

Southam Town Council

Newsletter

PRECEPT

FEBRUARY 2018

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PRECEPT MEETING

Southam Town Council unanimously resolved to set a budget for the financial year 2018/2019 of £218,679; this is to be offset by income of £6,534, £5,000 taken from General Reserves and a Council Tax Reduction Grant of £5,460



The Town Council's portion of the Council Tax for a Band D tax payer will increase by £1.67 or 2.12% per annum

TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET 2018/2019

GENERAL

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| Management | £ |
| Contribution to Grange Hall utilities | 1,400 |
| Audit Fee | 1,000 |
| Insurance | 4,275 |
| Legal Fees & Services | 5,000 |
| Neighbourhood Plan | 1,000 |
| Telephone/fax/email | 2,110 |
| Postage | 700 |
| Office | 2,275 |
| Bank Charges | 375 |
| Intruder Alarm | 386 |
| Web Site Maintenance | 597 |
| Total Management | <u>19,118</u> |
| Salaries | |
| Total Salaries (Inc. costs) | 64,591 |
| Travelling Expenses (Cllrs & Staff) | 230 |
| Total Salaries & Expenses | <u>64,821</u> |
| Information | |
| Newsletter | 2,415 |
| Stationery | 793 |
| Membership Associations | 1,819 |
| Conference/Training Fees | 500 |
| Advertising | 500 |
| Total Information | <u>6,027</u> |
| Mayoral | |
| Allowance | 1822 |
| Regalia | 455 |
| Total Mayoral | <u>2,277</u> |
| Field Farm Solar | <u>4,994</u> |
| TOTAL GENERAL | <u>97,237</u> |
| Recreation & Amenities | £ |
| Natural Amenity/Burial Space | 5,000 |
| Trees | 7,000 |
| Holy Well | 3,000 |
| CCTV | 3,852 |
| Footpaths (Play Area) | 5,000 |
| Total | <u>23,852</u> |

TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET cont.

2018/2019

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| Maintenance & Repairs: | |
| Repairs/inspect's/replacements | 4,728 |
| Aquasentry Maintenance | 675 |
| Grounds Maintenance Services | 8,528 |
| Hire of portable toilets | 380 |
| War Memorial | 500 |
| Total Maintenance & Repairs | <u>14,811</u> |

TOTAL RECREATION, AMENITIES & MAINT **38,663**

OTHER

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| The Grange Hall | |
| Capital Expenditure | 1,000 |
| Total Grange Hall | <u>1,000</u> |

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| Street Lighting | |
| Maintenance | 1,732 |
| Supply of Electricity | 7,365 |
| Columns & Repairs | 25,209 |
| Total Street Lighting | <u>34,306</u> |

Grass Cutting (Play Areas & Churchyard)

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| Grass Cutting | 17,973 |
| Total Grass Cutting | <u>17,973</u> |

Community Grants

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| Volunteer Transport Support | 10,000 |
| Section 137 grants | 13,000 |
| Cab LGA 1972 S2a | 0 |
| Southam Christmas Lights | 3,250 |
| Southam in Bloom | 3,250 |
| Total Community Grants | <u>29,500</u> |

TOTAL OTHER **82,779**

TOTAL BUDGET **£218,679**

Less Total Income -6,534

Less taken from General Reserves -5,000

Council Tax Reduction Grant -5460

PRECEPT UPON SDC **£201,685**

Band D Taxpayer

2017/18 £78.78

2018/19 £80.45

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Town Council Meeting will take place at the Grange Hall, Southam on Thursday February 22nd 2018 at 7.30pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and may speak at the start of the meeting.

Southam Town Mayor
 Invites you to her
Charity Birthday Bash

Supports Children's Hospices & The Alzheimer's Society

Friday 23rd February

7.30 to 11pm

The Grange Hall, Southam CV47 1EB

Licensed Bar
 Music - Tom Powell
 Dancing
 Tickets £12.50

Welcome Drink,
 Nibbles & Birthday
 Cake Included

Present not Presents!

RSVP: Denise Sanders, Southam Town Council, The Grange Hall, Coventry Road, Southam O1926 814004

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HS2 CORNER - Carillion

At the time of writing, the company Carillion has just gone into liquidation. As you may know, Carillion is involved in HS2 construction as part of the CEK joint venture. CEK has responsibility for the section of track from Brackley to the southern end of the Bascote Heath tunnel; in other words the track that passes closest to Southam.

It is not yet known what impact this development will have but the other two members of the JV (Eiffage and Kier) may be expected to "take up the slack". We will continue to monitor developments and keep you informed.

40's TEA DANCE CANCELLED

Please note that the Tea Dance scheduled for 18th February in the Grange Hall has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.



The Car Boot scheduled for the morning of 18th February will go ahead. Contact Carole for more details.

Carole on 019826 813933 or
 Email carole@thegrangehall.co.uk

PLANNING APPEAL DECISION— 15/04305/OUT HOME FARM SOUTHAM 240 DWELLINGS

At last someone is listening! Appeal Dismissed

Both Southam Town Council and Stratford District Council (SDC) have invested considerable resources into fighting unwanted housing development in Southam. A significant number of houses has already been approved for the area and the housing need will be more than met by those developments. One recent planning application, 240 houses at Home Farm, was refused by SDC but the applicant appealed. Southam Town Council decided to fight that appeal and employed a planning consultant to speak for us to prevent the housing being approved.

The inspector who judged the appeal supported SDC's development plan (the 'Core Strategy') and said 'the development plan provides a robust mechanism for delivering the District's housing requirement over the plan period. It is doing what is required of it ... the existence of a 6.67 year Housing Land Supply demonstrates that it does not need to do more'.

He also said 'I do not consider the benefits of the scheme are sufficient either singly or in combination to outweigh the totality of the clear identified harms. Accordingly, taking all relevant matters into account, the harms significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits of the appeal proposal and there is nothing that leads me to conclude that a decision should be taken other than in accordance with the development plan in this particular case. THEREFORE THE APPEAL DOES NOT SUCCEED'

Town Councillors and the Town Clerk have devoted much time and energy in opposing this plan. Particular thanks to Councillor Mike Brooks, the Council's planning member, for all his hard work. The full appeal decision can be viewed on the notice board at www.southamcouncil-warks.gov.uk

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