

Helmsley Town Council

February 2019

Town Council Rate increase less than 22p per week.

Helmsley Town Council has managed to keep its Precept, the Town Council's share of your Council Tax bill, increase to less than 22p per week on a Band 'D' property. Band 'D' is used by all Local Authorities as the comparison measure for expressing increases in Council Tax.

Even with such a small increase the Town Council has included in its plan for 2019:

- The completion of the conversion of its 100 plus streetlights to LED. This will make them a lot cheaper to run and maintain.
- Included in its budget £10,000 to provide for winter maintenance services for some Helmsley's pavements.
- Set aside slightly larger sums than normal for grants to local organisations for pump priming purposes for their schemes.
- Negotiated an agreement with the Helmsley Estate to lease a field which will become a full size football pitch which will then be leased to Helmsley Sports and Social Club when they become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.
- Grant-aided Helmsley Sports and Social Club to help them with the set-up costs of leasing and operating the Pavilion, play area, car park, bowls club and tennis courts. The part of the field known as the John Atkinson Memorial Field will not be leased at this time.
- Created a 3-year programme for grants which allows local bodies to have some security of funding for a 3-year period subject to performance. The first two organisations to benefit were Helmsley Town Hall and the Community Library who will each receive £250pa for 3 years from 2018-2019.



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A cone climber will be the latest addition to the Play Area at Helmsley Recreation Charity this spring thanks to a grant from **Awards for All**.



Thank you to everybody who responded to the consultation on Helmsley Traffic. The report is on the council's website. The council intends to review and update this report. Ryedale District Council is currently undertaking a review of its car parks.

Dog Fouling

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This winter has seen a record number of complaints in the towns and villages of Ryedale. Responsible dog owners get the blame for the irresponsible. Children are at risk. Mobility scooter users can't go out after dark if the scooter has to go into the house. Please pick up and do not use darkness as a cover.

Bags are cheap to buy and free from the Town Council via Helmsley Community Library.



THURSDAY

2 May 2019

VOTE

Town/Parish

& District

Elections

In 2019 the town council will review how Priority 2 pavements are managed in winter. These pavements belong to North Yorkshire County Council but they are only gritted and cleared after extended periods of bad weather, a few days at least. Helmsley Town Council used to pay Ryedale District Council to clear or grit them, as RDC does the Priority 1 pavements for NYCC, but RDC no longer does this. The town council will consider providing grit bins around the town if volunteers come forward, and some already have, or it will consider using a winter services contractor. Information about current winter arrangements is on www.helmsleytowncouncil.co.uk.



For information on about standing for Election please see Ryedale District Council's website or Facebook page.

Stop Press Stop Press Stop Press
Helmsley Pool's complete refit is well on its way with the tank being drained for retiling and the surround ready for its rubberised covering. Fingers crossed for a late May opening!

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