

## Welton-by-Lincoln Parish Council

### Financial Report 2021/22

The Parish Council raises a Precept, each year to finance the services it provides and improve the facilities it manages. When setting the precept, members are mindful of making increases and implementing cuts where possible; consideration is given to the services the Council has to deliver and they prioritise these very carefully.

The Precept in 2021/22 was £139,893 with income of £45,533 including grants and contributions of £5,767 and expenditure of £81,253. Monies in the bank and Ear Marked Reserves held at the yearend totalled £208,258. Income is generated from hiring out the facilities at Manor Park, Library services, sale of books, the provision of laminating and photocopying services, allotment rents and bank account interest.

#### Report for 2021/22

The precept for 2021/22 was £139,893, representing a 15.77% decrease on the previous year; members were mindful of the impact the pandemic had left.

Expenditure for the year ended 31.3.22 included:

- Staff costs £93,542 – the council employs 8 members of staff with a constantly expanding workload
- Village Maintenance including floral displays, footpath strimming and work to trees was £10,721. The re-surfacing and clearing of the path from Eagle Drive to Manor Park cost £4,500.
- Grass cutting and grounds maintenance was £6,293 with a contribution of £1,733 received from LCC
- Village Improvements including the purchase of new benches, litter & dog bins £4,443
- Christmas tree and lighting event £1,212
- Cleaning of the Dr Richard Smith & War Memorials was £1,370
- Manor Park staffing and maintenance was £23,867, income of £34,818
- Library operation £6,327 with an annual revenue grant from LCC of £5167

The Council has again been mindful when setting the precept for 2022/23 at £159,110, equating to a 13.6% increase. This means that to deliver planned projects, services, carry out maintenance around the village and to the Parish Office, monies in reserves may be used.

The work I and my team carry out continues to increase and the Parish Council is a very proactive council; its members are all unpaid volunteers who want to make a difference to where they live.

I would like to thank the Chairman and Councillors for their continued support, in particular Cllr Fletcher who helps me with looking after the finances. I cannot do all this alone and take this opportunity of thanking Louise, our new Deputy Clerk who joined us in August last year, for all her support with running the office. The facilities team have continued their hard work with a forever increasing list of jobs and for that I thank them all.

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