

**Benson Parish Council**  
**Finance Chairman Report 2017/18**

The precept is the proportion of householders Council Tax provided to Benson Parish Council.

With the expenditure of the Council increasing and with some unexpected expenses (new boilers for Parish Hall, dishwasher and water boilers) we are pleased to have kept the precept increase for 2018/19 to just 4%.

The income and expenditure for the Parish Council during the 2017/18 financial year was:

Income:           £  £206,386 (2016/17 £240,048)  
Expenditure:   £  224,903 (2016/17 £200,005)  
Surplus:           £  -18,515

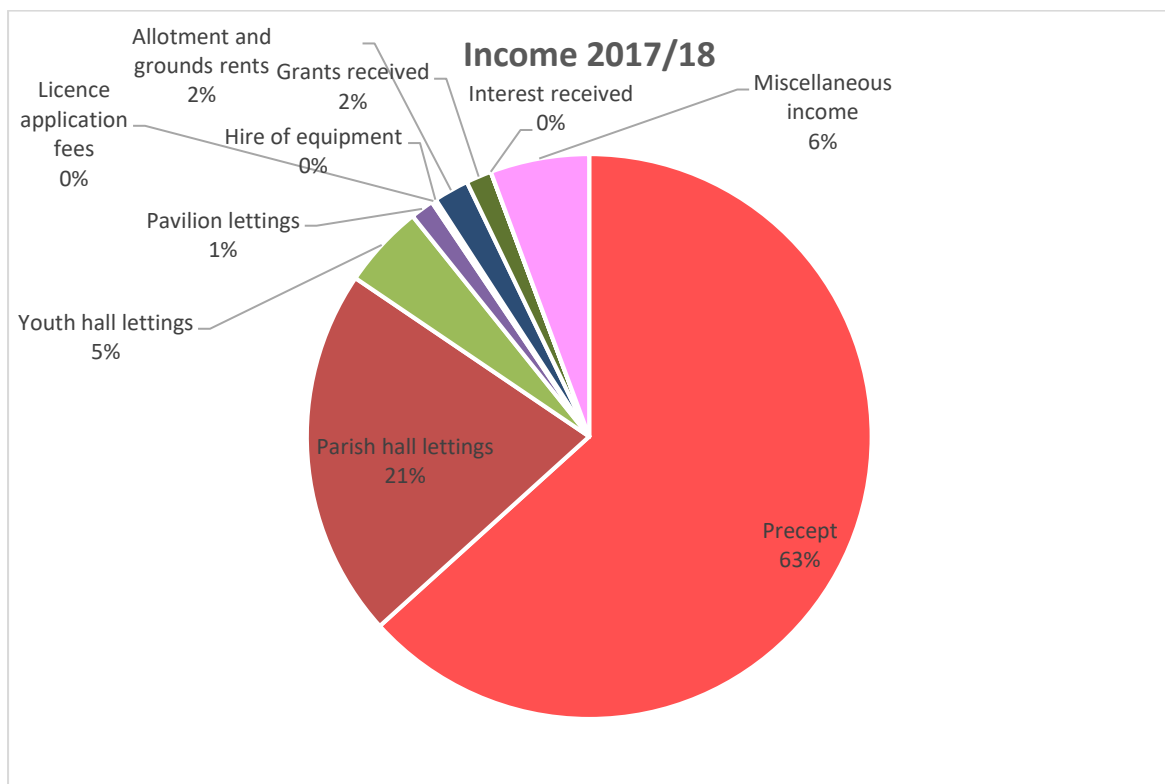
This overspend was due to the unbudgeted expense of new boilers £16,459, dishwasher £1375 and water boilers £500

**Income**

During the 2017/18 year the income from Hall hire was as follows:

Parish Hall -     £43,720 (2016/17 £42,052)  
Pavilion -        £2,763 (2016/17 £ 3,492)  
Youth Hall -     £9,845 (2016/17 £11,101)

Total income was split as below



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**Expenditure**

During the year, major items of expenditure included;

Parish Hall Boilers	£16459
Play equipment at Green Close	£12679
Neighbourhood Plan (mostly paid by grant)	£10281
Refurbishment of Parish Hall floor	£8166
PA system for Parish Hall	£4453

