

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2020, UPDATE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Precept – to be £19,000, this is now made up of £18765.50 Precept and £234.50 Government grant, which includes a Band D Parish Council tax of £35.54 per household, this grant is being reduced by the Government each year until it ceases.

*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

Various 'street scene' improvements and repairs carried out, stiles mended, trees and hedges cut back, three new village benches have also been installed. Over 40 items have been reported to Highways to rectify. A Parish Resilience Plan has been put together with NWLDC and the AM Flood Group.

The Parish Council has bought a defibrillator which has been placed on the new sports pavilion.

Street lighting repair costs amounted to £75.60 (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. Section 106 money was applied for and granted – this will provide a new rotavator and mower.

Work to the recreation ground & other areas, such as ditches being unblocked, trees cut back etc has been carried out, S106 applied for to make improvements, a new gate has been fitted, improvements made to the play area and new play equipment will be installed.

Crime figures in the village have decreased in the village this year.

The Parish Council now has the new 3D signs and is waiting for LCC to approve installation.

Bulbs have been planted around the Parish. A major Parish clean up took place – thank you to everyone who took part.

Flooding is an issue in the Parish, the Parish Council paid to have areas of the brook cleared and is looking to help residents with flood problems. Severn Trent has been fitting new pipework to help keep the areas clear of surface water and pollution. A resiliation plan is in place.

Various 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.