

OCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Precept - your council tax bill

The parish precept was discussed at the January meeting of the parish council.

A budget had been prepared giving an estimate of expenditure for the year 2018/19. Projects discussed at parish council meetings that will need funding are as follows:

1. car park at the station
2. repairs to swings at play area by village hall
3. part rental costs for Post Office use of the cricket pavilion
4. additional mowing around the Green

The annual expenditure covering the mowing around the Green, upkeep of the play area, insurance, clerk's salary and expenses, training and meetings, subscriptions, donations all also have to be accounted for when calculating the precept.

It was agreed that the precept for the year 2018/19 should be increased from the £15,000 of 2017/18 to £18,000. The relevant form was completed and submitted to MVDC. MVDC have informed the parish council that the 2018/19 parish council charge at Band D for Ockley will be £41.49. In 2017/18 the parish Band D charge was £34.92 The annual statement sent out from MVDC will show the increase for the parish council amount in the overall charge for the year.

Road Safety Improvements in the Village

A feasibility study had been commissioned by the parish council in 2017 and the report received was discussed by the consultancy company, councillors and Surrey County Councillor, Helyn Clack at the January meeting. Some of the suggestions for improvements were ones that had already been highlighted. A package of measures to be implemented can now be put together to discuss with the Highways Authority and other bodies. Some funding for any of these measures may need to come from the parish council precept.

Aviva Community Fund - bringing the Ockley dinosaur home!

We are a winner!

Aviva have confirmed we will receive £1000.

Once again, many thanks to all of you who persisted with the often frustrating process of registering your votes.

We have also received funding from Kindred Spirits (Pavilion Café) and through our SC Councillor Helyn Clack. Thank you.

Swings at Play Area by Village Hall

Following a recent inspection we were advised to take the swings out of use until a further inspection was undertaken with necessary remedial works. We hope that this won't take too long so the children will be able to have swings to use in the play area once again.

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