

# BETLEY, BALTERLEY & WRINEHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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## Parish Precept 2010-11 (for determination at the meeting of 28th January 2010)

Members,

Overleaf you will find a summary intended to help you in setting the precept for the coming year. The columns indicate the Actuals for 2007-08 and 2008-09; the budget and likely outcome for 2009-10 based on expenditure to date and anticipated expenditure to end-March 2010; and a Draft Budget for 2010-11. There are a number of variances between the Budget 09-10 and the likely outcome, as follows:

	Budget	likely	variance
Clerk's salary	4,500	3,920	-- 580
Chairman's allowance	250	0	-- 250
Village Hall Hire	320	360	+ 40
Communications – Parish Council News	700	750	+ 50
- Website	870	50	-- 820
Contingency (admin)	1,500	1,300	-- 200
Memorial Garden maintenance & improvements	1,700	1,500	-- 200
Laudy Croft maintenance	400	0	-- 400
Support to local/outside organisations	800	170	-- 630
Contingency (amenity)	1,500	1,700	+ 200

This is likely to lead to an underspend against budget of around £4,000 – as a result the planned drawing down of £3,000 from reserves will be replaced by an addition of approx £1,250 to year end balances. At end-March 2009 balances stood at around £18,000 (plus £4,000 earmarked Laudy Croft); by end-March 2010 this will be c.£19,250. This relatively high level (District Audit normally queries any balances above the level of the annual precept) may well be open to challenge by the Auditor, or question by local residents. It is suggested that this needs to be addressed.

Looking to 2010-11 a number of budget lines have been amended to reflect experience in the past year. The most significant is a provision of £1,000 toward continued development of the website; additional provision for the maintenance of the Memorial Garden; the amendment of Memorial Garden Improvements to be Memorial Garden Planting; and a change to the support for local organisations to reflect the separate line for Churchyard maintenance.

There are a number of issues which members need to consider:

- 1. Are there further initiatives for which members would wish to make provision?**
- 2. Are the levels of contingency provision appropriate?**
- 3. The Council has a policy of earmarking an annual sum toward “implementation of recommendations” in respect of Laudy Croft. This now represents an earmarked capital reserve fund of £4,000. A contribution in 2010-11 will bring this to £5,000. Is there a point at which members will feel contributions to this earmarked reserve should cease?**

**The Budget indicated, with a £2,250 provision from balances to reduce year-end balances to c.£17,000 by April 2011, would require a precept of £10,700 (2008 & 2009 £10,130; 2007 £9,300; 2006 £9,225; 2005 £9,630), an increase of £570 ( 5.6% ). This figure could be amended by changes to individual budget lines, or by further drawing down of balances.**

**Members are invited to set a precept for 2010-2011.**

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## Determination of Precept for the Financial Year 2010-11

	<b>Actual 07-08</b>	<b>Actual 08-09</b>	<b>Budget 09-10</b>	<b>Prob 09-10</b>	<b>Draft 10-11</b>
<b>Administration</b>					
Clerk's salary	3,714	3,546	4,500	3,920	4,100
General Administration	620	366	450	450	450
Chairman's Allowance	0	0	250	0	250
Insurance	335	265	300	287	300
Audit	189	185	200	190	200
SPCA	307	640	320	0	320
Other subscriptions	30	68	50	50	50
Village Hall Hire	94	576	320	360	360
Parish AGM	24	70	70	0	70
Office equipment/ communications/ website	299	0	nil	nil	nil
Communications PCN	n/a	628	700	750	750
Website			870	50	1,000
Contingency (Rural Runabout)	0	0	1,500	1,300	1,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,612</b>	<b>6,344</b>	<b>9,530</b>	<b>7,357</b>	<b>9,350</b>
<b>Amenity</b>					
Village Green Maintenance	812	1,290	1,200	1,100	1,250
Village Green Improvements	473	----	500	400	0
Village Green Planting					500
Laudy Croft Maintenance	120	0	400	0	400
Laudy Croft: implementation of recommendations	nil**	nil**	1,000	1,000	1,000
Support for local activities	666	275	700	150	400
Support for outside bodies	nil	16	100	20	100
Christmas lights and power	nil	117	300	200	300
Churchyard maintenance	n/a	500	500	500	500
Contingency	86	364	1,500	1,700	1,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>2,562</b>	<b>6,200</b>	<b>4,070</b>	<b>5,950</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE:</b>	<b>7,770</b>	<b>8,907</b>	<b>15,730</b>	<b>11,427</b>	<b>15,300</b>
Use of balances	(4,425)	(4,389)	3,000	(1,253)	2,250
Estimated recurrent grant	2,292	2,788	2,300	2,296	2,300
Misc income	nil	378	300	54	50
<b>PRECEPT SET:</b>	<b>9,300</b>	<b>10,130</b>	<b>10,130</b>	<b>10,130</b>	<b>10,700</b>

\*\* - no expenditure, but £1,000 allocated to earmarked reserve

Note – Items directly funded by grant aid are not included in the above as they do not impact on the base budget of the Council.

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