

News from Marlborough Town Council

Town Hall Development

There will be a public meeting in the Town Hall on Monday 26 March which will enable the Town's residents to discuss a report currently being prepared by Derek Wolfe, the Acting Town Clerk. The report will include information concerning the results of the public consultation exercise carried out in December 2011. All are welcome to attend the meeting which starts at 7pm.



Town Council Budget & Precept for 2012-13

Council Tax is a tricky area, and when announcing how much it is going to cost it is always mentioned in terms of a band D property. After a full discussion on various options the Town Council agreed that the precept to be levied upon Wiltshire Council will increase by 1.93% on the previous year. The precept is the part of your council tax that Wiltshire Council pays to Marlborough Town Council to run the services for which it is responsible.

So, for a band D property in Marlborough a total of £1561.99 was paid to Wiltshire for this year (2011-12). Wiltshire then paid 7% of that to Marlborough Town Council for the precept which this year worked out as £119.41 per band D property. The total precept set for the next financial year 2012-13 is £407,000. This works out as equivalent to £121.72 per annum per Band D council-tax payer.

In monetary terms, this amounts to a modest increase of £2.31, or less than 5 pence per week.

The Council's gross expenditure budget has been set at £579,878, the rest of the money will come from an anticipated income of £172,908. The Town Council's net expenditure amounts to approximately 7% of the overall council tax bill levied on householders by Wiltshire Council, but we can't tell you what the overall council tax rise or otherwise will be as Wiltshire Council has yet to set it. However, you can see the Town Council costs a relatively small part of the total council tax bill householders pay.



Calendar of Council & Committee Meetings for 2012-13

A new Calendar of meetings for the 2012-13 municipal year has been agreed and will shortly be available on the Town Council website. Most Council meetings take place on Monday evenings. Generally, there is a six-weekly cycle of meetings between one Full Council meeting and the next. The new calendar will operate from Monday 21 May, the date of the Council's Annual Meeting. All Full Council meetings take place in the Town Hall.



The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

At their meeting on 9th January 2012, Councillors were given an oral presentation by Dr Nick Maurice, concerning plans by the Marlborough Brandt Group to light one of the 2012 beacons that will be lit throughout the country to mark the Diamond Jubilee. The beacon will be at Barbury Castle, and it is planned to hold a family event featuring a hog roast, drinks and music at the same time. Councillors were advised that the Queen's accession to the throne had taken place on 6th February 1952, and thus the 60th anniversary will be roughly when you're reading Marlborough Town and Country! The Town is also planning celebrations to take place around the 4th of June, watch this space for more details.

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