

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



**SERVING THE COMMUNITY**

### \*\*\*Events for 2019\*\*\*

#### Oakfield Park: Saturday 29th June 2019. 12 Noon – 5pm

The annual Blaby Summer Fun Day is always a great family day out, with lots of activities for all ages. This year we are having a **SEA-SIDE** theme, with the following attractions:

\* FAIR-GROUND RIDES including DODGEMS & HELTER-SKELTER

\*SAND-PIT FUN FOR THE LITTLE ONES

\* CRAZY GOLF \* DONKEY RIDES

\* OUTDOOR BAR & CAFÉ \* FOOD STALLS \* MARKET STALLS

\* SCARECROW FESTIVAL \* CHILDREN'S COMPETITION

#### Christmas Light Switch On: Friday 29th November 2019 5pm - 8pm

\* FULL STREET FAIR \* VISIT SANTA \* FESTIVE FAMILY FUN \* FOOD STALLS \*\*\* LIGHTS SWITCHED ON AT 6:30pm \*\*\*

#### Christmas Carol Service: Tuesday 24th December 2019 4.30pm - 5.00pm

Get your Christmas off to a fantastic start with a Christmas sing-along in John's Court Precinct. Accompanied by Thistly Meadow Primary School & Enderby Youth Band.

\*\*\* EVERYONE WELCOME \*\*\*

### Committee 2019/20 Budget Requirement

Estates & Community Committee	£69,030
Policy, Resources & Finance Committee	£95,435
Planning Committee	£2,000
Staff Committee	£189,000
<b>Total Committee Budget Requirements</b>	<b>£355,465</b>

### New Projects/Existing Projects

New & Replacement Equipment	£10,000
Town Centre Improvements	£10,000
Vehicle Replacement	£5,000
Park- Play Equipment	£5,000
Allotments	£5,000
<b>Total Saving &amp; New Project Budget Requirements</b>	<b>£35,000</b>
<u>Total Expenditure</u>	<u>£390,465</u>
<u>Less Estimated Income</u>	<u>£77,298</u>
<u>Resolved: Precept Requirement For 2019/20</u>	<u>£313,167</u>

## PRECEPT

Last month the Parish Council met to decide on its precept for the coming financial year (2019-20). 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.

Last 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. This resulted in the Council having to agree a significant increase in the precept. Fortunately this year there have been no nasty surprises and so the Council has been able to keep the increase to only 3.59%, resulting in a precept of £313,167. This comprises the total proposed expenditure minus the anticipated income. The expected income for the forthcoming year is £77,298.

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 is £184,000.

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 £98,000.

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 £38,000 which covers the Summer Fun Day and the Lights Switch-on. Income during the events go towards 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 the village where expenditure can enhance the village or the facilities provided. This year the Council is working with Blaby District Council to review the Town Centre Master Plan and has allocated £10,000 towards potential Town Centre improvements.

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

Following a successful application for funding from The Big Lottery Fund, work has begun on the burial ground of the Old Victorian Chapel along Mill Lane. This is being carried out by EMEC Land Management, and involves work on many of the trees within the burial ground (following recommendations made in a tree survey) and traditional laying of the existing hedge, with planting of new whips where necessary. The old metal fence has been removed to allow hedge laying, with a small section of the metal fence retained to have on display within the Chapel in future years. Blaby Parish Council also received funding to purchase and plant bulbs within the burial ground.

Further plans include carrying out work on the front brick wall, metal railings and gates of the grounds. Notification of future work will be made on the Parish Council's website, our Facebook page and posters on the gates of the burial ground itself.

### YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

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**We currently have 5 vacancies for parish councillors.**

**If you would like to know more about this rewarding role, please email [manager@blabyparishcouncil.org](mailto:manager@blabyparishcouncil.org)**