

Whiteley Parish Council's budget for 2010/11

How the Parish Council is funded

Households within the Winchester district of Whiteley are 'parished' and served by Whiteley Parish Council, unlike those in Fareham which has no local or community council system.

The Parish Council raises funding for its operation and project costs through the Council Tax, the amount is shown separately on the bill which also includes an amount for Hampshire County Council, Winchester City Council, Fire Service and Police.

The Parish Council has one part time member of staff who works from home. As the council is relatively new (established in 2003) it currently has few facilities unlike other parishes which means the budget is comparatively low. This is likely to change over time as services are devolved into local ownership.

Budget for 2010/11

Following a close look at the Parish Council's operations and project proposals a budget, or precept, for the coming financial year of £50,189 has been agreed.

This will represent an annual payment for a Band D Council Tax payer of just under £40, an increase of £7.82, or 65p per month, on last year.

The decision to increase the budget in a difficult economic climate was not taken lightly but the Council believes that in order to improve life for residents a certain level of financing is required.

The budget includes a sum of £3,000 for grants to local organisation, if your group is in need of funding please use the grant application form available on the Council's website.

Also included is a sum towards the running costs of a new community hub facility providing a library, facilities for young people and local offices. It is hoped work will start on the hub in early 2011.

The Recreation and General Purposes Committee is looking at a project to install a youth shelter to compliment facilities provided in the hub, additional grants will be required to fully fund the proposals. Other projects include repairs and replacements to seats and benches and working with partner organisations to improve the surface of the Gull Coppice footpath.

Should projects not be completed or successful grant applications be made surplus funding will be used to reduce budgets in future years.

A summary of the budget is set out below, more details can be viewed on the Council's website www.whiteleypc.info

Whiteley Parish Council Budget /Precept Request 2010/11			
Expenditure		2009/10 Precept	2010/11 Precept
1	Staff and office costs	16,201	16,960
2	Subscriptions	495	520
3	Insurance	1,050	1,050
4	Audit fees	915	915
5	Room hire	1,100	1,100
6	Annual parish assembly	700	800
7	Councillor/Staff training	500	2,000
8	Cllr travelling expenses	300	300
9	Chairman's allowance	500	500
10	Projects		
	Grants to community organisations	3,000	3,000
	Hub / youth / library running costs when completed	12,600	12,600
	Sculpture benches	4,500	
	Youth shelter	0	13,000
	Repair benches	0	2,000
	Top dress Gull Coppice path	0	2,000
	Committee budgets	2,000	2,000
	Whiteley Voice newsletter	4,000	4,000
	Maintain bus shelters	800	800
	Maintain dog bins	0	780
	Contingency	4,000	4,000
11	Total budget	52,661	68,325
12	Balance remaining from last year	-12,066	-18,136
13	Precept request	40,595	50,189