

## Welton-by-Lincoln Parish Council - Financial Report 2017/2018

Income for the financial year was £50,033 including £24,786 of grant funding and contributions, with expenditure of £196,543. The Precept (the money we receive from WLDC) this year was £148,432. Monies in the bank and Ear Marked Reserves held at the year end total £174,139.

Income is generated from hiring out of the facilities at Manor Park, Library services, the sale of books and village maps, provision of laminating and photocopying services, allotment rents and bank account interest.

The Council has been fortunate in receiving the following grants/contributions:

£8,000	West Lindsey Large Community Grant	Library
£15,000	Lincolnshire County Council	Library – Capital Grant
£5,167	Lincolnshire County Council	Library – Revenue Grant
£619	Lincolnshire County Council	Grass cutting the highway verges

**Manor Park** generated an income of £28,118 from the hire of the Artificial Grass Pitch, playing field, pavilion and bowls green. The **Facilities & Recreation Committee** has paid £2,567 for maintaining the grounds and bowls green. An extension to house the library cost in total £33,127 paid for with grant funding and Council Reserves. The **Library** had income of £1,182.00 from fines, printing, photocopying and the sale of donated books.

The **Environment Committee** oversees the Allotments which generated income of £315. The cost of the Christmas tree, purchase, erection and removal, putting up and taking down the lights and the provision of refreshments at the tree lighting was £895. The cost of the Christmas tree disposal service was £205; approx 90 trees were brought for disposal. Planting up and maintaining the floral displays cost £820. Maintenance to trees and shrubs on public open space areas and additional work required on some trees came to £4,535.

The **Highways & Utilities Committee** has not undertaken any major projects this year and expenditure in the main has been £4,443 for grass cutting and grounds maintenance of the village and churchyard. The purchase of benches totalled £1,054.

The **Publications & Heritage Committee** main expenditure this year has been £1,045 for the refurbishment of the Village Pump and £795 for the cleaning of the War Memorial and Flagpole.

The Parish Council has awarded £150 to the War Memorial Flower Fund and £100.00 to Age UK Lindsey. Public Liability insurance for the May Day Fair was £266.

The accounts for 2016/2017 were signed off by the Internal and External Auditors and the notice displayed for the required period on the Parish Council Notice Board.

The responsibility the Parish Council faces each year in setting its budget is a huge task and members are always mindful of the contribution being asked of residents when deciding how public money is spent. The Council has been frugal in calculating the precept for this financial year to £148,432, a decrease of 5.7% on last year in view of the Council not taking on any major projects during the next financial year; this does not mean it won't go up again should projects and services for the village require it to do so. The Council has decided to continue cutting the grass verges for which LCC has reduced its contribution and strimming of Public Rights of Way footpaths.

The work I and my team carry out has increased considerably over the years, with services being devolved from both County and District Councils. Welton Parish Council is a very active group of people; members are all unpaid volunteers who want to make a difference to where they live.

This all comes at a cost and it is the Council Tax paid by you that allows this work to be carried out and I'm sure you will agree that it is all worthwhile in making Welton a pleasant and vibrant place in which to live.

I would like to thank the Chairman and Councillors for their continued support. I can't do all this alone and take this opportunity of thanking Sarah Wells, my assistant who left us at the end of 2017 after nine years and a warm welcome to our new Deputy Clerk, Linda Blankley. The facilities team have continued their hard work with the added responsibility of the library and for that I thank them.

**Julie Murray, PSLCC**  
**Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer**  
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