

Southam Town Council

Newsletter

PRECEPT

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PRECEPT MEETING

Southam Town Council unanimously resolved to set a budget for the financial year 2017/2018 of £199,102; this is to be offset by income of £1,020, £5,200 taken from General Reserves and a Council Tax Reduction Grant of £8,860



The Town Council's portion of the Council Tax for a Band D tax payer will increase by £1.54 or 2% per annum

TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET 2017/2018

GENERAL

Management	£
Contribution to Grange Hall utilities	1,400
Audit Fee	975
Insurance	4,275
Legal Fees & Services	2,000
Neighbourhood Plan	5,000
Telephone/fax/email	2,049
Postage	600
Office	2,208
Bank Charges	320
Intruder Alarm	358
Web Site Maintenance	513
Total Management	19,698
Salaries	
Total Salaries (Inc. costs)	49,793
Travelling Expenses (Cllrs & Staff)	100
Total Salaries & Expenses	49,893
Information	
Newsletter	2,115
Stationery	770
Membership Associations	1,766
Conference/Training Fees	160
Total Information	4,811
Mayoral	
Allowance	644
Regalia	350
Total Mayoral	994
Market	1,000
TOTAL GENERAL	76,396
Recreation & Amenities	£
Natural Amenity/Burial Space	15,000
Trees	900
Holy Well	4,000
CCTV	3,852
Footpaths (Play Area)	15,000
Sub Total Recreation & Amenities	38,752

TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET cont. 2017/2018

Maintenance & Repairs:	
Repairs/inspect's/replacements	10,000
Grounds Maintenance Services	9,528
Hire of portable toilets	380
War Memorial	500
Total Maintenance & Repairs	20,408

TOTAL RECREATION & AMENITIES 59,160

OTHER

The Grange Hall	
Capital Expenditure	1,000
Total Grange Hall	1,000

Street Lighting	
Maintenance	1,922
Supply of Electricity	7,685
Columns & Repairs	4,100
Total Street Lighting	13,707

Grass Cutting (Play Areas & Churchyard)	
Grass Cutting	19,080
Total Grass Cutting	19,080

Community Grants	
VASA Transport Support	10,000
Section 137 grants	13,000
Cab LGA 1972 S2a	1,259
Southam Christmas Lights	3,250
Southam in Bloom	2,250
Total Community Grants	29,759

TOTAL OTHER 63,546

TOTAL BUDGET £199,102

Less Total Income -1,020

Less taken from General Reserves -5,200

Council Tax Reduction Grant -8860

PRECEPT UPON SDC £184022

Band D Taxpayer

2016/17 £77.24

2017/18 £78.78

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Town Council Meeting will take place at the Grange Hall, Southam on Thursday February 23rd at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend and may speak at the start of the meeting.

CORRECTION OF ERROR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

In the December edition it was stated that SCIF has been awarded a Section 137 grant of £1474 for printing of leaflets. This was incorrect. The amount awarded was in fact £1000. Southam Town Council apologises for any confusion caused.



SOUTHAM CHARTER MARKET—WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Prior to Christmas, the old market operator, Sketts, informed its traders it was no longer viable to operate Southam Market and the market would close.

Southam Town Council had already started the process of investigating the possibilities for improving and revitalising the market but with so little notice was forced to act to retain the market for the town without the usual consultations.

The Town Council immediately appointed CJs Events Warwickshire as the new Operator and authorised the use of Market Hill as an interim location whilst all other options are investigated. Currently, leasing issues prevent the use of Wood Street car park but it is possible that it may become available for use in the coming months.

CJs are keen to revitalise the Market. Traders are keen to be on Market Hill and already more traders want to come to Southam.

Please tell us what you think.

- **Should the Market stay on Market Hill?**
- **Should the Market return to Wood Street?**
- **Do you know of a better site and if so where?**
- **Any ideas you have will be warmly welcomed.**

This is your town and your market so tell us what you think. The Council is also interested to hear the views of surrounding villagers who use the market.

Contact the Town Clerk Tel 01926 814004

Email: clerk@southamcouncil-warks.gov.uk

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Southam and Marolles: Twins for 25 Years

Marolles-en-Hurepoix is a small town, with an agricultural past, just south of Paris. It is very similar to Southam with a similar population, a long history, regular markets and a friendly community. The Southam Twinning Association is planning a trip there from 28th April to 1st May next year and there will be special events to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the signing of our twinning charter.

A 31 seater coach has been organised to take us and there are spare seats for anyone who would like to join us - the more of us there are the cheaper it is. If you take advantage of this offer you and your family will be hosted by a French family free of charge. In return, perhaps you would like to host a French family or someone from Marolles in 2018 when they visit us.

This is not about signing trade deals as someone thought but just ordinary people getting together to share experiences and have a good time. Don't worry if you don't speak French as they have enthusiastic interpreters in their association.



The families and children of our town have benefited hugely from the cultural exchanges that they have made and we're sure this will continue well into the future. For more information, please contact Mike Hill

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PARISH OF SOUTHAM MILL HILL WARD

Casual Vacancy

Notice is hereby given that, due to the resignation of Mr M Panton, a vacancy exists in the office of Town Councillor for the Parish of Southam – Mill Hill Ward.

The Town Council will fill this vacancy by co-option at its meeting on February 23rd 2017. To be considered for co-option to this vacancy, please write to;

The Town Clerk, Southam Town Council, The Grange Hall, Coventry Road, Southam CV47 1QA
Email clerk@southamcouncil-warks.gov.uk

giving a brief explanation of who you are and why you want to be a councillor.

Applications to be received by 13th February 2017