

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2017, UPDATE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

*Cllr P Hemmerdinger welcomes everyone to the meeting and opens the meeting with an annual report from the Parish Council:*

Precept – to be £17,000, this is now made up of £16,062 Precept and £938.00 Government grant, which includes a Band D Parish Council tax of £35.37 per household.

*To explain:-* **Precept** = the amount raised by Council Tax;

**Council Tax (Band D)** = the Council Tax per band D property (all property precept valuations are based on Band D - mid range).

**Total Budget Requirement** = Grant + Precept

A lot of time and effort, with the help of MAPA and Appleby Environment has been put into objections to the revised HS2b proposal.

Various 'street scene' improvements and repairs carried out, stiles mended, new kissing gates, trees and hedges cut back.

Street lighting repair costs amounted to £59.00 (the street lights we have to pay for are for Appleby Parva).

The Allotment Society is working well, with many improvements being made to the site and an orchard in the making.

Work to the recreation ground, such as ditches being unblocked, trees cut back etc has been carried out; the PC is supporting grant applications for a new sports pavilion. A Tesco grant has been obtained of £12k with £2k donated by the Parish Council – a brand new play area will be installed within the existing play area on the recreation field at a total cost of £14k.

Crime figures in the village have dramatically reduced this year.

The Parish Council is looking to have a 3D village sign installed.

This financial year the Parish Council has given £1,100 - £1k towards Scout hut and £100 to CAB in grants.

Parish Council along with Measham Mobility have raised funds for a Community Media Mini bus – which has been delivered and is in use.

A new Parish Council web site is live and is very successful thanks to Cllr Peter Smith.

Various large planning applications have been considered.

Budget is looking healthy, but government cut backs and further control of the Precept will mean belts will have to be tightened.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the existing Councillors for their time and commitment, and to the Clerk and volunteers.