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Parish Council Precept 2020/21

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Dates for your Diary >>>

April –

Family Fun Day

Wednesday 8th April Broughton Pavilion
10am to 12 noon

Family Fun Day for special

needs children & their families
Wednesday 8th April Broughton Pavilion
1.30pm to 3.30pm

Live Music!

Saturday 25th April
MK Village Hall
8pm to 11pm
Ticket only event – book via Village Hall website

May -

The BIG Lunch

Sunday 17th May
Broughton Fields School Grounds
12.30 to 3.30pm

June –

MK Village Sports Day & Fete

Saturday 20th June
MK Village Green

For up to date information please visit the events page of our website.

www.broughtonandmkv-pc.gov.uk



Allotments

Spring has sprung and now is the time to start thinking about the growing season, have you ever thought about taking on an allotment? We have vacancies on all of our sites at the moment so why not pop over to our **NEW** website and take a look at the allotment pages.

The Mix MK

The Mix is a community group that provides support to local people 18+ that are affected by mental ill health, including carers. We offer a safe, welcoming, and relaxed environment where people can socialise, meet new people, enjoy a range of activities such as arts and crafts, table football, playing pool and access local services.

The informal meetings promote self-help, peer support networks, well-being and alleviates social isolation.

No appointments or referrals are required just call in:

Unity Park Station CMK (Formerly The Old Bus Station) every Monday 1.30 -4pm
Water Eaton Church Centre, Drayton Road, Bletchley every Thursday 1.30 – 4pm

Volunteers Needed!

The Mix is looking for dedicated and friendly people to assist with the facilitation of the Monday session. The duties include, setting up for the sessions, welcoming people, supporting new comers to feel relaxed, get involved in a range of activities with those in attendance, offer a listening ear, serve drinks and snacks and enjoy yourself too. By volunteering for The Mix, you are part of a group of people who are supporting those affected by mental ill health to reduce isolation, access local services, form new friendships, gain confidence and overall contribute to improving their health and wellbeing.



Get in touch

If you are interested in volunteering for us, please visit our website <https://themixmk.com/volunteer-with-us> or contact Chibwe the Mental Health Project Organiser on 01908 545190.

On Saturday 19th September MK Food Fest is coming back to Middleton! A food festival that is a showcase for locally produced and sourced food & drink from Milton Keynes and surrounding areas.



Wheelie Bin Pilot

Starting in June/July Milton Keynes Council will be running a waste collection pilot to compare against the current clear sack recycling system. For more information please visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/waste-recycling/recycling-pilot

If you have any queries email: recycling-pilot@milton-keynes.gov.uk or call on 01908 252811



Ordering Clear Sacks

Pop over to Milton Keynes Councils website and there you can order a top up roll of clear sacks, these can be delivered to your home address OR you can choose to click and collect at one of 10 parish council offices, including us! Once you have chosen to click and collect you will receive an e-mail from Milton Keynes Council to let you know when your sacks are ready to collect from us, then you can pop along to see us with your reference number and we can then issue you with your roll of sacks. Our opening hours for collection are:
Mon to Fri 9am – 1pm
Mon to Thur 2:30pm – 4pm

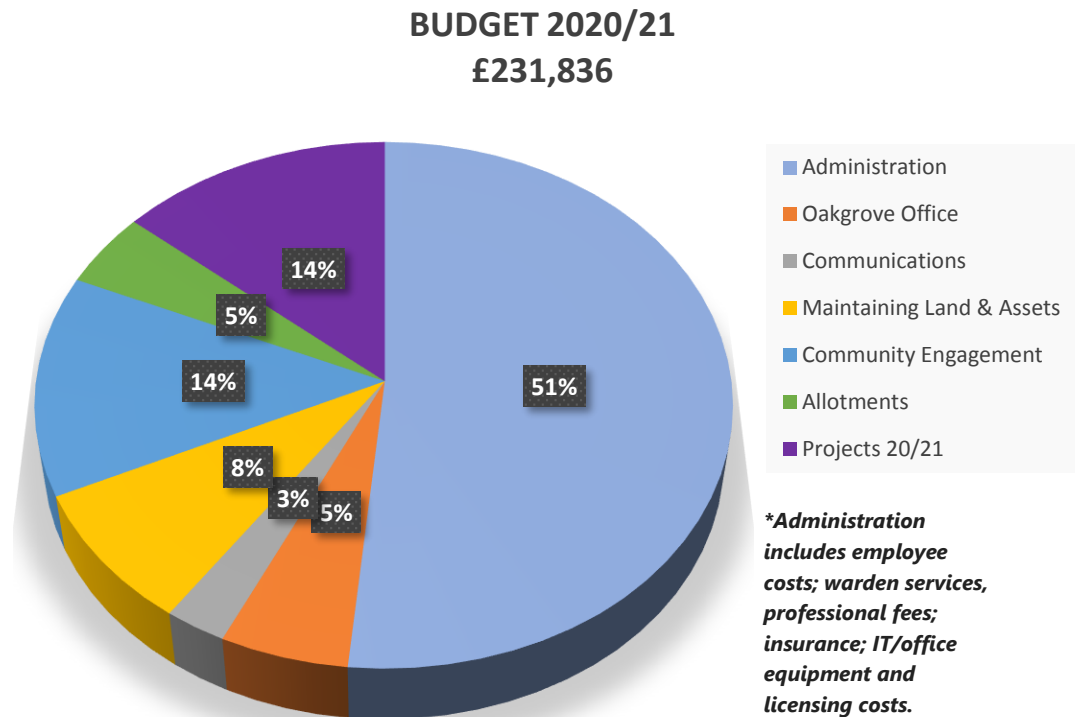
Broughton and Milton Keynes Parish Council Precept 2020/21

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The Parish Council has decided to keep the precept flat for the financial year starting 1 April 2020, meaning no increase on what it was for 2019/20.

Below we explain how the precept is planned to be spent and an explanation of what the precept is and how it is calculated.

See chart below for where the precept will be spent



In the detailed discussions on setting the precept, the Parish Council has considered the following:

- The costs of delivering existing services (such as landscaping for our allotments and land); maintaining our assets (for example, the Old Forge in Milton Keynes Village) and making grants to community groups;
- Additional services and/or one-off projects that will benefit the community;
- The income we get from renting our assets; and
- How much we should hold in the bank as reserves. This can be 'ring-fenced' where we have been given specific funds for specific purposes; or, to provide protection against future risks.

Community Speed Watch >>>

Since the launch of CSW in November 2017, 1277 offenders (with many repeat offenders) have been reported to Thames Valley Police with the assistance of our local PCSOs. The top speed recorded on a 30mph road, was a whopping 76mph! A small group of community members are involved in the recording and reporting of speeders to TVP and are desperately trying to make our community safer, especially for the younger members of the community, and particularly in our school zones. CSW work tirelessly and voluntarily to make our community safer, with many members of the CSW team also on the Eastern Expansion Area working group with MK Council, ensuring traffic calming measures are put into place with future calming ideas are considered by MKC.



If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, head over to our Facebook page 'Brooklands and Broughton CSW page'.

Priorities for 2020/21

Our priorities for 2020/21 will include:

1. Delivering on the projects we initiated in 2019/20, such as essential works to the Old Forge to prevent any deterioration; defibrillator units in the two red phone boxes we own; re-imagining the village garden in Milton Keynes Village; and tree works in line with our tree maintenance plan).
2. Initiatives to improve youth engagement.
3. Targeting ways to improve the look and feel of our community, whether this is litter and street cleanliness, or crime prevention and reducing anti-social behaviour.
4. Modernising the lighting in the overflow parking at Middleton Pavilion to make it more environmentally friendly and reduce the risk of anti-social behaviour.
5. Appointing a new Community Officer to help our operational team deliver more services on the ground across the Parish.
6. Marking the VE Day commemoration.

In delivering all this we're always looking for your help and ideas.

You'll see us continue to build on the great engagement we're getting through our social media sites, our updated website and quarterly newsletters. We'll be running a Parish-wide survey again this year with some specific polls on where we should focus our efforts – please look out for these and share your points of view – your feedback matters to us

Plus, we're pretty sure that we have people in our community with the skills and passion we need to deliver some of these initiatives. You don't need to be a Parish Councillor to be involved in delivering projects in our community, Please, if you see something you feel you can help with or maybe you're part of a community group that shares a common interest, get in touch – we'd love your help!

What is the precept?

The precept is the Parish Council's share of the council tax and is shown on your council tax bill. It is calculated by the Parish Council forecasting how much money it is going to need the following year to deliver services to its local community. This is then divided by the number of properties in our Parish that fall into Band D Council (mid-range). Based on the figures that Milton Keynes Council supplies this is 5,614 properties.

We are a rapidly expanding and evolving Parish – here are some projected population figures for your information.

Year	2011	2013	2015	2017	2019	2021	2023
Population	8100	9060	11750	13800	17100	18700	19300

In fact, we are already within the top five of 48 parish councils (population wise) across Milton Keynes.

As in the case of Council Tax, the local precept payable by households will vary according to the tax band of the property you live in.

The illustration below shows the precept per household, based on the charge of £33.69 per Band D Property.

Tax Band	AB	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Precept	£18.87	£22.57	£26.28	£29.98	£33.69	£41.10	£48.51	£56.26	£67.38

Coming up >>>



Keep an eye on our website and Social Media for upcoming litter picking events across the Parish for The Great British Spring Clean.

If you would like to be involved or organise your own litter pick then please get in touch with us using the contact details below.

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact us:

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What happening across the Parish >>>



Love where you live!

This year, The Parks Trust, the charity that cares for the greenspace in Milton Keynes are organising a series of Community Action Days. The Parks Trust want to be able to meet local people in their local park and work together with them on a series of vital tasks to make a positive contribution to the area.

The Community Action Days at Broughton starts in April with a day dedicated to helping local trees grow. On Sunday 26th April from 10am -12pm you will be tasked with spreading woodchip around the base of the trees. Doing this helps with general plant health and helps to establish the trees, allowing them to grow successfully. Other benefits to the woodchip are the suppressing of weeds and improving the soil.

On Sunday 19th July between 10am – 12pm the Community Action Day will be focussed around loving where you live. This task will involve sprucing up the fixtures and fittings found in the parks, such as benches, noticeboards, play equipment and signs by cleaning them using soapy water and giving them a good scrub. Graffiti removal sprays will also be available to use on the day should it be needed.

The last Community Action Day for 2020 is on Sunday 6th December again from 10am – 12pm and will involve litter picking throughout the park. The autumn months make it easier to see the litter as the leaves have now fallen and we'll be able to collect the litter missed in the summer. This session will be followed by a glass of warm mulled wine.

We are also running monthly litter picks at Broughton and Brooklands to help keep the areas looking tidy. These are held on the first Sunday of every month and start at 2pm. The next litter pick is on Sunday 1st March please meet at Brooklands Meadow Park, location is adjacent to Saxonia Boulevard and Ark Royal Street. Please come prepared by wearing outdoor clothes, suitable footwear and gardening gloves. The litter pickers are provided.

The Parks Trust would like to see as many people as possible from Broughton join in on one of the Community Action Days, for more information please contact events@theparkstrust.com.

If attending the Community Action Days please come prepared for outdoor working by wearing outdoor clothes and suitable footwear and meet us by the pond off Duffield Bank, Broughton Gate, look out for The Parks Trust flag. Join us between 10am – 12pm on the above dates.

New Dog Waste Bins

No more kicking up a stink as we have installed 7 new dog waste bins with another 3 set to be installed (subject to landowner's permission). We now have 39 dog waste bins across the parish that are all emptied at least once a week (on a Monday) with some of the busier ones getting a second empty on a Friday. So there's no excuse for picking up after your furry friends, bag it and bin it or simply take it home – or you **are** at risk of a £80 fine!

If you see an overflowing dog waste bin, please **contact us** with the bin location, all bins are numbered so either make a note or take a picture and send it to us at Info@broughtonandmkv-pc.gov.uk