

Update for the Melksham Area Board Meeting

Update From:Melksham Town Council.....

Date of Area Board Meeting: 24 February 2016

Headlines/Key Issues:

At a Town Council meeting held on 11 January 2016, Councillors approved budgeted expenditure for 2016/17, be set at £602,654, with a precept requirement of £432,020, generating an equivalent Band D charge of £95.09 per annum an increase of 8.28% or £7.27 per annum. This increase represented less than a 14p per week increase on the Band D Council Tax charge, enabling the Town Council to present a balanced budget in line with the levels of expenditure and income anticipated and given the pressures of Town and parishes councils to take on services no longer provided by Wiltshire Council, this level of increase was perceived to be justifiable and necessary.

Projects:

- **Emergency Plan**

Melksham Town's flood plan is currently being prepared. The group involved in drawing up the plan are currently seeking Flood Wardens to help in a flooding emergency. If you can help please contact Miriam Zaccarelli at the Town Hall.

- **Smoke Free Signs**

The Town Council will shortly be installing Smokefree signs funded by Public Health Early Years in the various play areas in the town.

- **Poster Boards in Bus shelters.**

The Town Council are currently investigating the costs of installing double sided A2 size notice boards in bus shelters to advertise events in the Assembly Hall. The Town Council are also looking at the finances involved in providing additional boards for business advertising.

Future Events/Dates for the Diary:

- 6 March: 'Clean for the Queen' Tidy Town event
- 5 June: Civic Service at St Michael & All Angels Church
- 12 June: Queen's Birthday Celebrations in King George V Play Area from 12pm-5pm. The event will be a big picnic. Groups, clubs, churches and businesses in the Melksham area will be invited to join in the fun.

Signed:Steve Gray.....

Dated:12 January 2016