

Whetstone Parish Council Precept Information 2025/26

This leaflet provides you with a summary of the estimated income and expenditure for Whetstone Parish Council in the forthcoming year and compares this with the budget figures for the previous year. The Parish Council provides a range of services for the benefit of the community. We try and maximize the revenue we receive and use this to make the village a better place to live in, as well as maintaining all our village amenities and assets.

This year, room bookings for the Edward Wright room continued to flourish and the Cemetery has been at a constant and anticipated level of demand. The staff of the Parish Council have continued to work hard throughout the year ensuring all public facilities were kept operational and safe.

We continued to fight against the proposed development on Trinity Road Park and were pleased to have a commercial offer to buy the park off Blaby District Council (BDC) accepted at their January 2025 Council meeting. This means that during 2025, the whole park will transfer over to the Parish Council and will be kept in perpetuity as an open space for the village to enjoy, as it has always done.

We have continued tree safety works throughout the village on our open spaces, parks and again in the Cemetery. A low-cost solution was put in place for Members IT in 2024 and is embedded into our day-to-day operations. Council replaced the guttering and fascias on the Council building as per last years projected plans.

This year we have submitted grant applications to use the s106 monies we have available as the Parish Council. This is money from new development that we can use **‘Towards the provision, enhancement and/or development of open space and recreational facilities within the Parish’**. These include:

- **New Play and Exercise Equipment** – to replace aged equipment on both Trinity Road Park and Warwick Road Sports ground.
- **Additional Trinity Park Lighting** – to complete the lighting added to the park in 2023.
- **Provision of land at Trinity Road Park** - to complete the purchase of the land in totality from BDC.

Council are still looking to acquire the Public Open Space areas off Wright Close and Elliot Close from DWH. This is on hold at present due to the flooding issues that the open spaces have seen and any mitigation works that may be needed to be undertaken by DWH on and around the floodplain.

The precept set for 2025/26 by your Parish Council shows a 2.92 % increase, on last year's base precept of the Whetstone Parish Council portion of your council tax. This small increase allows us to continue to improve the facilities for Whetstone. We hope you find this to be good value.



STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE

The precept requirement of Whetstone Parish Council for the year 2025/26 is £274,636 which is based on estimates of income and expenditure as follows:-

EXPENDITURE	2024/25 £	2025/26 £
Employment Costs	172,919	181,273
Council depot & Cemetery	30,055	30,566
Finance & Administration	15,388	15,103
Equipment	11,990	11,875
Community & Environmental	17,500	24,799
Special Projects	39,800	33,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	287,652	296,616
LESS INCOME		
Raised by Council via cemetery fees, agency agreements, hire of premises and pitches	19,230	21,980
PRECEPT REQUESTED	268,422	274,636

The Council welcomes any comments from Parishioners and our website details are shown below:

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