

Welton-by-Lincoln Parish Council - Financial Report 2016/2017

Income for the financial year was £69,680 including £17,727 of grant funding and contributions, with expenditure of £180,515. The Precept (the money we receive from WLDC) this year was £133,099. Monies in the bank and Ear Marked Reserves held at the year end total £185,962.

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	Play equipment – Ryland Road
£4,999	Big Lottery Awards for All	Play equipment – Ryland Road
£500	Welton Sports & Social Club	Play equipment – Ryland Road
£3,728	Football Foundation	Drainage works at Manor Park
£500	West Lindsey District Cllrs Initiative Fund	Village Pump repairs
£3,055	Lincolnshire County Council	Grass cutting the highway verges

Manor Park generated an income of £27,923 from the hire of the Artificial Grass Pitch, playing field, pavilion and bowls green. The **Facilities & Recreation Committee** has paid £13,664 for maintaining the grounds and major works to the Southern boundary hedge and trees. A small extension at a cost of just under £12,000 has been added to form a workshop for the facilities team and additional storage for machinery and tools. Repairs, maintenance and purchase of new equipment for the play areas cost £12,541. Paying for security patrols has cost £3,000. The purchase of an automatic barrier, floodlights and ANPR CCTV camera and associated works for preparation and installation was £6,000.

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 £894. The cost of the Christmas tree disposal service was £205; approx 70 trees were brought for disposal. Planting up and maintaining the floral displays cost £750. Maintenance to trees and shrubs on public open space areas and additional work required on some trees came to £4,182.

The **Highways & Utilities Committee** has not undertaken any major projects this year and expenditure in the main has been £5,684 for grass cutting and grounds maintenance of the village and churchyard. The purchase of two solar lights was £1,300.

The **Publications & Heritage Committee** has purchased three new flags at a cost of £45.

The **Library Committee** has overseen the library service for the last year and received a contribution of £5,167 from LCC and has generated income of £622 from fines, printing, photocopying etc. Expenditure was £14,268; £8,938 of which was paid to WLDC in rates.

The Parish Council has awarded £150 to the War Memorial Flower Fund and £50 to Matt's Fund. Public Liability insurance for the May Day Fair was £261.

The accounts for 2015/2016 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 considerable and they are ever mindful of the contribution being asked of residents when deciding where public money will be spent. The Council is conscious of its decision and reasons for increasing the precept for this financial year to £148,432, an increase of 7.7% on last year to allow for increases in the cost of utilities, wages, pension contributions, maintenance to the Parish Office and Civic events attached to our Twinning with Moncé en Belin. 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 which attract additional costs.

The work I and my team carry out has increased considerably over the last few 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 both the incoming and outgoing Chairmen and Councillors for their continued support and also take this opportunity of thanking Sarah, my assistant and the facilities team for their continued hard work.

Julie Murray, MILCM
Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
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