

Southam Town Council

Newsletter

PRECEPT

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PRECEPT MEETING

At its Precept Meeting in January, Southam Town Council unanimously resolved to set a budget for the financial year 2016/2017 of £191845; this is to be offset by income of £1,880, £6,000 taken from General Reserves and a Council Tax Reduction Grant of £11930.



The Town Council's portion of the Council Tax for a Band D tax payer will increase by £1.15 or 1.5% per annum.

TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET 2016/2017

GENERAL

Management	£
Contribution to Grange Hall utilities	1666
Audit Fee	950
Insurance	3817
Legal Fees & Services	2000
Neighbourhood Plan	5000
Telephone/fax/email	1960
Postage	500
Office	2175
Bank Charges	320
Intruder Alarm	348
Web Site Maintenance	619

Total Management 19,355

Salaries

Total Salaries (Inc. costs)	48827
Travelling Expenses (Cllrs & Staff)	350
Total Salaries & Expenses	49,177

Information

Newsletter	1915
Stationery	759
Membership Associations	1740
Conference/Training Fees	325
Advertising	400
Total Information	5,139

Mayoral

Allowance	593
Regalia	200
Total Mayoral	793

TOTAL GENERAL 74,464

Recreation & Amenities

Natural Amenity /Burial Space	15000
Trees	5000
Holy Well	3000
CCTV	3852
Sub Total Recreation & Amenities	26,852

TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET cont. 2016/2017

Maintenance & Repairs:

Repairs/inspect's/replacements	4000
Grounds Maintenance Services	9528
Hire of portable toilets	444
War Memorial	500
Total Maintenance & Repairs	14,472

TOTAL RECREATION & AMENITIES 41,324

The Grange Hall

Capital Expenditure	500
Total Grange Hall	500

Street Lighting

Maintenance	2210
Supply of Electricity	7863
Columns & Repairs	20000
Total Street Lighting	30,073

Grasscutting (Play Areas & Churchyard)

Grasscutting	16976
Total Grass Cutting	16976

Community Grants

VASA Transport Support	7500
Section 137 grants	13000
Cab LGA 1972 S2a	508
Southam Youth Services	3000
Southam Christmas Lights	2250
Southam in Bloom	2250
Total Community Grants	28,508

TOTAL OTHER 76,057

TOTAL BUDGET £191,845

Less Total Income -1880

Less taken from General Reserves -6000

Council Tax Reduction Grant -11930

PRECEPT UPON SDC £172,035

Band D Taxpayer

2015/16 £76.09 2016/17 £77.24

Increase £1.15 or 1.5% per annum

PLANNING APPLICATION 15/04232/OUT

At its Precept Meeting on 14th January 2016, the Town Council voted to support Gladman Development's outline proposal to build up to 60 dwellings on land to the North of Leamington Road, Southam providing certain conditions regarding access, upgrading of public footpaths and protection of the Stowe Valley and the ancient barn are met.

Objections were raised to the variation of conditions on the development of the polo ground, previously granted, and on the Coventry Road development.

SOUTHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

Southam has been twinned with Marolles en Hurepoix, a small town about 25 miles to the south of Paris, since 1992. The Twinning Association aims to foster relations between the two towns. It is a voluntary organisation and membership is open to all interested individuals, families, clubs and other bodies from Southam and the surrounding area.

The Association is independent of any financial support from the Town Council and raises funds through various events held during the year. Exchange visits occur annually and fund-raising events are held locally from time to time.

Your help and support in any form will be most welcome. Why not come along to one of the meetings to find out how to be involved? They would be pleased to meet you.

If you have any general questions about Southam Twinning Association or Marolles en Hurepoix contact Mike Hill on 01926 814144. If you are ever near Marolles on holiday or business and would like to call and see the town please let us know and we can put you in touch. Membership is very good value Individual £10 / U16 free / Corporate £20.

DOG FOULING

PLEASE do not permit your dog to urinate in shop or residential doorways and always clean up after it! Failure to pick up after your dog may result in a **£75 fixed penalty fine**. Properly wrapped dog waste can be placed in litter bins.



ENFORCEMENT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL. PLEASE CONTACT THE DOG WARDEN ON 01789 260839 OR YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES.

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SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETS ON THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

25th February 2016
24th March 2016
28th April 2016
12th May 2016 Town Meeting & Mayor Making
26th May 2016
23rd June 2016



Meetings take place in the Grange Hall, Coventry Road Southam and start at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome and may make representation to the Council at the start of the meeting.

NEW YEAR—NEW LIBRARY FOR SOUTHAM

The long awaited, brand new purpose-built library opened for business in January 2016 and is now ready to take its place at the heart of the town's community. Tithe Place



houses the new public library on the site of the town's original library, along with new community spaces and a restaurant, The Tithe, which is also open to members of the public.

Warwickshire County Councillor John Appleton welcomed the news and said: "We are pleased that the library's site is now accommodating so many services for local people. The library itself will offer more computers and a much more versatile space inside for adults and children, reading groups and many others who would like to use it. Southam's new library will be a much valued community asset.

We would also like to thank county council staff for their work through the disruption, maintaining the library service." Although the library structure has been ready for some time, additional work has been taking place inside the building to install data and computer facilities.

The Tithe Place and Tithe Lodge building came into being as the result of a collaboration between Warwickshire County Council, Stratford District Council, Southam Town Council and Orbit Homes. It was initiated as a response to Southam Residents who petitioned Southam Town Council to retain an extra care facility in the centre of the town when the old Victor Hodges House was sold.

SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL has an emailing list to keep residents and traders informed of **PUBLIC MEETINGS, PLANNING ISSUES** and events of importance to the town.

If you would like to be kept directly informed of such events, please send your email address to :
deputy@southamcouncil-warks.gov.uk

THE NEXT BLOOD DONOR SESSION IS ON 3rd MARCH 2016 AT THE GRANGE HALL

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