

## **Confirming, Delivering and Funding our Parish Plan**

### **So far:**

- By completing the questionnaire villagers helped to provide the information necessary for the Steering Group to produce a summary of the results and an outline Parish Plan “Bleasby Reviewed and Renewed” which was sent to every household in July 2018.
- Every resident was invited to attend the November Parish Consultation meetings and anyone unable to attend is now invited to identify their own household’s village priorities and their preferred budget option needed to support their choices.
- With this feedback, it is intended to produce a final Parish Plan which will help guide the Parish Council in achieving the preferred direction and development of the parish and to gauge the associated costs.

### **Currently:**

- Up to this point in time approximately £3,100 has been invested in the production of the Parish Plan which has been drawn from the Council’s reserves earmarked for this purpose.
- The Parish Council receives an allocation of money (the precept) every year to help pay for parish administration, maintenance and improvement. This year it received £10,924, an increase of approximately £200 on the previous year which was in turn only £200 more than the year before that.
- The Parish Council has tried to hold increases down year on year for many years but costs are now exceeding income and the reserves are having to be drawn on.
- To merely maintain the current level of service into next year the Council will have to increase its precept to meet rising costs. (See the BASIC budget model option)

### **In the future:**

- The Council would like to implement the wishes of its parishioners identified in the Parish Plan over at least the next five years and, in order to do so, has to raise additional funding.
- To achieve this the Council has produced two other budget options: the ADDITIONAL option (see the Additional model) which would allow the current level of provision (BASIC) as well as providing an additional £1,500 which could be allocated towards the Parish Plan proposals and the ENHANCEMENT option (see the Enhancement model) which would allow current level of provision (BASIC) as well as providing an additional £4,000 which might also be allocated towards the Parish Plan proposals.
- Bearing in mind such things as a new website, a proper village gateway, interactive speed signs and more regular cutting of verges, hedges and the Glebe Field are a few examples of what people were seeking in the Parish Plan process, several thousands of pounds would be additionally needed.
- The budget options provided will also indicate how these increases would affect each household. To achieve the BASIC level of provision each average

household (Band D) would have to pay an extra £7.33 per year (14p per week) whilst to achieve an ADDITIONAL level each average household would have to pay an extra £11.67 per year (22p per week) and to achieve the ENHANCEMENT level would add £18.37 (35p per week) to the householder's annual bill.

Please indicate which of the three budget options you would be prepared to support in order to achieve your priorities for Bleasby Parish.