

Milborne Port Parish Council

BUDGET 2022/23

Core Services We Provide Locally

The Cemetery

**Gainsborough
Allotments**

**East Street
Car Park**

**Recreational
Facilities**
(Gainsborough &
Springfield)

Open Spaces

A Town Hall
Home for the W.I.

**Community
Office/Staff**

Street Furniture:
Bus Shelters, Bins,
Grit Bins, Seats

**Joint projects and
supporting local
community
groups (Grants!)**

The Current Position for 2021/22



The RFO is predicting a budget overspend at year end – This is expected as some of last years projects were completed in this year



The council had a general reserve of £105,619 at the start of the year



The council has a loan - But this was the last year of repayments.

During the year the Council has gained £23,000 in S106 revenue payments S106



The challenging financial situation faced by other local authorities means that if we want to develop new projects locally, we must be prepared to pay towards them.

How are we funded?

Most of the Parish Council's income comes from the local council tax

Over £3,000 in grant funding has been achieved so far this year

We take in over £9,000 from service incomes.
CIL payments received this year were just short of 25k

Our current precept is £116,255
Council Tax Band D is £100.94 per household

Residents' contribution to the Parish Council makes up less than 7% of the total council tax bill

How we compare with others (2021/22)

Council	Precept	Band D per Household
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Organisations
that the Parish
Council has
supported:



The Village Hall



The Playing Fields Committee



Friends of MP Library



MP Food Bank



The Climate Change Group



Milborne Port W.I.



The Spirit of Milborne Port

Organisations
that the Parish
Council has
supported:



SSDC Market Towns Initiative



The History and Heritage Group



MP In Bloom



The Community Website



The Primary School



...all of whom are hoping for continued support in 2022.

Why the budget needs to increase...



The precept has been historically low, meaning low investment in assets.



The committees want to carry out **five** new projects.



The cost of maintaining/delivering all the current services continues to increase.

The Budget Process:

The Committees meet in October & November to review the current spending that they are responsible for and make recommendations for the following year.

The Planning & Environment Committee debated its budget in October & November and has agreed a budget.

The Management Committee looked at its budget in October & November and the projects it wants to carry out and has agreed a budget.

The Council's Chairman and Vice-Chairman have scrutinised the General Administration costs and have also requested an increased Staffing budget.

The agreed funding requirements from all the committees are all added together to form the Council's budget = Zero budget process.



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General Administration Costs:

	Full Council / H.R.				
	General Admin:	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Budget	Estimated Outturn	2022-23 Budget
4	Training (Staff & Councillors)	£ 900	£ 900	£ 510	£ 700
6	Members Expenses			£ 200	£ 250
8	SLCC Fees	£ 100	£ 140	£ 158	£ 160
9	SALC Fees	£ 800	£ 810	£ 817	£ 830
16	Travel Expenses	£ 300	£ 200	£ 80	£ 200
17	Website Costs	£ 500	£ 400	£ 200	£ 200
18	Telephone/Broadband	£ 800	£ 800	£ 620	£ 650
19	Office Costs & Stationery	£ 1,700	£ 1,500	£ 1,500	£ 1,600
20	Software Subscriptions (Zoom, Microsoft)	£ 510	£ 400	£ 371	£ 350
21	Accounting Software		£ 385	£ 468	£ 480
22	Mobile Phone Credit		£ 120	£ 140	£ 140
25	Elections / Covid Contingency	£ 1,500	£ 1,500	£ 100	£ 1,000
34	Insurance	£ 3,000	£ 2,656	£ 2,734	£ 2,800
35	External Audit fees	£ 500	£ 400	£ 400	£ 400
66	ICO Fees	£ 35	£ 35	£ 35	£ 35
67	Postage Stamps	£ 100	£ 300	£ 233	£ 250
73	Internal Audit Fees	£ 1,000	£ 750	£ 1,025	£ 750
77	Bank Fees	£ 100			
		£ 11,845	£ 11,296	£ 9,591	£ 10,795

Community Grants & Library

	Full Council				
	Community Grants / FC Projects:	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Budget	Estimated Outturn	2022-23 Budget
36	Community Grants/Donations	£ 10,000	£ 10,000	£ 9,500	£ 10,000
87	Project: Town Hall Defibrillator			£ 1,330	N/A
85	Project: Relocation of Arbour	£ 3,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
88	CIL: Town Hall Roof Repair			£ 24,000	N/A
New	Youth Council Budget				£ 4,000
		£ 13,000	£ 10,000	£ 34,830	£ 14,000

	Full Council				
	Library Provision:	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Budget	Estimated Outturn	2022-23 Budget
38	Staffing	£ 9,070	£ 9,340	£ 9,340	£ 9,620
39	Other Costs (Inc Electricity)	£ 1,000	£ 1,000	£ 1,026	£ 1,000
		£ 10,070	£ 10,340	£ 10,366	£ 10,620



H.R. Budget:
Expected outturn this year
£27,497

**HR COMMITTEE
REQUIREMENT FOR 2022/23:**
£30,000

Open Spaces - Inc Projects:

	The Management Committee				
	Open Spaces (Inc Projects):	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Budget	Estimated Outturn	2022-23 Budget
33	Christmas Tree (OutsideTown Hall)	£ 260	£ 170	£ 150	£ 200
37	Loan Repayment	£ 3,400	£ 3,390	£ 3,385	N/A
40	Grasscutting / Hedge	£ 12,800	£ 7,000	£ 7,105	£ 7,100
41	Tree Works & Parish Repair / Maintenance	£ 3,000	£ 5,000	£ 3,600	£ 3,000
43	Community Woodland	£ 250	£ 150	£ -	£ 150
44	Parish Ranger Scheme	£ 10,500	£ 10,500	£ 10,000	£ 10,500
50	Churchyard Exps / Mower Maintenance	£ 4,000	£ 200	£ 970	£ 200
62	Hanging Baskets (SSDC)	£ 2,000	£ 1,340	£ 1,347	£ 1,380
81	Project: Ball Court Wall	£ 2,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
82	Project: Churchyard footpaths	£ 4,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
83	Project: Seats repair and paint	£ 500	N/A	N/A	N/A
86	Project: Seat / bench for Arbour		£ 750	£ 370	N/A
New	Groundsman (Self - employed)				£ 7,800
New	Materials / Tools for Groundsman				£ 2,500
		£ 42,710	£ 28,500	£ 26,927	£ 32,830

Allotments:

	The Management Committee				
	Allotments:	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Budget	Estimated Outturn	2022-23 Budget
52	Water rates	£ 1,030	£ 800	£ 400	£ 400
53	Repairs & Maintenance	£ 2,540	£ 3,140	£ 3,300	£ 3,000
45	Replace water pipes				
		£ 3,570	£ 3,940	£ 3,700	£ 3,400

Cemetery:

	The Management Committee				
	The Cemetery:	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Budget	Estimated Outturn	2022-23 Budget
49	Business Rates	£ 1,850	£ 2,100	£ 2,370	£ 2,400
78	Project: Trees & Shrubs	£ 1,500	N/A	N/A	N/A
79	Repairs / Maintenances	£ 1,500	£ 2,000	£ 755	£ 1,500
86	Project: Seat / bench for Arbour		£ 750	£ 370	N/A
89	Project: Storage Unit		No budget	£ 733	N/A
New	Project: Corner Clear				£ 1,000
New	Project: New fence				£ 2,000
		£ 4,850	£ 4,850	£ 4,228	£ 6,900

Play Parks:

	The Management Committee				
	Play Parks (Springfield & Gainsborough)-	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Budget	Estimated Outturn	2022-23 Budget
54	Playgrounds Inspections	£ 400	£ 400	£ 225	£ 250
56	Repairs & Maintenance	£ 1,500	£ 1,500	£ 1,500	£ 1,600
80	Waste/ Dog Bin Replacements	£ 450	N/A	N/A	N/A
84	Project: Water fountain	£ 400	N/A	N/A	N/A
New	Project: Skatepark resurface				£ 5,000
		£ 2,750	£ 1,900	£ 1,725	£ 6,850

Springfield Recreation:

	The Management Committee				
	Springfield Recreation Ground-	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Budget	Estimated Outturn	2022-23 Budget
42	Dog Waste Bins Emptying (Springfield)	£ 3,100	£ 2,800	£ 2,824	£ 2,900
57	Cricket Pavilion Toilet Cleaning	£ 1,600	£ 1,600	£ 1,560	£ 1,600
58	Toilet Equipment / Supplies		£ 100	£ 40	£ 50
61	Dog Poo Bags		£ 100	£ 104	£ 100
75	Grass Cutting (separated from all other areas)		£ 6,000	£ 5,491	£ 5,600
		£ 4,700	£ 10,600	£ 10,019	£ 10,250

The Town Hall:

	The Management Committee				
	The Town Hall-	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Budget	Estimated Outturn	2022-23 Budget
5	Cleaning / Cleaner	£ 200	N/A	N/A	N/A
27	Business Rates	£ 650	£ 720	£ 798	£ 820
28	Electricity	£ 700	£ 500		£ 400
29	Water	£ 200	£ 110	£ 108	£ 110
30	Repairs / Maintenance	£ 6,000	£ 7,500	Earmarked	£ 7,500
31	Project: Clock Repair			£ 4,680	
32	Fire Safety Service	£ 210	£ 280	£ 188	£ 200
64	Cleaning Supplies	£ 50	N/A	£ 10	£ 40
		£ 8,010	£ 9,110	£ 5,784	£ 9,070

Planning & Environment:

		2020-21 Budget	2021/22 Budget	Estimated Outturn	2022-23 Budget
	Planning & Environment Committee:				
146	Streetscape & Signage	£ 1,000	£ 1,000	£ 527	£ 1,000
121	Neighbourhood Plan				
150	Multi-use Access Trail: Feasibility Study - <u>Earmarked Fund</u>		£ 3,000	Earmarked	N/A
151	Contingency for Play Areas Development		£ 3,500	£ 2,400	N/A
152	Community Hub - <u>Earmarked Fund</u>		£ 7,500	Earmarked	£ 7,500
		£ 1,000	£ 15,000	£ 2,927	£ 8,500

Total Budget 2022/23:

- ▶ The 2021/22 Budget was £131,750
- ▶ This year's budget is 9.1% bigger

	2022/23
General Admin:	£ 10,795
Community Grants:	£ 14,000
Library Provision:	£ 10,620
Human Resources:	£ 30,000
Open Spaces & Projects	£ 32,830
Allotments:	£ 3,400
Cemetery:	£ 6,900
Play Parks:	£ 6,850
Springfield Rec	£ 10,250
The Town Hall:	£ 9,070
Planning & Environment:	£ 8,500
	£ 143,215

Receipts / Income :	2020-21	2021-22	Estimated Outturn	2022-23
Bank account interest	£ 150	Zero	£ 12	Zero
WI Room	£ 268	£ 277	£ 277	£ 277
Memorials/ Burials/ Purchases	£ 5,000	£ 6,000	£ 5,500	£ 5,500
Allotment Rents	£ 1,400	£ 2,455	£ 2,455	£ 2,600
Wayleaves	£ 88	£ 88	£ 88	£ 88
Town Hall Room		£ 720	£ 720	£ 720
	£ 6,906	£ 9,540	£ 9,052	£ 9,185

The Council's Incomes:



The 2022/23 Precept:

Spend:

The 2022/23 budget
total is:
£143,215

Income:

The expected
income 2022/23 is:
£9,185

Difference:

The difference is:
£134,030

The 2022/23 Precept:

Budget:

£143,215

Precept:

£119,255

Difference:

£14,775

The RFO recommends setting the
Precept at: **£119,255**

This is just an extra **£2.50 per year**,
per band D household (2.48%)

This makes the charge per band D
household £103.44

**The remaining £15,825 would come
out of the general reserve**

How that would compare...

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Looking ahead....

More homes...

While more homes do equal more \$106 money and more people paying into the council tax pot, they also mean more strain on the existing infrastructure and Parish Council resources.

Fewer Councils...

By May 2023, the County will have gone from having 4 District Councils and 1 County Council to having just one Council that covers the everything.

Service Levelling...

A better phrase than Service Cuts but amounts to the same thing.

The new Somerset Council will want all the districts to work in the same way. It is likely that the extra services that the Parish benefits from by being in South Somerset will come under review.