

St Peter's Parish Council Budget Consultation – Financial year 2006-2007  
 “A Community Purpose Driven Budget”

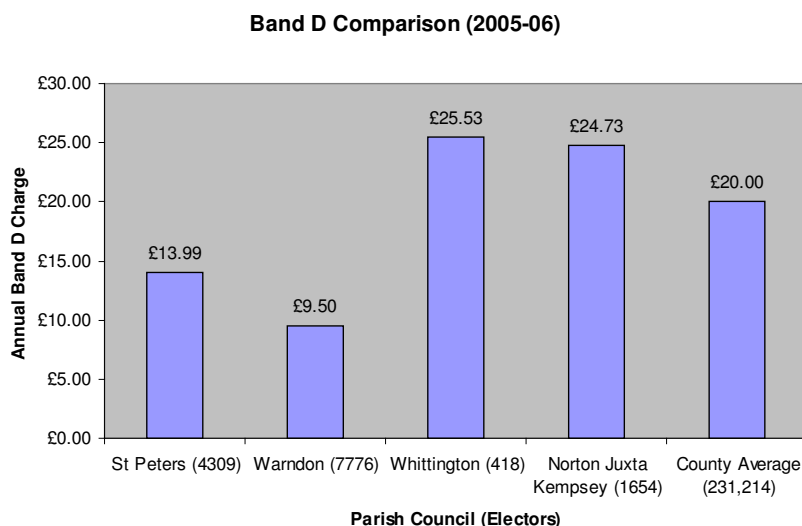
Every year the Parish Council prepares a budget for the following year as a precursor to setting the precept – which is collected on our behalf by the City Council as a line item on your Council Tax bill.

Your Parish Council believes that our budget should be set to deliver clearly defined projects that the community want and will value. Whereas most of the services that we enjoy are delivered by the City or County councils, as a Parish Council we have the opportunity to undertake additional projects that specifically benefit St Peters. Sometimes in addition a contribution from the Parish can be the deciding factor in getting the City or County to fund a project.

This years budget is already determined and it is summarised in the table:

Year 2005-06 St Peters Parish	Annual Budget (£)	Band D – Council Tax (£)	
		Annual	Month
<b>Total Precept</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>13.99</b>	<b>1.17</b>
<b>Main budget headings</b>			
<b>Overheads</b>	15,700	7.32	0.61
<b>Services</b>	10,100	4.71	0.39
<b>Projects</b>			
<i>Community Centre Grant</i>	0	0	0
<i>Additional litter bins</i>	700	0.33	0.03
<i>Facilities for youth</i>	3,000	1.40	0.12
<i>Signs</i>	500	0.23	0.02

A comparison of the annual charge for other local councils for the current financial year (2005-06) is shown in the following figure<sup>1</sup>:



The purpose of this consultation is to give you an opportunity to provide ideas and tell us what your priorities are. We plan to present the initial results at the Annual Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May in the Village Hall..

The following table suggests some projects that we might consider along with the estimated possible cost to the Parish Council over a year, and the corresponding band D monthly council tax charge for a

<sup>1</sup> The county average considers Parish and Town Councils. Figures collated by Worcestershire CALC. Note that the number of electors is not the same as the number of Band D council tax payers.

resident of St Peters. (The total overheads and services budget headings will probably remain largely unchanged and are in addition to any projects that we decide to undertake).

Please indicate the priority you think we should attach to the suggested project (H-High, M-Medium, L-Low, X-do not do it) or suggest other projects for consideration. You may either print this form and post it to ‘Clerk to the Parish Council, Carey’s Brook House, Callow End, Worcester, WR2 4TZ’ or submit online.

Project	Notes	Annual Cost (£)	Band D Charge (£)		Priority
			Annual	Month	
Community warden	Duties might include: litter picking, graffiti removal, maintenance of play areas, open space management, supporting the organisation of community events. This would be done in partnership with the City Council	7,500	3.50	0.29	
Community centre	Several levels of grant to the Village Hall Committee can be considered in support of the development of a community facility. We can set aside a different amount each year until it is appropriate to make the grant.	5,000	2.33	0.19	
		10,000	4.66	0.39	
		50,000	23.32	1.94	
Skateboard park	Power Park could provide a location for a skateboard park for our young people.	20,000	9.33	0.78	
Play area	We have already set aside a similar sum as a contribution to the refurbishment of the play area near Tesco. We could consider supporting other schemes ensuring state of the art facilities for our children.	15,000	7.00	0.58	
Youth facilities	We could provide financial support to the recent initiative to provide additional Youth facilities.	10,000	4.66	0.39	
CCTV	We could initiate a CCTV scheme around the Village Hall and proposed new community centre. This would seek to collaborate and share costs with local businesses that would also benefit.	5,000	2.33	0.19	
Pedestrian crossing	We have recently set aside a similar sum for a Pelican style crossing near Farne Avenue. We could consider additional crossing points on St Peters Drive – or other measures to increase pedestrian safety. St Peter’s Drive is not a high priority for the County Highways Department.	15,000	7.99	0.58	
Comments/Suggestions					

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