

PRECEPT 2018/2019

February 2018

Thank you for taking the time to read this leaflet. It provides a summary of the estimated income / expenditure for Blaby Parish Council in the forthcoming financial year. We also hope it will explain the wide range of services that we provide to our community.

Blaby Parish Council receives no funding from other local authorities or central governments and relies almost entirely on precepts paid by our parishioners and funding grants.



Events for 2018

Oakfield Park Saturday, 30th June 2018 - 12 Noon – 5pm

We are so excited about this year's fun day which will be held at Oakfield Park. It promises to be a fun filled day for all of the family.

- Football Tables - Tombola
- Assault Course - Stilt walker
- Fairground Rides - Food Stalls
- Face Painting - Outdoor Market
- Scarecrow Competition - And Lots More

Christmas Light Switch On - Friday, 30th November 2018 4.30pm – 7.30pm

There will be a full street fair with rides for all age groups.

Christmas Carol Service -

Monday, 24th December 2018 – 4.30pm

Your chance to have a festive sing along with your family and friends in John's Court precinct.

Committee 2018/19 Budget Requirement

Estates & Community Committee	£59,130
Policy, Resources & Finance Committee	£81,744
Planning Committee	£2,000
Staff Committee	£188,660
Total Committee Budget Requirements	£331,534

New Projects/Existing Projects

New & Replacement Equipment	£10,000
Blaby Civic Centre	£5,000
Oakfield Car Park	£35,000
Open Space Projects	£10,000
Vehicle Replacement	£5,000
Park- Play Equipment	£5,000
Allotments	£5,000
Total Saving & New Project Budget Requirements	£75,000
<u>Total Expenditure</u>	<u>£406,534</u>
<u>Less Estimated Income</u>	<u>£108,367</u>
<u>Resolved: Precept Requirement For 2018/19</u>	<u>£298,167</u>

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Last month the Parish Council met to decide on its precept for the coming financial year (2018-19). The precept is the amount of money required by the Council to pay for the provision of facilities and services in the village. The agreed sum is added to the requirements of the District and County Councils along with those of the Fire Authority and Police and Crime Commissioner to make up the Council Tax for the year.

This year the Parish Council found itself in a particularly difficult position as the District Council decided not to pass on any Council Tax Support Grant or New Homes Bonus, which it has been providing for the past few years. The result of this decision has left the Parish Council with a £33,000 shortfall in its income for the year. Unfortunately this has meant the Council has had to increase the Precept this year by a larger than normal amount to protect services. In order to minimize this rise the Council looked at all areas of expenditure to ensure that increases were kept as low as reasonably practicable.

The precept for the year 2018-19 was set at £298,167, a rise of 14.3% on last year. This comprises the total proposed expenditure minus the anticipated income. The expected income for the forthcoming year is £108,000. The following provides a summary of how the Parish Council's proposed expenditure has been allocated between the main budget areas:-

Staff salaries, which cover the office and grounds staff account for about £183,000 of the total.

Running costs which include energy bills, insurance, office expenses and all other items required to maintain the day to day operations of the Council have been allocated a budget of £76,000.

Over the years the Council has taken out loans, from the Public Works Loan Board, to finance major capital projects such as the purchase of the new Civic Centre and development of the new cemetery. Repayments for these loans amount to £35,000.

Another area where the Council provides money is for events that it runs. The budget for these is £35,000 which covers the Summer Fun Day and the Lights Switch-on. Income during the events offsets some of the cost of running the events.

As well as the day to day provision of facilities and services the Council looks at other areas of village where expenditure can enhance the village or the facilities provided. This year the Council is considering improvements to the car park on Oakfield Park, improvements to the grass verges on Welford Road and work at the allotments. Sums of £35,000, £10,000 and £5,000 have been allocated respectively to these projects, although other money may be available for the car park project.

Finally there are a number of savings accounts which the Council maintains to pay for replacement equipment and vehicles for which a budget of £25,000 was allocated.

While the Parish Council appreciates that the increase is significant it should be remembered that the Parish element is only a small proportion of the overall Council Tax.

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We currently have 3 vacancies for parish councillors.

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