

# BETLEY, BALTERLEY & WRINEHILL PARISH COUNCIL

## Parish Precept 2011-12 (for determination at the meeting of 27th January 2011)

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 to 2009-10; the likely outcome for 2010-11 based on expenditure to date and anticipated expenditure to end-March 2011; and a Draft Budget for 2011-12. There are a number of significant variances between the Budget 10-11 and the likely outcome, as follows:

	Budget	likely	variance
Chairman's allowance	250	0	-- 250
Insurance	300	496	+ 196
Communications – Parish Council News	750	350	-- 450
- Website	1,000	200	-- 800
Contingency (admin)	1,500	200	--1,300
Memorial Garden expenditure	1,750	1,625	-- 125
Laudy Croft maintenance	400	100	-- 300
Support to local/outside organisations	500	325	-- 175
Contingency (amenity)	1,500	500	--1,000

This is likely to lead to an underspend against budget of nearly £4,000 – as a result of this, plus additional income, the planned drawing down of £2,820 from reserves will be replaced by an addition of approx £2,000 to year end balances. At end-March 2010 balances stood at around £18,000 (plus £5,000 earmarked for Laudy Croft); by end-March 2011 this will be c.£20,000. This is a relatively high level (District Audit normally queries any balances above the level of the annual precept) but has not been subject to any question or challenge by the External Auditor.

Looking to 2011-12 a number of budget lines have been amended to reflect experience in the past year. The most significant are a) increased insurance costs; b) reduced provision for Parish Council News (to reflect that there is only likely to be one further issue); c) reduction from £1,500 to £1,000 in each contingency provision; d) provision of £1,200 toward water supply at the Memorial Garden; e) extra £100 for Christmas lighting costs.

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 £5,000. A contribution in 2011-12 will bring this to £6,000. Is there a point at which members will feel contributions to this earmarked reserve should cease?**

**The Budget indicated, with a £2,780 provision from balances to reduce year-end balances to c.£17,250 by April 2012, would require a precept of £10,130 (2008, 2009 & 2010 £10,130; 2007 £9,300; 2006 £9,225; 2005 £9,630). 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 2011-12

	Actual 07-08	Actual 08-09	Actual 09-10	Prob 10-11	Draft 11-12
<b>Administration</b>					
Clerk's salary	3,714	3,546	4,169	4,200	4,200
General Administration	620	366	373	400	400
Chairman's Allowance	0	0	0	0	250
Insurance	335	265	287	496	520
Audit	189	185	185	212	220
SPCA	307	640	0	332	350
Other subscriptions	30	68	51	29	50
Village Hall Hire	94	576	291	420	420
Parish AGM	24	70	0	0	50
Office equipment/ communications/ website	299	0	0	nil	nil
Communications PCN	n/a	628	175	350	350
Website			50	200	1,000
Contingency (Rural Runabout)	0	0	1,411*	200	1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,612</b>	<b>6,344</b>	<b>6,974</b>	<b>6,839</b>	<b>8,810</b>
<b>Amenity</b>					
Village Green Maintenance	812	1,290	1,050	1,100	1,200
Village Green Improvements	473	----	2,875	125	1,200
Village Green Planting			416	400	500
Laudy Croft Maintenance	120	0	102	100	300
Laudy Croft: implementation of recommendations	nil**	nil**	nil**	1,000	1,000
Support for local activities	666	275	150	325	400
Support for outside bodies	nil	16	0	0	100
Christmas lights and power	nil	117	390	400	400
Churchyard maintenance	n/a	500	500	500	500
Contingency	86	364	380***	700	1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>2,562</b>	<b>5,863</b>	<b>4,270</b>	<b>6,600</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE:</b>	<b>7,770</b>	<b>8,907</b>	<b>12,847</b>	<b>11,627</b>	<b>15,410</b>
Use of balances	(4,425)	(4,389)	(1,514)	(1,984)	2,780
Estimated recurrent grant	2,292	2,788	2,296	2,332	2,300
Misc income	nil	378	1,935	1,149	200
<b>PRECEPT SET:</b>	<b>9,300</b>	<b>10,130</b>	<b>10,130</b>	<b>10,130</b>	<b>10,130</b>

\* - £1,230 membership of Rural Runabout (£1,230), return of grant (£181)

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

\*\*\* - Highways works (subsequently refunded)

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