

SILVERDALE PARISH COUNCIL



Silverdale Parish Council – 2017/18 Budget News

On 28 December 2016, Staffordshire County Council ended the Lengthsman agreement (The County Council's environmental and highway maintenance management scheme for clearing local culverts and associated water management routes). The grant was worth £1,400 for Silverdale Parish.

Newcastle Borough Council is proposing to reduce over four years the grant covering other parish services, valued in total £5,800 over four years.

Silverdale Parish Council's usual income of around £28,000 is likely to be reduced next year by £2,850 and in each of the next three years by £1,450.

2017/18 will require some difficult financial decisions if the Parish Council is to continue to provide the same level of investment within the Parish. To continue with the same level of investment within the Silverdale Parish and also to deliver these locally important mining projects, the Parish Council will need to increase the Precept for the first time in a number of years. The Precept (an additional amount shown on your council tax bill paid to the Parish) will increase by 13p per week for next year (annually £18.92 from £11.98 for a Council Tax Band D property).

The exact amount of increase will be confirmed once Newcastle Borough Council have approved their budget, but it will not be any more than this. More information on the budget can be found on the website and noticeboards (Silverdale Library and Park Site shop).

If you have any concerns please contact the Parish Council or attend their meeting (Thursday 9 February 2017) Silverdale Library at 6.30pm. Visit <http://www.silverdaleparish.org/> or noticeboards for further information.

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What is the Parish Council and what does it do for residents?

In Newcastle under Lyme there are ten separate Parish councils, each providing additional services over and above that of the Borough Council to the local community under the Localism Act. They are funded by annual precept applied to Parish residents and by grants given by county and Borough Councils. The Parish can apply for grants for spending on larger projects and most spending is free of VAT.

Silverdale Parish Council consists of 10 elected or co-opted volunteers, who give their time at no cost, providing services directly for the benefit of the Parish.

The Parish Clerk works for 10 hours a week to provide administrative help for the Parish Council activities. Activities include providing and maintaining 5 bus shelters; 2 allotment sites; several parish seats; financial grants to local community groups; parish council website and newsletters; 2 noticeboards; grit bins; maintenance and clearing of culverts; initiating local projects; and the general running of the Parish Council.

Meetings are held at Silverdale Library on the second Thursday evening each month. The Chair holds a surgery there on the second Saturday morning each month.

Next year will also include 2 substantial mining heritage projects - the erection of the restored mining pit wheel by the entrance to the Silverdale Country Park and a funding bid for refurbishment work of the Mining Tribute on Newcastle Road.

Silverdale Parish produces a newsletter three times a year available from Library and several retailers. There is a website and a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Silverdaleparishcouncil/>

Mr Henryk Adamczuk –
Chair of Silverdale Parish Council

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