



# Aylburton Parish Council

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## Why is our budget bigger this year?

In May 2019 we will have elections for parish councillors, and the increase is partly to cover the costs of running an election.

More generally, in the past the council has tried to keep the budget as low as possible despite costs going up, but there is only so far we could go with this without affecting quality of service, and so we have been realistic about what it takes to run the council that Aylburton deserves.

### What will this cost me?

We're committed to keeping costs as low as possible and we really tried to keep the increase as low as we could. The parish precept for this year works out at 73p per month or 16p per household.

### This means we can maintain our services to you. Did you know that we ...

- Represent parishioners when liaising with the district and county council
- Mow and maintain all public areas of grass in the parish
- Publish the regular parish newsletter the *Ducktown Echo*
- Manage the churchyard grass and trees
- Keep the streets cleaner by providing and emptying the numerous dog waste bins throughout the parish
- Award small grants to community groups looking for funding for certain projects
- Give a regular public forum to hear parishioners' concerns
- Provide an impartial and qualified parish clerk to serve the council and community
- Run the allotments
- Run our council properly and transparently, including making our accounts and finance reports publicly available annually and seeking value for money through a thorough purchasing process
- Look after the parish's interests as a consultee on all parish planning applications
- Take on important parish projects like trying to improve road safety
- Keep the parish's bus shelters clean
- Contribute to the care and use of Lydney Cemetery

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