

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

# Quarterly Edition - March 2013

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Village Hall  
Leicester Road  
Groby  
Leicestershire, LE6 0DQ

## Opening Times

### Mondays

11.00am to 2.00pm

### Tuesdays

11.00am to 2.00pm

### Wednesdays

11.00am to 2.00pm

### Thursdays

12.30am to 3.30pm

### Fridays

10.00am to 12.30pm

## Outside these times by prior appointment

Parish Council meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7.00 pm in the Council Chambers within the Village Hall.

Planning Committee meetings are held every two weeks, usually on a Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm.

## Forthcoming Meetings

### March

20 Planning Committee

### April

3 Planning Committee  
8 Full Council Meeting  
15 Parks Committee  
15 Finance Committee  
17 Planning Committee

### May

1 Planning Committee  
9 Annual Parish Meeting  
15 Planning Committee  
20 Annual Council Meeting  
29 Planning Committee

### June

3 Full Council Meeting  
12 Planning Committee  
26 Planning Committee

All meetings are  
Open to the Public.

**Groby Parish Council** strives to provide a full range of information and resources to benefit all members of the community and to this end we welcome your news and views. We aim to bring you information about what the Parish Council does and how it works. We hope this is just one way in which the Parish Council can improve how it communicates and consults with those living and working in the Parish of Groby.

Our aim is to build on what is already good about Groby Parish and make it an even better place in which to live and work. The message is very clear to all of us: public agencies, the voluntary and community sector and the public. We can only achieve this if we agree on the same future direction and actively work together to make it happen. We all know that nothing stands still and change is inevitable.

Groby Parish Council is encouraging as many people and organisations as possible to share in shaping and influencing that change for the good of everyone. The Parish Council needs you to contact them with details of your group, your organisation and your ideas so that we can all come together and set up partnership working and so build a strong and vibrant voluntary and community sector.

Whether you are an individual, a family, or part of an organisation or community group, this is all about you and for you. Working together we can overcome any of the challenges that lie ahead and build into our communities a better future.

**Two new Parish Councillors:** Following the Parish Council election on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2013 to fill two vacancies on the Council, we are pleased to welcome Cllr. Catherine Thompson and Cllr. Leigh Quilter. Cllr. Quilter is 27 years old and has lived in the Parish all his life. He cares passionately about the village and wishes to help ensure it continues to be a pleasant place to live. Cllr. Thompson is a registered Nurse, presently carrying out research into dementia. She has two daughters, both at local schools. Being a resident in the village for over 12 years she is aware of local and community issues and concerns of parents.



**"Garden of Remembrance"** -Work has commenced on the new "Garden of Remembrance" at Groby Village Cemetery, where residents and non-residents of Groby can scatter ashes. Weather permitting it should be completed by Spring 2013. Memorials in the form of tree, shrub planting, benches and memorial plaques are available. Email [parishclerk@groby.com](mailto:parishclerk@groby.com) for further details or visit [www.groby.com](http://www.groby.com).

**Got a concern the Parish Council needs to know about?** At the beginning of every Parish Council meeting, time is set aside for Public Participation. This is an opportunity for you to talk to us about any parish matter. The Parish Council may not be able to give you an answer straight away but your comments will be acted upon either by the Council or by signposting to another agency.



## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday 9th May 2013

The Parish Council would like to invite all electors of the Parish of Groby to the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held on Thursday 9th May 2013 at 7.30 pm in the main hall in the Village Hall, Leicester Road, Groby. Items for discussion will include reports from the Chairman and Committees on the Council's activities during 2012/13 and an outline of the proposed expenditure for 2013/14. Local organisations will also be invited to present details of their organisation. Any elector present will be invited to ask any relevant question of the Parish Council.

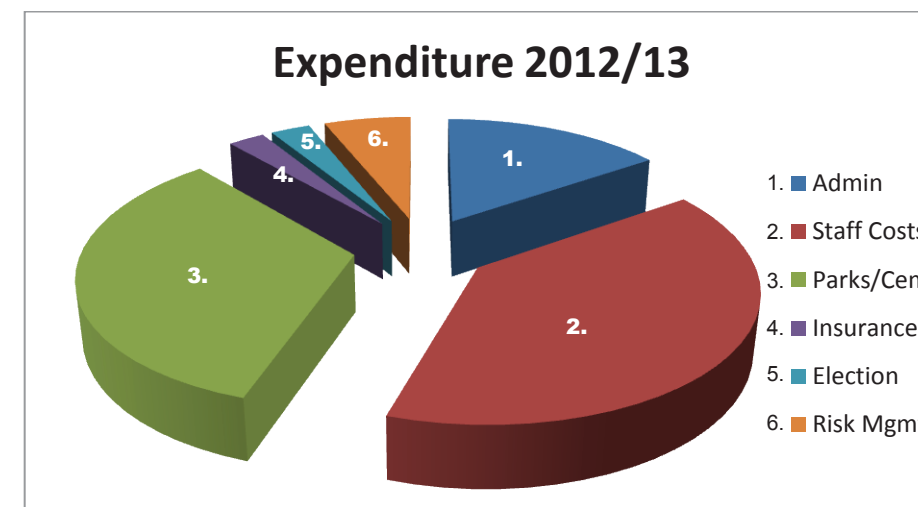
## Review of Council Tax Base

Each year the Council sets its "Precept" for the following financial year depending on its future plans and its current and anticipated commitments for the year ahead. It will then ask the Borough Council to include this as part of its Council Tax for the Parish.

A recent government review of the Council Tax base has left the Parish Council concerned that the new system changes over a hundred years of financial independence of parish councils who will no longer be in charge of their own destiny in setting their budgets and precept. For the first time ever parish councils will be reliant on a principal council for an element of their funding. The risk of the new system is that at best the Parish Council will receive 100% of grant due, or we may only receive a proportion, and at worst no grant at all. Depending on the scenario, the impact may mean that the Parish Council increases their precept or cuts back on service delivery.

In January 2013, the Parish Council's Finance & General Purposes Committee held a meeting to discuss the figures received from the Borough Council following the Secretary of State's prescribed changes in the Council Tax Base for 2013/14, and subsequently in light of the Committee's recommendation, the full Council resolved to retain the overall budget as decided at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012 Parish Council meeting with some slight re-calculations to allow for the changes and thus retain the same **4.6% reduction** to the Groby Parish Council tax as previously resolved. (details of the 2013/14 budget can be found on the Council website)

For the **2013/14 financial year** the **Precept** has been set at **£155,761** which would cost a **Council tax payer living in a Band D property £61.13 per year.**



The chart shows where the Council spent your money during 2012/13

**Coming soon to the Parish Council website** - We are currently updating our web site and in future would like to consider a page for young people to tell them about activities and up-and-coming events in and around Groby. Please contact the Parish Clerk (email: [parishclerk@groby.com](mailto:parishclerk@groby.com)) if you would be interested in posting information on this page.

**"Blog"** page to record matters of interest or make general observations. It will be informal in nature and provide a good way of addressing issues that are of concern whether they are within or outside the scope of the parish council's responsibilities. It is also a good way of keeping up with matters arising between newsletters so please take an interest in the work of your local Parish Council.

Groby Parish Council is made up of 16 unpaid members. They are supported by a full time employed Clerk, a part time Admin Assistant, the Cemetery Sexton, a Parks Keeper and two other part time Grounds Maintenance Operatives.

## Parish Councillors

Cllr. Jacquelyn Batty - 2912284  
Cllr. Peter Batty - 2912284  
Cllr. Sylvia Beck - 2876716  
Cllr. Jim Coley - 3272606 (Chairman)  
Cllr. Richard Douglas. JP - 2877065 (V/Chairman)  
Cllr. Liz Emmerson - 2312111  
Cllr. Rob Fraser - 01530 244175  
Cllr. Daljit Ghai - 2872703  
Cllr. Ted Hollick - 2875955  
Cllr. Sandra Jones - 07977746108  
Cllr. Helen Lindsay - 2314487  
Cllr. Eileen Marvin - 2876799  
Cllr. Norman McCausland - 2321165  
Cllr. Leigh Quilter - 0772523033  
Cllr. Catherine Thompson - 01530 249203  
Cllr. Keith Yarwood - 2870252

## Parish Clerk

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## Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Councillors

Cllr. Peter Batty - 2912284  
Cllr. Martin Cartwright - 2874500

## Leicestershire County Councillor

Cllr. Rob Fraser - 01530 244175

## Member of Parliament

Mr Stephen Dorrell - 2608609

We hope you will find the newsletter and our website interesting, informative, useful and easy to access. Whether you are a resident, newcomer or visitor to the parish, don't hesitate to contact us.

**This newsletter is also available on the Parish Council website**