

- 1. Agree the list of projects and the funding source for 2019/20**
- 2. Agree the list of fees and charges for 2019/20**
- 3. Agree an increase in the precept of 2.2% in line with CPI and the budget for 2019/20**
- 4. Agree staff pay for 2019/20**

In the late spring of 2017 the Council undertook a community wide consultation event to help decide the priorities of the Council in the future. Given our very local focus the Council is committed to improving the issues that it knows are important to residents and to spend the money that it raises on these things first.

Issues emerged from the consultation that can be grouped together under key themes. In addition to these the Council also has to ensure that its assets are updated and renewed. Taken together our priorities are as follows:

1. Transport, Infrastructure and Development
2. Employment and Business
3. Environment and leisure
4. Community/leisure
5. Asset Renewal

What can you expect from Hamble Parish Council?

HPC is solely interested in bettering the lives of those within our community. When we make decisions, this is our focus. As a parish council we have a limited number of powers we can use and our resources are small both in manpower and funding. Like most parish councils we must raise part of our income from setting a local precept, included as part of the Council Tax bill.

In previous years we have also received additional grant from EBC known as the revenue support grant (RSG). In 2018/9 this was £12,000. EBC have confirmed that they will be withdrawing the grant to all parishes over the next 3 years. In 2019/20 the grant will be £8,000.

HPC is fortunate to have other forms of income. These include rental from the council's lease portfolio, the Foreshore Car Park and the Dinghy Park and the fees and charges set for services we deliver such as allotments and parking permits.

In setting our budget HPC will consider the following:

Expenditure: staffing, rents, utilities, maintenance and building costs etc. These are likely to increase by CPI 2.2% Nov 2018

Income: HPC can increase its fees and charges to help cover the shortfall in the budget. Our proposed charges are set out in Appendix 4 and need to be approved.

Reserves – The Council holds reserves to either fund unforeseen expenditure or projects. The Council has £260,000 in reserve accounts along with a working balance in the current account. A copy is set out in appendix 2 which shows the councils assets as of the end of the month. The Council should ensure that the Council holds a minimum reserve of £150,000 in 2019/20. See Appendix 2 Balance Sheet.

Specific Projects

Each year the council decides its priorities for the year. In 2018/9 we set a range of project. These are set out in appendix 1 and included planned and in year projects that arose.

In addition to these larger projects the Council has also been involved in several pre-planning application and planning applications and appeals, EBC's Local Plan consultations and responses to Highway England and HCC Hamble lane Consultation. In the last year the Council has set up a dedicated Planning Committee to comment on policy, specific applications, infrastructure and rights of way. It has also commissioned the traffic study to inform responses about traffic and congestion on Hamble Lane.

We have also worked more closely with community groups during the year providing help and support including grant funding to Hamble Conservation Volunteers, Carols in the Square, Friends of Primary School, Flower Club to Commemorate the 100th year anniversary of the Armistice day, River Hamble Games and have made the Foreshore available to support several initiatives. The

Council has also worked with the Community Pay back team to support the rehabilitation of offenders whilst getting important jobs done in the village.

Finally, the council has worked closely with EBC on the completion of the Mercury building and has identified services to support residents based on the We R Hamble survey. The library will be available to use outside of normal opening hours and the intention is for it to become of hub of social activity to minimise isolation. Providers will also be offering help and support with digital technology, job searches, welfare advice and special services for older people and carers. A team of volunteers has been identified and trained and will form part of a working committee that operate the space.

Budget and precept

Attached in Appendix 3 is the revised budget for 2019/20. It assumes a Parish Council Tax of 2.2% in line with the Consumer Prices Index. The detailed sheets are attached in Appendix 4 plus the advice on how to use the spread sheet. The impact of the increases are as follows:

% increase	Parish Council tax 2018/9	Parish Council tax 2019/20	Increase for year	Precept for year	Contribution from EBC	Total Parish Precept
2.2	£119.73	£122.36	£2.63	£235.987.	£8,179.35	£244.166.53
3.5	£119.73	£123.92	£4.19	£238.995.83	£8,283.64	£247279.47
5.0	£119.73	£125.72	£5.99	£242,467.36	£8,403.97	£250871.33
7.7	£119.73	£128.95	£9.22	£248696.84	£8,619.88	£257,316.72

The budget at 2.2 is now balanced. A decision to either reduce the precept would require savings of to be made on the budget of £5,248.

The impact of increases are demonstrated up to 7.7% which Hound PC have increased their charge by.

Appendix 1- Planned projects for 2018/19

Project	theme	What we did	Budget	Source
Rebuild the council's website	5	The new website was operational by July. The website has improved functionality such as email alerts and have been restructured in a more useable format. The Planning element remains outstanding due to issues with EBC configuration.	Nil	Officer time
Undertake a feasibility study into the extent of works needed at the Roy Underdown Pavilion and Mount Pleasant	5	Work is proposed in the final quarter to assess RUP.	£30,000	Earmarked reserve
Replacement of seating at the Southern Quay and College Playing Fields.	4/5	Work at CPF has been put on hold pending the outcome of the GE application. Replacement seating at the Southern Quay remains a priority but needs to be considered as part of the vision for the foreshore	£50,000	Earmarked reserve
Improvements to the Dinghy Park	4/5	The Dinghy Park Working Group has been established and has meet throughout the year. Issues have included improved cleaning of the slipway, additional grounds cleaning to the Dinghy Park, consideration of relocating the current tap and a revision to the layout of the park.	£7,000	Earmarked reserve
Improvements to both the Allotments and the Cemetery at	4/5	The allotment association were gifted a petrol strimmer that was surplus to the grounds team requirements. A notice board was also installed. A site meeting is to be arranged.		Earmarked reserve

St Andrews Church		Within the cemetery the grounds schedule has been changed to create a more natural area for contemplation and to support wildlife. Composting bins have been installed, the central hedge has been pruned and a review of the regulations have taken place. Further work is needed on the design and layout as well as options for a further site.		
Conclude the lease with Hamble Life Boat	5	Should be concluded by the end of the year. Work to commission the showers will take place later this year.	£12,000 income	Revenue Budget
HYPE	4	The YMCA youth outreach service ceased in 2017/18 and Youth Options were appointed by HCC to provide the service in 2019/20. This service was established without the need for partnership funding in 2018/19. Despite this the HPC earmarked funding from reserves to support additional services if needed. This was not the case. However, following problems with young people on the foreshore during the summer of 2018 the Local Area Plan is looking to prioritise a Youth Strategy and as a result the funding from 2018/19 is to be rolled forward to next year	£10,000	Earmarked Reserves
Replacement Parking meter	5	Additional meter to be installed with card payment for business resilience and to other customer choice	£12,000	Earmarked Reserve

Other projects that arose during 2018/9

Project	Theme	Reason	Outcome	Cost	Source
Traffic Survey	1	This work was to support the council in responding to	Working is still taking place but has been used as part of HPC response to the GE application	£10,000 + Vat	Earmarked reserve

		HCC Hamble Lane consultation as well as planning applications			
Valuation Advice	5	Rent review for lease	Lease completed	£3,000	Earmarked reserve
Office layout	4	To improve the access to the office with associated furniture etc	Completed and open 2.01.19	£1,000	Earmarked reserve
Bartletts Field Replacement	4/5	Due to issues highlighted in the annual insurance report and a spate of vandalism it was agreed to replace the play area within the year	On site 07.01.19 with completion by mid Feb 2019	£50,000 + Vat with a £14,000 contribution. Payment of invoice will be over 2 years	Earmarked reserve
Legal costs	5	Additional legal advice linked to a number of outstanding lease issues including the need to appoint a barrister	Barrister not retained in the end but additional costs incurred. Some leases still need to be reviewed.	£5,000	Earmarked reserve