

Budget 2019/20

At the meeting of the Parish Council on 29 January it was resolved to maintain the precept at its current level. A summary budget is below; a full version is on the website. The “2018/19 out-turn” is the figure as at 30 January for the estimated position at the end of the current year (31 March).

2017/18 Actual	Heading	2018/19		2019/20 budget	Change: out-turn to budget	Notes
		Budget	Out- turn			
	INCOME					
25230	Precept	25725	25725	25725	0%	
2025	Other income	570	0	0		1
27255	TOTAL INCOME	26295	25725	25725	0%	
	EXPENDITURE					
13221	Staff	12315	12870	12450	-3.3%	
2190	Admin	3025	2424	5275	+117.6%	2
6396	Community	7870	6240	6500	+4.1%	3
3282	Planning opposition	2000	2000	0		
744	Capital exp	0	500	1300	+160.0%	4
26843	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	26295	25094	26625	+6.1%	1
412	SURPLUS	0	631	-900		5

Notes

1. Excludes VAT which is recovered in full
2. Includes provision for charge of £2400 if elections necessary in May, to be funded from accumulated reserves.

3. Includes grants £4000, heritage assets expenditure £1500
4. Allocated for road safety schemes
5. Deficit funded from accumulated reserves

Parish & District Council elections 2019

Parish & District Council elections will be held on 2 May. If you feel you have something to offer then why not come along to few of our monthly meetings, see what we get up to, get a taste of things and if you like what you see and hear put yourself forward as a candidate. The Clerk is more than happy to have an informal chat about procedures, time commitments etc.

We are aware that there are many new residents who have moved to the parish over the last 4 years and it would be good to see them coming forward. It is likely that at least 3 current Councillors will not be seeking re-election, so let's get some new faces, new ideas!

Eligibility for election.

1. Aged 18 or over and on the Electoral Register, AND
2. a. Resided in the parish*, OR
b. Occupied as owner or tenant land or premises therein*, OR
c. Had principle or only place of work therein*

all during the whole of the 12 months before the day of nomination, or the day of election.

*or within 3 miles of it

Disqualification (summary)

1. If within 5 years before the election convicted and sentenced to not less than 3 months imprisonment (whether suspended or not) without the option of a fine.
2. Conviction of offences involving corrupt or illegal practices

3. Conviction for failure to register or declare interests under the Localism Act 2011.

Timetable

Tuesday 19 March – Nominations commence

Wednesday 3 April – Nominations close at 16:00

The Clerk will have a supply of nomination packs from early March and they will be available from the Council Offices in Coleford. Completed nomination papers must be **delivered in person** to The Returning Officer at the Council Offices from 19 March between 0900 & 1630 Monday – Friday but **no later than** 1600 on Wednesday 3 April.

We are currently served by 2 District Councillors, but following the Government’s Boundary Review, the ward boundaries have altered slightly and we will only have 1 District Councillor representing us from next May. Election for that post will be held on the same day (2 May)

Quarrying

You will be aware that there are two major processes taking place currently: the GCC Minerals Local Plan (MLP) and the planning application for the expansion of Stowe Hill Quarry.

The MLP is a long term strategy the County Council is obliged to devise to ensure adequate supplies of minerals to fulfil the national requirement. The MLP identifies area in the county – known as Preferred Areas of Extraction – where it is expected that minerals will be mined or quarried. One such area is known as “Allocation Area 01” which is the area to east of the existing quarry at Stowe Hill, extending to Shophouse, Trow Green and The Bearse. This includes

the area in to which Breedon's are currently seeking permission to expand.

The MLP has now reached the "pre-publication" stage which means it has been sent to the Secretary of State who will appoint a Planning Inspector to examine it. We understand that the examination will not commence for a few months.

In the light of objections to the inclusion of this area in the MLP raised by this Parish Council, other local councils, Natural England (NE), the Environment Agency (EA), CPRE and individuals, the County Council has annotated the plan, "Possible amendment – to exclude Allocation Area 01 from the plan". It is the Inspector who will decide whether or not the area should be included, but should he decide it should be removed from the MLP then the current application for expansion cannot succeed.

The current application to expand Stowe Hill quarry is now entering its 5th year! Over recent months there have been talks between Breedon's, NE and EA aimed at Breedon's attempting to persuade NE & EA to remove their objections to the application, or at least find some sort of compromise. Our understanding from staff we have spoken to at NE and EA is that they are sticking to their guns.

If it were not for the MLP we suspect this application would have come to the Planning Committee in May for a decision; however, that will now have to wait for outcome of the Inspector's view on the inclusion, or not, of the land in question.

Clearwell Farm

We had hoped to bring you decisions on the two planning applications by now but, at the very last minute, they were withdrawn from the District Council Planning Committee meeting held on 12 February because, in the light of late representations, the officer required more

time to consider them. Please watch your emails / Facebook for updates as we get them.

Heritage assets

We have plans to undertake work on St Anne's Well at Stowe, having established land ownership. We will be seeking advice from professionals on how we should go about this, but it seems that the pond requires de-silting and the stonework needs some serious attention. As the well is on the border of Newland and St Briavels parishes we will be looking to this being a joint project.

We also have in mind some restoration work on Clearwell Meend, jointly with West Dean Parish Council – no firm plans yet.

If you are interested in providing some technical expertise or physical assistance for either or both please contact Cllr David Wheeler (details below).

Redbrook BT phone box

Redbrook Village Trust would like to buy, on behalf of the village, the box from BT and install a water refilling station. BT wanted to decommission the box three years ago, as during the previous year only 3 calls had been made from it. We asked them to reconsider as there was poor mobile signal in the village and a risk with all the visitors who visit the area and might need to make an emergency call.

Now the boost mast has been installed and there is some better coverage for a number of providers it is considered that it would be a good idea to convert the box into a water station and hopefully save on the number of bottles discarded in the village.

Please email valerie.southall@yahoo.co.uk by the end of March if you have any comments about this proposal.

Community information of website

We would be grateful if those involved in local groups, organisations etc would review the details on our website and advise any changes. Please look at “Events & meetings – Regular Events” and “Organisations & Services”. Please email any changes to newlandpc@sky.com. Thank you.

Property postcodes

A couple of years ago we supplied every residential property in the parish with their Ordnance Survey Grid Reference. Quoting this in a call to the emergency services helps them identify the property precisely – particularly useful in rural areas without house numbers. New residents have moved in over the interim and may not be aware of this, thus if you require a reminder please email the Clerk.

Email news etc

If you wish to be added to our mailing list and receive agendas, minutes and news we believe you will find of interest – such as road closures, alterations to refuse collection dates - please send an email to newlandpc@sky.com with the text “Please add me to your mailing list”. Your permission can be withdrawn at any time by sending a suitable request – it will be actioned without question.

Planned road closure (as at 13 February)

Newland: between Applestone and junction with Almshouses Road.
Full closure 8-21 May.

A466 south of Tintern Site 2. Full closure 8 April – 25 May (open Easter weekend)

A466 south of Tintern Site 1. Full closure 2 September – 26 October.
These dates may change – watch website, Facebook, emails.

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WHERE YOU LIVE AND
ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT
YOUR COMMUNITY, WE
NEED YOU**

**JOIN US AND MAKE A
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Meetings dates and venues

Redbrook Village Hall	Clearwell Memorial Hall	Newland Village Room
26 Feb	26 Mar	30 Apr
24 Sep	16 Apr (Annual Parish Meeting)	14 May
	25 Jun	30 Jul
	20 Oct	26 Nov

All meetings start at 19:00; agendas on notice boards and website 7 days before. Planning committee meetings are held on an ad hoc basis.

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