

STOKESLEY TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL PRECEPT 2017/18

The Annual Precept for the financial year 2017/18 for Stokesley Parish is £120,000, an increase of £20,000 over the previous year.

The Council agreed to this increase after conducting a full consultation with residents to gain feedback on a proposal to increase the Town Council precept to fund a Library Manager. This appointment would enable Stokesley Library to be kept open from 1 April as a Community Library, run as a charitable organisation with voluntary help, following the decision by North Yorkshire to reduce funding for the library service.

Residents backed the request from the Parish Council for the rise in the Town Council Tax Precept, equivalent to approximately 20p per week per household for a Band D property, for the foreseeable future. Of 226 returned forms 220 were in favour of the precept increase to fund a paid Library Manager – an overwhelming 97% of responses. The returns represented over 11% of the number of households in Stokesley, considered a very good percentage for such an exercise.

The Stokesley Town Council precept is billed by Hambleton District Council as part of the arrangements for the collection of Council Tax and will be paid to Stokesley Town Council in two instalments, the first at the end of April 2017 and the second at the end of September 2017.

For 2017/18 the council tax base is the equivalent of approximately 1891 Band D properties. Dividing the precept by this number gives the amount of Town Council Tax that a Band D property will pay in 2017/18.

All domestic dwellings are placed in a valuation band in accordance with instructions from the Valuation Office Agency (part of the Inland Revenue). The amount of Council Tax payable is typically expressed as a Band D equivalent with all other bands paying a proportion of the Band D amount as follows:

Valuation Band	Proportion of Tax Base
A	6/9
B	7/9
C	8/9
D	1
E	11/9
F	13/9
G	15/9
H	18/9