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Head of Service**

Date as postmarked

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Reply to: Ross White

Our Ref: RW/AM/Precepts 23-24

(please quote this reference on all correspondence with us)

Dear Sir/Madam

**PARISH PRECEPT REQUIREMENT: BARTON PARISH COUNCIL
GRANT SUPPORT & TAX BASE FOR 2023/2024**

I should be pleased if you would let me have details of your Council's Precept Requirement for the year 2023/24 by completing the attached form and returning it to me by Friday 13th January 2023.

Your Precept Requirement should be the amount of your council tax requirement for the year, calculated as required under Section 50 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, amended by the Localism Act 2011, and must take account of all known items, including parish elections if they are due to be held.

I am able to advise you that next year's Council Tax base for the parish has been calculated as **1,968.2**. This figure is a fundamental component in calculating your local tax and precept requirements.

You will recall that following the implementation of a local council tax support scheme in 2013/14 this resulted in a reduction in the tax base. In order to mitigate the impact of this change the council passed on funding support from central government in the form of a grant. Your grant allocation for 2023/24 has been calculated to be **£1,865.00**.

It is our intention to pay 50% of your Precept Requirement and grant within one month of the start of the financial year, ie on 21st April 2023 and the remaining 50% paid within six months of the start of the financial year, ie. 22nd September 2023.

East Staffordshire Borough Council,
PO Box 8045, Burton upon Trent DE14 9JG
Telephone: 01283 508000
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I have attached an example of how this will impact on the local Council Tax calculation for your Parish. If you have any queries or require further assistance when calculating your precept for 2023/24 please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



Rt Ross White
Accountant
ross.white@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk

PARISH COUNCIL
PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS 2023/2024

***The Parish Precept Requirement for the year ending
31st March 2024 is:***

£81,000..... (in figures)

***Eighty one thousand pounds.....* (in words)**

Agreed at Parish Council Meeting held on

5 January 2023 (date)

The minute reference for this precept request is:

7.1.....

This figure should be the statutory precept amount only and any grant notified in relation to the localisation of council tax support will be in addition to this amount.

Signed: 
Parish Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer

Name: *SIOBHAN RUMSBY*
Parish Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer

BARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Telephone number: *01283 716059*.....

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Parish Council website address: *bartonunderneedwood-pc.gov.uk*

PLEASE RETURN BY 13th January 2023 TO:

**ROSS WHITE
Financial Management Unit,
PO Box 8045, Burton upon Trent DE14**

PARISH PRECEPT SETTING 2023/24

Parish: Barton

Council Tax calculation - 2022/23

Net Expenditure less Grant from ESBC = Precept divided by Taxbase = Average Band D Parish Tax Rate

Net Expenditure	ESBC Grant	=	Precept	/	Taxbase	=	Parish Rate
77,865.00	-		1,865.00		76,000.00		38.81
					1,958.4		

Council Tax calculation - 2023/24

Net Expenditure less Grant from ESBC = Precept divided by Taxbase = Average Band D Parish Tax Rate

For Example:-

Net Expenditure	ESBC Grant	=	Precept	/	Taxbase	=	Parish Rate
78,250.84	-		1,865.00		76,385.84		38.81
					1,968.2		

In this example a precept of £76,385.84 would result in a Parish Council Tax Rate Freeze.

$$82,865.00 - 1,865 = 81,000 / 1,968.2 = 41.16$$

Barton Parish Council		S. Rumsby	RFO	05-Jan-23																	
Budget v Receipts & Payments 2023-2024																					
2021-2022		2022-2023			2023-2024																
Local Authority Precept		63,876	76,000			76,000															
Receipts		Last Year 2021-2022	Budget 2022-23	Actual to date	Year End Projection	Budget Diff	Budget 2023-2024	Budget Diff	% variance	RFO Comments											
Total		64,435	40,815	55,799	55,552	14,737	44,093	3,278	8.03												
Local Authority Grant/Other		2,421	1,865	1,865	7,865	6,000	1,865	0	0.00												
Burial Ground		11,366	12,000	11,646	19,964	7,964	12,000	0	0.00	Based on average year projections											
Allotments		2,169	1,538	838	1,538	1	1,613	75	4.88												
Fishing		3,636	3,000	2,712	3,000	0	3,000	0	0.00												
Interest		14	30	42	30	0	30	0	0.00	Interest rates low											
Holland Sports Club Lease		300	200	0	200	0	200	0	0.00	10% insurance premium											
Grants		18,000	0	10,358	358	358	0	0													
VAT Reimbursement		7,500	6,500	9,862	9,000	2,500	3,000	-3,500	-53.85	Based on 2022-23 spend											
Car Park		8,682	8,682	9,368	9,368	686	10,192	1,510	17.40	Maintenance charge to Co-op Store increase based on CPI of 8.8% (Sept 22)											
Village Hall		9,235	7,000	9,108	12,193	5,193	12,193	5,193	74.19	Includes staff costs contra, new building manager positions											
Other		31	0	0	0	0	0	0													
Payments		Last Year 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Actual to date	Year End Projection	Budget Diff	Budget 2023-2024	Budget Diff	% variance	RFO Comments											
Total		143,170	117,693	79,548	122,248	4,555	124,532	6,839	5.81												
Staff costs		50,685	52,671	39,993	52,738	67	58,000	5,329	10.12	NJC rates awaited & minimum/living wage (10%)											
Admin / T&D/Professional		9,019	11,000	6,698	11,000	0	10,000	-1,000	-9.09	Subs, office supplies, rent, phone, stationery, postage, insurance, website, T&D, audit, legal											
Election		1,875	1,875	1,875	1,875	0	1,875	0	0.00	Estimated costs towards future elections											
Burial Ground		1,916	3,500	3,426	3,500	0	2,250	-1,250	-35.71	Committee projections											
Donations & S137 payments		669	500	316	500	0	500	0	0.00	Based on previous years expenditure											
Capital Expenditure		7,175	3,000	238	4,000	1,000	1,500	-1,500	-50.00	Equipment replacement											
Maintenance / Repairs)		5,668	2,500	1,180	1,000	-1,500	1,000	-1,500	-60.00												
General		219	500	114	500	0	500	0	0.00	GPC payments											
Lengthsman		1,819	2,508	1,953	2,508	0	2,750	242	9.65	Increase in line with national minimum wage											
Parks & Open Spaces		12,657	17,300	7,962	17,300	0	17,500	200	1.16	P&OS report submitted											
Allotments		1,880	2,439	1,666	2,439	0	1,460	-979	-40.14	Committee report											
Fishpond		3,441	5,500	1,770	5,500	0	8,500	3,000	54.55	P&OS report submitted											
Car Park		1,384	1,200	741	1,200	0	1,200	0	0.00												
Village Enhancement		184	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	0.00	Provision for village events											
Other Projects		27,914	0	758	758	758	0	0													
Bank Charges		158	200	156	200	0	200	0	0.00												
VAT		9,498	6,000	2,976	6,000	0	6,000	0	0.00												
Village Hall contra		7,009	6,000	7,728	10,297	4,297	10,297	4,297	71.62												
Precept 2023-2024		81,000	Bank Balances as at:			31-Dec-22	Earmarked Future Provision 2023-24														
Less Projected Payments		124,532	Lloyds Current A/C			2,000.00	Ring-fenced Reserves														
Draw on Reserves		-43,532	Lloyds Deposit A/C			98,225.59	Car Park Maintenance & Resurface £35,000.00														
			Lloyds High Interest A/C			-	Resident funding fishpond contamination prevention £700.00														
Projected Income		44,093	Petty Cash			150.00	Land Drainage Collinson Park £3,000.00														
Projected Surplus/Deficit		561	National Savings			73,853.99	Toddler Park £10,000.00														
							Full Brook Clearance funds (SCC) £426.80														
Working Capital		100,376	Less unrepresented cheque:			-	Election expenses £7,500.00														
General Reserve		73,854	Plus credits outstanding			-	£56,626.80														
Ring-fenced Reserves		56,627	Total			174,229.58															
Minimum Reserve		37,000																			
Net Funds		80,603																			
PRECEPT CALCULATION																					
Net Expenditure less Grant from ESBC = Precept divided by Taxbase = Average Band D Parish Tax Rate																					
		Expenditure	Estimated Grant	Precept	Taxbase	Parish Rate	Diff		%												
2023/2024		82865.00	1865	81000.00	1968	41.16	2.35		6.06												
2022/2023		77865.00	1865	76000.00	1958.4	38.81	5.93		18.03												

Barton under Needwood Parish Council - Receipts and Payments Monthly Summary

2022-2023

Receipts	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Total
Rents	725.00	75.00	37.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	837.50
Interest	0.41	0.51	0.63	0.57	1.95	2.63	3.40	9.66	22.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.08
ESBC	38,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	76,000.00
LA Other	932.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	932.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,865.00
Burial Ground	1,065.00	450.00	955.90	2,455.00	1,100.00	255.00	705.00	2,110.00	2,550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,645.90
Fishpond	966.93	225.00	180.00	625.00	319.00	162.46	117.00	117.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,712.39
VAT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,862.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,862.34
Car Park	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,367.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,367.88
BVH Sal, Tax & NIC	972.50	954.45	1,022.07	960.81	1,170.17	982.60	1,049.82	1,042.84	952.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,108.22
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants/donations	120.00	50.00	0.00	137.59	0.00	0.00	50.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,357.59
Total Income	42,782.34	1,754.96	2,196.10	4,178.97	11,959.00	40,335.19	1,925.22	23,141.84	3,525.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	131,798.90

Payments	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Total	Budget	Budget Balance
Bank Charges	10.25	13.25	41.51	0.00	14.35	36.75	0.00	11.04	28.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	155.63		
Salaries	2,782.10	2,781.90	3,019.15	2,781.90	2,841.33	3,082.57	2,841.33	3,562.26	3,193.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,886.28		
HMRC	1,432.70	1,033.38	1,225.40	1,284.21	1,158.84	1,155.61	1,263.91	1,119.21	1,582.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,256.18		
Nest Pensions	203.07	326.72	0.00	175.05	175.05	175.05	175.05	175.05	445.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,850.57		
Admin	1,211.78	1,722.19	566.25	617.25	296.50	1,063.68	386.08	604.39	230.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,698.42		
Burial Ground	16.67	33.34	1,566.91	283.47	142.91	815.01	79.20	175.01	313.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,426.18	3,500.00	73.82
Allotments	310.00	0.00	571.65	542.50	100.50	141.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,666.32	2,439.00	772.68
Fishpond	75.00	181.26	624.70	0.00	364.08	0.00	173.48	75.00	276.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,770.30	5,500.00	3,729.70
Donations	0.00	25.00	0.00	120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	170.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	315.50		
P&OS	80.00	1,302.18	1,145.94	1,015.09	80.00	2,805.27	426.03	1,027.14	80.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,961.65	17,300.00	9,338.35
Capital Exp	0.00	237.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	237.50		
Maintenance	0.00	109.37	56.75	30.24	0.00	0.00	46.31	0.00	937.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,180.36		
Car Park	76.00	76.00	95.00	76.00	76.00	95.00	76.00	76.00	95.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	741.00		
Lengthsmen	190.00	190.00	237.50	190.00	190.00	237.50	190.00	190.00	337.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,952.50		
General payments	0.00	54.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00	0.00	5.25	41.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	114.00		
Projects	0.00	137.59	620.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	757.59		
BVH Contra	960.82	966.15	774.75	774.75	774.75	848.50	907.12	886.00	835.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,727.95		
VEC	0.00	0.00	42.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	87.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	130.78	1,000.00	869.22
VAT	22.57	275.75	758.91	250.75	90.83	889.88	116.00	247.43	323.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,975.51		
Total Spend	7,370.96	9,466.34	11,347.40	8,141.21	6,305.14	11,358.49	6,680.51	8,324.28	8,809.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	77,804.22		

<u>Barton under Needwood Parish Council</u>		<u>Bank Reconciliation as per statements at:</u>		31-Dec-22
Lloyds Current A/C		£	2,000.00	
Lloyds Deposit (Instant Access) A/C		£	98,225.59	
National Savings		£	73,853.99	
Petty Cash		£	150.00	
Total Bank Balances				£ 174,229.58
<u>Add Credits not on Statement</u>				
				£0.00
				£ 174,229.58
<u>Less unrepresented payments:-</u>				
				£0.00
				£ 174,229.58
Opening Balances :-		Bank Statements as at 31st March 2021		
Lloyds Current A/C		£	2,001.00	
Lloyds Deposit A/C		£	43,546.83	
National Savings		£	73,853.99	
Petty Cash		£	150.00	
Parish Council -		Total	£ 119,551.82	
<i>Add Receipts to date</i>		£	131,798.90	
<i>Less Expenditure to date</i>		£	77,121.14	
Total Cash and Investments as at -			£ 174,229.58	
				Difference -£ 0.00
RFO, S. Rumsby				

**Barton under Needwood Parish Council -
Scheduled Payments presented to Full Council**

Item 7.1
01/12/2022

Payee	Description	£ Value Gross	£ VAT	£ NET
Salaries total		4,633.71		4,633.71 HR
Nest		251.49		251.49 HR
HMRC		1,582.92		1,582.92 HR
Mitmark	Collinson park CCTV	96.00	16.00	80.00 P&OS
Lloyds	Bank charges	19.54		19.54 Admin
SPCA	Elections Training	30.00	0.00	30.00 Admin
NKSD	Shoulder Electricity	30.00		30.00 Admin
St James PCC	Electricity star	30.00		30.00 Admin
Needwood Fire Station	Donation for erection of star	50.00		50.00 Donations
Barton Skip Hire	Burial Ground skip	170.00	28.33	141.67 Burial Ground
Amazon	Alun Keys	1.99		1.99 General
Source for Business	Water	131.44		131.44 Allotments
Total Net Payments				6,982.76

Scheduled Payments

Authorised Chairman

PLANNING – All matters have been referred to the Planning Committee and their comments appear in italics below, the Committee meet fortnightly 5pm, in the Douglas Room, Barton Village Hall. Please contact the clerk for dates should you wish to attend any Planning Meetings

1. 01320 - 18 Mill Crescent : Erection of a single storey rear extension to form level access ground floor shower room – *no objections*
2. 01318 - 8 Wales Lane : Erection of a two storey side and rear extension with Juliette balcony and conversion of existing garage to form additional living accommodation
No objection to proposed development but would like to see a requirement for surface water from the modified driveway to be diverted to a soakaway rather than run directly down the slope into Wales Lane street drains and then into Barton Brook.
3. 01213 - 1 St James Court : Proposed conversion of existing garage, erection of a new front porch, rear canopy and bifold doors together with adaptations of existing fenestration and retention of detached store.
*Whilst we have no objection to the proposed main structural alterations to the building we have a concern over the trellis shown at the front of the house.
DP5 allows development within conservation areas where it can be demonstrated to protect and enhance the character and appearance, including the setting of the conservation area.

The proposed trellis shown to the front of house visually intrusive and not in keeping with the overall style of St. James Court. If the intention is for training climbing plants we would prefer to see other materials considered such as wires which are less obtrusive while providing support for growing plants.

For this reason we object to the application in its current form.*
4. 01303 - 2 Holland Park : Demolition of existing conservatory to facilitate the erection of a single storey rear extension, installation of cladding to the front and rear elevations, conversion of existing attached garage to form office/playroom and erection of a detached garage

*The proposed extension to the rear of the house has a huge glassed area which we are concerned may result in overlooking adjacent dwellings and possibly have an overbearing impact as referenced in DP3.
The site of the proposed garage is close to the boundary of the conservation which includes the buildings and entrance to the adjacent Thomas Russel Infants School. The trees on the proposed garage site complement this area and their replacement with a building would have a detrimental effect on the setting of the conservation area. No details are shown of the proposed vehicle access to this garage.
We do not consider that sufficient information has been provided about the garage and therefore we object to the application in its current form*
5. 01374 - 19 Church Lane : Conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation - *no objections*
6. 01399 - 2 St James Court : Crown reduction by 5 metres and 2.5m from the sides to one Sycamore tree (TPO NO 218)
*We attach a Word document with site photographs taken on 24/12/22.

These show that the tree is visible both from locations within the St James Churchyard as well as locations more widely on Church Lane, Main Street and from the Parish Burial Ground.

As such it enhances the amenity of the Conservation Area.

The application is for a 5m reduction in the canopy from the top and approximately 2.5m from the sides.

On the application form under 'Condition of the tree' the applicant has ticked the box to say that they don't consider that the tree is diseased or that it may break or fall.*

However under the section 'Description of Works' the applicant claims that the works are necessary due to the presence of rot pockets developed from previous pruning points in a previous crown reduction exercise and that there is a risk to members of the public using the footpath in the churchyard.

No detailed evidence is submitted to support this assertion.

The photographs attached show that the trunk of the tree is well-cloaked in Ivy and that this includes most of the branch junctions with the main trunk. It's probable that it would be very difficult to inspect such branch unions for any serious rot pockets that MIGHT cause a risk of branch failure without removing the Ivy first.

Evidence of rot pockets at pruning points higher in the crown could only be evidenced as a result of a climbing survey of the tree.

There is no mention in the application that such a survey was carried out and there are no photographs offered to suggest that such rot pockets exist.

The case that there is any immediate or serious risk to members of the public is therefore in our opinion not made.

This seems to be more a request to reduce the canopy to allow more light into the property at No. 2 St James Court.

Since a previous crown thinning/reduction has clearly taken place in the past this is not an unreasonable request.

However we consider a 5m reduction in the top of the canopy to be excessive and would suggest this be limited to 3m maximum – which takes it back to roughly the extent of the previous reduction.

Barton Parish Council therefore OBJECT to the 5m reduction applied for and would suggest that if ESBC is minded to permit a crown reduction that this be limited to 3m only.

BPC assume that if the work were to be carried out that the tree surgeon would at that time also carry out a crown cleaning exercise to remove any deadwood from the canopy.

BPC ask that ESBC arrange for the tree to be inspected by a qualified Arboricultural Consultant before determining this application

ESBC Decisions – Permissions Granted

7. 00574 - 272 Efflinch Lane : Widening of existing access and gate, erection of new front porch, two storey side and part two storey and single storey rear extension and ground source heat pump in rear garden
8. 00824 - 101 Main Street : Remodelling of existing dwelling to include erection of two storey side, single storey rear and two storey and single storey front extensions and associated roof alterations
9. 01171 - 9 Keeling Drive : Erection of a part single and two storey side extension and re-configuration of parking area to provide 3 parking spaces
10. 01219 - 6 Barton Gate : Prior approval for the conversion of a commercial catering unit to form dwelling
11. 01314 - 104 Main Street : Felling of 3 leylandii trees from rear garden
12. 00862 - 69 Short Lane : Demolition of existing garage and erection of a two storey side and part two storey and single storey rear extensions



Figure 1 View from Church Lane – tree is prominent in the view



Figure 2 View from Main Street – tree is prominent in the view



Figure 3 View from Main St/St James Court entrance



Figure 4 View from public footpath in Burial Ground



Figure 5 View from Main Access drive from Main Street to St James Church – previous pruning points appear to be nearer a 3m canopy reduction than the 5m applied for.



Figure 6 View from Main Access Drive from Church Lane to St James Church



Figure 7 - Tree has a cloaking of ivy which would prevent any effective inspection for rot pockets of sufficient size to render the tree unsafe.



Figure 8 - Tree has a cloaking of ivy which would prevent any effective inspection for rot pockets of sufficient size to render the tree unsafe

CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL

1. Resident concerns re maintenance of Mill Brook – *Clerk responded*
2. Residents concerns re hazardous and disused roadworks signs littering the Main Street – *Clerk responded and chased Highways for removal*
3. Resident request for more road sweeping to be done over Christmas period particularly on Captains Lane where fallen leaves have made the ground slippy – *Clerk taken up with ESBC*
4. Resident report of grass verges being driven on and torn up outside 24/26 Mill Lane – *lengthsman to obtain photographic evidence and report to Highways Liaison officer*
5. Copy resident query on planning permission required for Co-op and Ark Furnishing altered signage – *circulated to planning committee*
6. Hansons Quarry Newsletter
7. Mural unveiling event at Barton Library - *circulated*

SCC/HIGHWAYS

8. Cllr Jessel: reports and communications; update on block drains in Efflinch Lane
9. Copy correspondence from Walton resident highlighting concerns re hazardous driving along narrow parts of Station Lane, vegetation needing cutting back and signage improved at pinch point
10. Consultation on van permits for recycling centres
11. Notification of major works scheduled from March 23 on A38 – *Clerk posted on social media – public information events @ Alrewas Royal British Legion, 58 Rykneld Street, Alrewas, Burton-on-Trent, DE13 7AX*
 - Thursday 19 January 2023, 11am to 7pm
 - Friday 20 January 2023, 9am to 3pm
- 12.

ESBC

13. Copy correspondence to Naomi Perry regarding inadequate Bellways Grounds Maintenance Plan

POLICE

14. Report circulated. Smart Alert notifications involving Barton incidents posted on social media
15. PFCC consultation on paying for precept for police and fire services – open til 16/1/23

SPCA/NALC/SLCC

16. SPCA – Newsletters, training circulars