

Annual budget details for 2021/2022 – Appleby Magna Parish Council – 01/10/20

Members of Appleby Magna Parish Council consider the draft budget for 2021/22, to include various projects and a list of works for the Parish – to set priorities and to determine long term funding for projects.

Monies ring fenced for projects identified allows the council to meet the needs of the Parish, but some projects will be built on for the future.

General reserves carried by a parish or town council should be equal to between 3 to 12 months net revenue expenditure for the council. It is good practice to hold free reserves to at least 50% of their annual expenditure, thus reducing financial risk, leaving councils vulnerable to unforeseen expenditure.

Parish Councils are allowed to set budgets without having to hold a referendum on the level of precept it wishes to charge – District and County Councils have to do this if raising precepts by more than 2%.

Parish and town councils have the right to raise money from their parishioners via the Council Tax process. This is ‘precepted’ on the principal council which in this case is NWLDC who levy on tax payers in the parish as part of the Council Tax billing process.

The Council Tax base for Appleby Magna for 2020/21 was 528, budget was set at £19000, council tax parish element was £35.54

Precept 528 (tax base) x £35.54 (council tax for 20/21 year) = £18765.50, Local tax support grant (LCTSG) – grant passed from NWLDC to assist Parish Councils – Appleby Magna received £234.50 in 20/21 – this has now been phased out and there will be no grant payment in 2021/22 or future years.

Projects include (there will be others)

Speed awareness signs	£20000
Outdoor gym equipment	£15000
Play area improvements	£5000
Notice boards	£3000
Flood defence equipment	£5000
New bins	£3000
	<u>£51000 total</u>

Section 106 funds are managed and held by NWLDC, the Parish Council can request funds when the land is earmarked for development and the last house has been purchased – the Parish Council has used various S106 funds for projects such as play area, equipment for managing the recreation and allotment areas etc. S106 may be replaced by the new homes bonus, this should create a communities fund by there is a lack of information re this at present.

Section 137 enables parish and town councils to spend a limited amount of money for purposes for which they have no other specific statutory expenditure. Councils must keep a separate record of all S137 accounts. For 2021/22 the S137 is £8.41 per elector – Local Government Act 1972.

Grants and Funding – there are various grants available each year which the Parish Council reviews and applies for – for example, for new play equipment, or to assist local community groups.

Members of the Parish Council propose a Precept of £25000 for 2021/2022; this would mean a council tax parish element of £47.76 approx.

The 2021/22 budget was reviewed and RESOLVED at the Parish Council meeting held November 5 2020.