

Budget 2020/21

The Parish Council has done the budget for the financial year 2020/21 and the pie chart shows what the money requested, via precept, will be spent on.

Office Rent, staff costs and insurance

As you can see, the biggest percentage is for office rent (which is paid to the Community Centre Trustees), staff costs and insurance.

Since the Parish Council is taking on more responsibilities from Pendle Borough Council, we must make sure that we are fully insured. All the bus shelters, pieces of land, play ground and benches are appropriately insured.

The staff costs element of this section covers the wages paid to the Parish Clerk who will increase the number of hours worked each week to 21.

Lengthsman hours, Trawden in Bloom, Tree work and grass cutting

The Lengthsman carries out various jobs throughout the Parish which covers cleaning slippery pavements to grass and hedge cutting, repairs of benches, clearing of debris causing issues to drainage and repairing walkways. The Parish Council think that this is a very valuable service that we pay for and the list of jobs is constantly growing.

Trawden in Bloom are a very enthusiastic, talented group of people who maintain the floral containers, Poetry Garden and Peace Garden. The Parish Council gives them a budget each year, but they are very good at bidding for money from the Borough Councillors for larger projects and raise money by selling plants at the shop and Garden Festival.

On the pieces of land that the Parish Council now own, a tree survey must be carried out regularly to ensure the trees are in good order and not in danger of falling down. Any work that needs to be carried out on any trees is taken from this part of the budget.

The Parish Council own 7 pieces of land, mostly on the main road of Trawden for which we are now responsible for cutting the grass. These costs are also taken from this part of the budget.

Christmas Decorations

We are very fortunate to have a Christmas Tree donated for display outside of the Community Centre. We must ensure that the lights on the tree, the Star on the Church and the Star at Winewall are all safely erected. This part of the budget is for this.

Maintenance Works

This covers any small jobs of maintenance and repairs required. For example, the top stones at the Millennium Garden were stolen, so the Parish Council paid for a local tradesman to replace the stones and generally fix up the crumbling wall.

Dog Bags

After many complaints about the amount of dog fouling on the Recreation Ground and the path which runs from the school to Back Lane, the Parish Council now purchases bags for the dispensers.

Local Rights of Way Subscription

This is paid to Pendle Borough Council for the enhanced service we receive from Pendle Borough Council for the footpaths on the definitive map. If there is an issue on one of the footpaths, Pendle Council give priority to the people who subscribe to this service.

Play Area repairs and inspections

The Parish Council owns the playground at Lane House Lane, and as such is responsible to ensure that it is maintained to a safe standard. This part of the budget will also cover the playground at Ball Grove once the Parish Council has taken ownership of the Park.

Ball Grove Grounds Maintenance

The Parish Council have decided that, if we do not take ownership of Ball Grove Park, it will decline. It is a very well use park and it would be a shame to see it decline. Once Pendle Council have done some remedial works, ownership will be transferred. This includes the cafe building, lake and playground. We feel that we can maintain the park to a better standard, much more cost effectively than it is currently.

Swim Passes for Primary School children

The Parish Council have funded free school holiday swimming for primary school children for the past year, but again feel it could be done much more efficiently. We have set aside a budget to reimburse parents/carers who choose to take their children swimming during the school holidays, with a much more flexible time table than is currently on offer.

CCTV

There are currently 4 CCTV cameras at Wycoller car park, and since their installation, no crimes have been committed on this car park. The Parish Council wish to extend their range of CCTV cameras around the parish so that we can detect crime and hopefully help out our local Policing team with footage.

Aside from the money that we spend, we also have a fantastic group of volunteers who spend countless hours making our Parish look fantastic. These Trawden in Bloom volunteers are out in all weathers planting, sweeping, weeding, litter picking our parish.

Two of our Councillors have done a fantastic job in getting the allotment areas at Cotton Tree up to a wonderful standard. These are now an area to be proud of and we often receive comments of how great they look. Many items of produce are grown each year and there is a wonderful community spirit with the allotment tenants.

All of our Parish Councillors are also volunteers and work for you, the residents to try and make sure that the area in which we all live is the best that it can be.