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The primary source of income for most Parish Councils comes from the Precept, part of the Council Tax. We hope to explain the contribution you make to the Parish Council through your Council tax and how it is spent.

WHAT IS A PRECEPT?

The Parish Council receives a small proportion of the local Council Tax. It does not receive any direct funding from central government. The funding collected pays for the running of the Council and the services it provides.

HOW IS IT CALCULATED?

The Parish Council makes an estimate of income and expenditure for the next financial year, including some for future planned projects and/or unexpected events. It is then calculated as an amount per Council Tax Band D Property and added to the Council Tax Bill of all the dwellings within the Parish area.

HOW IS IT RAISED?

Charnwood Borough Council collects your Council Tax on behalf of the Borough Council, County Council, Police, Fire and the precepts for any Parish/Town Councils in their district. It is important to note that East Goscote Parish Council's precept is just a small percentage of your overall Council Tax Bill.

HOW MUCH IS IT?

This year, there is a small increase in the precept charge to East Goscote residents. The precept has an increase of 5.32%. From April 2017, the cost per average household (Band D property) has increased from £59.73 to £62.91 per annum. This is a rise of £3.18 per property for the year. Our total budget for 2017/18 amounts to £83,150, however using some of our reserves we are able to reduce our requirement to £59,350. Then taking into account the Charnwood Grant of £1,020, the precept requirement was reduced to £58,330, this figure is divided by the Council Tax base to arrive at £62.91 per Band D property.

WHY HAS IT GONE UP?

Along with having to continue to absorb cuts to Central Government support grants, we have allocated a budget towards the replacement of our village hall roof, and the staff pension fund. Last year our Parish precept had a reduction of 4.4%.

HOW IS IT SPENT?

Your precept is spent on maintaining the provision of all facilities and services the Parish Council offers as shown in the graphic.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Village improvements (2016/17) include a new bus shelter on Melton Road, new swings on the Mound play area and 6 pieces of fitness equipment on the playing field. Also a new website was built and we had new benches to both Play areas. We have also had our minutes professionally bound along with the Long Furrow magazines and Community News.

During the next year (2017/18) we hope to run a Christmas event for the elderly and continue to support the Library. One of our biggest costs will be a donation to replace the Village Hall roof.