

Welton-by-Lincoln Parish Council

Financial Report 2019/2020 & 2020/21

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 implements cuts where possible; consideration is given to the services the Council has to deliver and they prioritise these very carefully.

The Precept in 2019/20 was £150,637 with income of £42,794 including grants and contributions of £9,821 and expenditure of £72,802. Monies in the bank and Ear Marked Reserves held at the year end totalled £194,660.

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 2019/20

Manor Park costs for essential maintenance to the building, security, grounds, 3G pitch and bowls green was £27,365.

The **Library & Community Hub** - Lincolnshire County Council has confirmed it will continue to pay the annual revenue grant of £5,167 for the foreseeable future, income of £436 from fines, printing, photocopying and the sale of donated books.

The **Environment Committee** - The Christmas tree and associated costs were £1,018, floral displays cost £1,982 including the purchase of five new planters. Maintenance to trees and shrubs on public open space areas £6,727 and income of £285.

The **Highways & Utilities Committee** expenditure in the main has been £6,084 for grass cutting and grounds maintenance and £577 for the purchase and installation of new oak posts on the corner of Cliff Road.

The **Publications & Heritage Committee** paid for the printing of the Community Aid cards which were delivered to all households in Welton and Dunholme, very kindly arranged for no payment by Garry and Jo Crowther and their paperboys & girls from The Paper Shop.

Report for 2020/21

The precept for 2020/21 was £166,077, representing a 10.32% increase.

Income was greatly affected by the 3 lockdowns and a net loss of £13,174.80 was sustained from the closure of the facilities at Manor Park, giving a total receipts figure of £21,785 with expenditure of £83,366. Monies in the bank and Ear Marked Reserves held at the year end totalled £197,627.

Expenditure for the year ended 31.3.21 included:

- Staff costs £97,947 – the council now employs 9 members of staff with a constantly growing workload and expanding village
- Maintenance of the Parish Office including new windows was £7,071
- Village Maintenance including floral displays, footpath strimming and work to trees was £8,706
- Grass cutting and grounds maintenance was £10,462 with a contribution of £1,711 received from LCC
- Village Improvements including the purchase of benches £1,329
- Christmas tree and new lights £1,178
- Manor Park staffing and maintenance was £45,996, income of £10,867
- Library operation £4,387 with an annual revenue grant from LCC of £5167 and £611 from the Lincolnshire Co-op Community Champions

With all that we have endured during the last year, the Council has been extremely mindful when setting the precept for 2021/22 which is £139,993, representing a reduction of 15.77% on 2020/21. 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; in particular, during the past year co-ordinating the Community Aid project for Welton and Dunholme. Welton Parish Council is a very pro-active 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. I cannot do all this alone and take this opportunity of thanking Linda, my former Deputy for her support in 2020 with running the office and training new staff; and my two new assistants. The facilities team have continued their hard work with a forever increasing list of jobs and for that I thank them.

Julie Murray, PSLCC
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