

Southam Town Council

Newsletter

PRECEPT

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COUNCIL TAX INCREASE IN LINE WITH INFLATION

At its Precept Meeting in January, Southam Town Council unanimously resolved to set a budget for the financial year 2015/2016 of £187,932; this is to be offset by income of £1,860, £5,715 to be taken from General Reserves and a Council Tax Reduction Grant of £15,750. The Town Council's portion of the Council Tax for a Band D tax payer will increase by £0.98 or 1.3% per annum.



TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET 2015/2016

GENERAL

Management	£
Contribution to Grange Hall utilities	1887
Audit Fee	746
Insurance	3817
Legal Fees & Services	2000
Neighbourhood Plan	1000
Telephone/fax/email	1905
Postage	500
Office	1846
Bank Charges	320
Intruder Alarm	348
Web Site Maintenance	519
Computer Systems Replacement	1000
Total Management	15,888
Salaries	
Total Salaries (inc costs)	47418
Travelling Expenses (Cllrs & Staff)	400
Total Salaries & Expenses	47,818
Information	
Newsletter	1790
Stationery	759
Membership Associations	1740
Conference/Training Fees	450
Advertising	400
Total Information	5,139
Mayoral	
Allowance	2270
Regalia	223
Total Mayoral	2,493
TOTAL GENERAL	71,338
Recreation & Amenities	£
Natural Amenity /Burial Space	12000
Trees	5000

TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET cont. 2015/2016

Recreation & Amenities cont. E Reserve

Holy Well	4200	
Salt/Litter/Dog Bins	0	1904
Dog Fouling Enforcement	0	1348
Mop Fair	0	
CCTV	3852	
Traffic Calming	3000	
Community Rooms	4000	
Sub Total Recreation & Amenities	32,052	

Maintenance & Repairs:

Repairs/inspect's/replacements	10000
Grounds Maintenance Services	9528
Hire of portable toilets	320
War Memorial	1000
Total Maintenance & Repairs	20,848

TOTAL RECREATION & AMENITIES 52,900

The Grange Hall

Capital Expenditure	1000
Total Grange Hall	1000

Street Lighting

Maintenance	1939
Supply of Electricity	7718
Columns & Repairs	8400
Total Street Lighting	18,057

Grasscutting (Play Areas & Churchyard)

Grasscutting	19032
Total Grass Cutting	19,032

Community Grants

VASA Transport Support	7500
Section 137 grants	12000
Southam Youth Facility	1605
Southam Christmas Lights	2250
Southam in Bloom	2250
Total Community Grants	25,605

TOTAL OTHER 63,694

TOTAL BUDGET £187,932

Less Total Income -1860

Less taken from General Reserves -5715

Council Tax Reduction Grant -15750

PRECEPT UPON SDC £164,607

Band D Taxpayer

2014/15 £75.11 2015/16 £76.09

Increase £0.98 or 1.3% per annum

SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL - MAY ELECTIONS

Would you like to influence the way local services are provided?

Why not become a Town Councillor?

Town Councils have an overall responsibility for the well being of the local community. Their work falls into three main categories.

- * Representing the local community
- * Delivering services to meet local needs
- * Working to improve quality of life in the town

As a Town Councillor you will be involved in decision making through meetings and attending committees with other elected members, deciding which activities to support, where local council tax money should be spent and what services should be delivered.

Contact the Town Council Office

Tel. 01926 814004 or

Email clerk@southamcouncil-warks.gov.uk

FREE TRAVEL FOR PENSIONERS!

Southam Town Council continues to budget for free transport for pensioners following the cancellation of the concessionary travel token scheme. Expenditure is now targeted to provide **FREE** travel to and from medical appointments in the Coventry and Warwickshire area.

The scheme is accessible to Southam Residents of 60 years of age and over and with a genuine need for voluntary transport. This service is not normally available to those residents who have a vehicle registered to their address but dispensation may be granted in cases of extreme need.

To access the subsidised travel, pensioners will need to show possession of a valid bus pass.

Contact **VASA, Voluntary Transport Service**
Monday to Friday 10am to 12.30pm 01926 817525

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.

Cllr. A Crump 07899904189

Cllr. J Ellard 07854141794

Cllr. T Bromwich 07879670599

PARKING ON VERGES AND FOOTWAYS

Damage to the grass verges caused by inconsiderate parking has become an increasing problem in Southam and the problem has been exacerbated by the wet conditions. Several instances of damaged verges have been reported to the highways authority



Residents should be aware that driving a vehicle over the grass verges and footways is a contravention of the 1980s Highways Act, under which the authority has the power to carry out full repairs and recover the costs from the offender.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON VERGES -YOU MAY BE CHARGED FOR ANY DAMAGE!

THE NEXT BLOOD DONOR SESSION IS ON 5TH MARCH 2015 AT THE GRANGE HALL

TREE WORKS IN THE CONVERSATION AREA

You must obtain permission from Stratford District Council planning department if you wish to undertake any works to a tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order.

You must also provide the Council with six weeks notice of your intention to fell a tree or undertake pruning works to a tree in the Southam Conservation Area.



SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETS ON THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

26th February 2015

26th March 2015

23rd April 2015

21st May 2015 Annual Town Meeting/ Mayor Making

28th May 2015

25th June 2015

23rd July 2015

24th September 2015

August Recess (No Meeting)

22th October 2015

26th November 2015

December Recess No Meeting



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.

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