



Wickham Parish Council News

February 2017

Christmas thank yous

Belated thank you to Robert Gardner for The Square's Christmas tree and the volunteers who helped with its installation. Thanks also to Chris Hoare for installing the Square lights.

Annual Parish Assembly

**6.30pm Thursday 11th May 2017 at
Wickham Centre**

Everyone warmly invited to this annual celebration of community life in Wickham and Knowle.

Nominations for Citizen of the Year welcomed.

Categories:

Citizen of the Year.

Good Neighbour.

Young Citizen of the Year.

**Customer service community award,
for a local business making significant
contribution to the community.**

**Lifetime achievement award for
service to the community.**

Nominations for the awards to be made to Nicki by 31st March 2017

2017/18 Parish Council budget

The Parish Council has set its precept for 2016/17. The total budget is £185,556 which represents a 20% annual increase or an extra £17 for the year for a Band D household.

Whilst the percentage increase may look high the Council is having to budget for a future loss of Council Tax Support Grant from Winchester City Council which is around 10% of its total budget.

This year's budget allows for increased costs for landscape, sports pitch and play area maintenance which have not increased since 2012. The costs of additional litter collection around the village have also been included.

A new budget of £2,000 has been allowed towards the running costs of Knowle Youth Project to match the grant given to Wickham Youth Club.

The Council discussed the proposed increases at great length and can be confident it can continue to provide high quality services going forward.

Parish Council Meetings

Held at Wickham Centre, all welcome to attend.

Committees 7pm Tuesday 7th February

**Full Council 7.15pm Tuesday 21st
February**

Please see notice boards and website for agendas, dates and times of other meetings.

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