



January 2020

Parish Council Precept

Braunton Parish Council provides public services to the residents of Braunton including the communities of Knowle and Saunton. We deal with local issues in the parish on behalf of residents and to do this we raise our own form of council tax which is known as a precept. The precept is collected on our behalf by North Devon Council and is included in your council tax bill. In preparing its budget for 2020-21, Braunton Parish Council has looked hard at where it can make savings (both in terms of cuts and further efficiencies), while at the same time providing the projects, functions and services that the community of Braunton expect to be delivered.

This year, challenges and cost pressures include implementing changes to reduce its carbon footprint as well as Government austerity, with the Parish

Council taking on management of the County land which has led to the Parish Council maintaining 32,000m² of urban grass verges. Also, the District Council's Parish Grant has been withdrawn.

Braunton Parish Council will continue to:

- Maintain the public assets of the village including Parish Hall, four playgrounds, Village Green, Recreation Ground, Memorial Gardens, Velator Quay, Tarka Trail etc.
- Protect and provide public open space for the community by acquiring land from principal authorities.
- Continue to manage the local car parks maintaining charges at a reasonable rate for local people.

To assist in those expectations, the Parish Council has allocated:

£17,000
to
provide an
Apprenticeship
opportunity

£5,000 to
maintain the
County's
urban grass
verges

£5,000
towards
planting
trees

£5,000
towards
improving
play parks

£13,475
grants
awarded to
local
organisations

The tax base for Branton increases each year to reflect the new houses being built, which helps to keep the overall tax burden down, as it is shared more widely. To deliver all the above and continue to provide existing and new services to the residents of Branton the precept will increase from £39.31 to approximately £51.46 per annum (for the average Band D household). This is the first increase for the past 10 years.

In 2020-21, the average whole household (i.e. Band D) will contribute approximately £0.98 pence per week (through the precept portion of Council Tax) towards the funding of local projects, functions and services that Branton Parish Council provides to the community.



Devon Air Ambulance needs a community of volunteers to keep their 19 charity shops open and emergency helicopters flying. In 2018 Branton Parish Council helped to provide and now maintains a night landing site in Branton Recreation Ground for Devon Air Ambulance.

Could you spare an hour or two to help your local Barnstaple shop? No experience required as friendly support, training and encouragement are offered. This opportunity would suit anyone who would like to meet new people and help to save lives. Pop in and have a chat with one of their Managers at 4 Queens's House Barnstaple or call 01271 328579 to find out more or arrange a trial session at one of their shops.

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Meetings Calendar 2020

Full Council Meetings are held in the Council Chamber at the Parish Hall on the second Monday of each month and additional meetings, to primarily consider planning applications, are held on the fourth Monday of each month.

7pm 13 January 2020

7pm 27 January 2020

7pm 10 February 2020

Agendas and minutes can be viewed on our website.

