



# Whitwell Parish News



## **Whitwell Parish Council Budget Precept 2021/22**

WPC in setting their budget precept for next financial year have been very conscious of the fact that these have been very trying times for all residents so we have set a budget which will result in no increase in the Parish Council element.

How have we done it? We have utilised some of our underspends from this year as a result of the pandemic to offset inflationary increases.

We have still been able to set aside new monies to improve our website and IT capacity.

We fully recognise that both the District Council and the County Council are not in the same fortunate position as ourselves, but every little bit helps.

## **Whitwell Parish Council Goes Electric**

Our 16 year old van needed replacing so as a Climate Conscious Parish Council we decided lets go Electric and have a vehicle with zero emissions.

The Council struck a great deal with Vanworld Chesterfield and have purchased this Renault Kangoo ZE Maxi van at an amazing price of £15,995 excluding VAT, which will save the Council over £300 per year in fuel costs plus the additional benefit of zero car tax.



## **Whitwell Parish Council Cares about Community Groups**

In the hope that over the next few months some normality will happen we have set aside a Grants Budget for any village/community group to bid for financial aid to help the group re-establish itself.

Interested? Contact the Whitwell Parish Clerk at the Whitwell Community Centre Office.

## **Whitwell Parish Council Thinks Climate**

Whitwell Parish Council has pledged to make a positive contribution to protect our environment. Although Climate Change is a global issue, we recognise that an enormous difference can be made through activities organised, promoted and delivered locally in our own community. The council now has a working group which is developing an action plan which will influence our decisions on issues such as;

Building Efficiency

Utilities

Waste

Outdoor facilities/Biodiversity

We have made a start with improvements in Whitwell Community Centre, which has had a new energy-saving lighting system installed and adopted a 'single use plastic free' policy. Working closely with the appropriate staff and community group members we hope to improve the management of our outdoor areas and attract wildlife through environmentally friendly practice. WPC is keen to involve the whole community, and in 2019 initiated a monthly 'Community Litter-Pick', which was very successful until it had to be put on hold because of the pandemic. (However, volunteers can still pick litter safely in their own family groups, using the proper equipment which is available at Whitwell Community Centre).

Through our Parish Newsletter the climate change group will raise peoples' awareness of ways in which they can lower their carbon footprint through changing everyday habits, such as walking instead of driving in the village, not idling stationary car engines and suggesting ways we can all save energy in our homes.



### **Whitwell Summer Playscheme**

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing Covid uncertainty, there will not be a Playscheme in Whitwell this summer. It is a huge disappointment, but the decision had to be made sooner rather than later as, under normal circumstances, the recruitment process would be starting now as well as all the planning. With so many unpredictable issues we feel we cannot go ahead. However, all being well, we are looking forward to being able to provide this excellent service again in 2022!

**Contact:** [clerk@whitwell-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@whitwell-pc.gov.uk) or 01909 726691. The Parish Clerk is Norma Woolley based in the Parish Council Office at the Community Centre. Parish Council meetings are held at 7pm on the second Wednesday of each month in the meeting room at the Community Centre. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

**Parish Councillors** (full profiles on the Parish Council website)

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