

What does the parish council do with my precept?

The council agrees its annual budget in November each year, and will agree how much local tax (Precept) it needs to raise to pay for its services in the following year. Here's a list of what your money pays for in Menheniot.



- **Bus Shelter**

The parish council cleans and maintains the bus shelter that stands on The Village.

- **Charities**

We run a small grants and donations scheme to fund local organisations whose work we support.

- **Community Centre**

We don't own or manage any community centres, but we do give grants to the local parish hall in St Keyne. We support the hall by paying to use their facilities for our meetings.

- **Crime Prevention**

Councillors regularly consider matters of community safety, and report back to the parish by publishing a Community Safety Report.

- **Ground Maintenance**

We maintain footpaths and open spaces in the parish by grass cutting, strimming and weed spraying throughout the year.

- **Litter**

We employ a contractor to regularly empty our own litter bins located around the centre of the village. This includes the bins that hold dog waste.

- **Newsletters**

Through our website and social media links, we provide frequently updated information to our residents on topics and issues that may affect them. Details of council meetings are always published online on our website and the St Keyne & Trewidland Facebook pages, and displayed on the parish noticeboards in St Keyne & Trewidland.

- **Open Spaces**

We own Jubilee Park in the centre of St Keyne.

- **Playgrounds**

We have helped fund the purchase of play equipment at Jubilee Park. We are responsible to maintaining the safety of these facilities, and undergo an annual inspection to ensure compliance to the highest standards.

- **Lawn Cemetery**

The parish council owns and maintains the lawn cemetery adjacent to St Mary's Church. It also maintains a memorial garden and memorial wall.

- **Town & Country Planning**

We act as consultees for all planning applications made within the parish boundary, and are involved in any other planning matters in any area that adjoins us.

What the parish council is not responsible for.

Any service that Cornwall Council is paid to deliver that has been paid for through your council tax. This includes:

- Council tax and Business Rates collection
- Refuse and recycling
- Payment of any benefits
- Adult care and support
- Parking, road maintenance and transport
- Children, schools and families
- Housing

How to keep up to date?

- Keep watching the parish notice boards at St Keyne and Trewidland
- Visit our website.
- Follow up on Facebook.
- Come to one of our public meetings. Details on the website.

If you'd like to know more about what parish councils are about, look out for our Quick Guide to *What is a parish council*. You can download a copy from our website.

Please note: this information explains what facilities are currently available in St Keyne. The range of facilities and support will be updated after May 10 when the new parish council of St Keyne & Trewidland is created.

Source: St Keyne Parish Clerk

Date: 7 March 2021