.10 for the 2022-23 financial year.

Each year, the Band D charge is considered. Based on this, the 2022-23 precept requirement represents an increase in £1.43 for the year, from £58.72 to £60.15 per household.

Town Councillors were concerned about the impact of increases on the community, and worked hard to keep this small increase as low as possible. The Town Council continues to care for the Burial Grounds, allotment sites, green spaces, Biddulph Town Hall, Wharf Road Bus Hub and toilet block and the Biddulph Grange Country Park Visitor Centre. In addition, we are making plans to re-tender the 93 bus service, which services the entire town, connecting our community with necessary facilities in the town centre and linking them with jobs and loved ones.

Our aim during 2022-23 is to provide these services to a high standard, whilst supporting our community with a grants programme and with additional help for community organisations, post-covid. We will enhance our activity around environment and climate change projects, undertake repairs and maintenance of the town's war memorials and continue to promote the town, increasing activity on the High Street and through an enhanced tourist offer.

Councillor Tony Hall, Chair of the Finance Strategy and Management Committee said: *'The Town Council is the closest level of government to the people in our town. We aspire to manage our assets to a high standard, whilst supporting our community. We have been through a challenging period and we are mindful of the difficulties that appear to be on the horizon. We have set a budget that takes into account the requirements of managing our existing services, but which also seeks to support young people, work with traders in the town and make physical improvements to our town centre, following the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan. We will also celebrate the Platinum Jubilee and the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the town centre war memorial this year.'*



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