

## Joint Customer Service Shop at the Braunstone Civic Centre

TEL 0116 2890045, Email: [enquiries@braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk)

### Providing Access to the Following Services:

- Room Bookings • Reporting Street Lighting Faults
- Reporting of pot holes or road defects • reporting abandoned vehicles
- Applying for free school meals • Blue Badge Application forms
- Reporting on Missed Bins
- Reporting Lost Dogs
- Issue of garden and waste bags
- Sale of Poop Scoops (also at the Thorpe Astley Community Centre)
- Bulky Item Collection (arrangements can be made for collection and payment) please ring Blaby District Council directly on 0116 2750555
- Citizens Advice Bureau Surgeries (Thursday by appointment)
- 'What's On' Ticket Sales & other Town Council Services - also available at the Thorpe Astley Community Centre
- Photocopying/faxing • radar keys • concessionary travel leaflets • Join Neighbourhood Watch
- Benefits Advisory Surgery – every Tues at the Civic Centre – tel. 0116 2727510 for an appointment
- Payments for District Council Services Monday - Thursday 9.00am – 5.00pm and Friday 9.00am – 4.30pm
- Housing and Benefit Forms forwarded to Blaby District Council



## Braunstone Civic Centre Kingsway, Braunstone Town LE3 2PP

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### Function Rooms for

- Weddings • Parties • Conferences
- Club & Community Group Meetings
- Receptions • Dances • Exhibitions

### Civic Centre Licensed Bar

Providing a welcoming atmosphere  
Open to the public: Monday to Saturday 7pm – 11.30pm,  
Sundays from 12noon 10.30pm  
OPEN LUNCHTIMES from 12noon till 2pm



## Thorpe Astley Community Centre

Lakin Drive, Thorpe Astley LE3 3RU TEL 0116 2890704



Facilities available for hire for meetings, private functions and parties and for community group use

- 100 seat Main Hall
- Meeting/Activity Room
- Small Meeting Room

A licensed bar facility is available by prior arrangement

CLOSE TO JUNCTION 21 OF THE M1

### ALSO AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

- Full Size Football Pitch • Floodlit Tennis Courts • Floodlit Multi-Games Area •

# Braunstone Town Council



## Services Council Tax 2018/2019

Message from Councillor Nick Brown  
Leader of Braunstone Town Council



In 2017 I highlighted that Blaby District Council had voted to end the payment to parish and town councils of the parish share of Council Tax Support Grant and New Homes Bonus from April 2018, in order to plug a gap in their own finances. The loss of this income, along with existing financial pressures faced by the Town Council equated to an approximate increase of 17% on the Town Council's share of Council Tax bills. For a typical household in a Band B the equivalent of paying around £15 per year extra.

Since then we have been working hard to identify ways to protect the services which many in the Town value, while finding ways to deliver these services and run our operations more efficiently, an approach supported by the Town's Citizens' Advisory Panel at its December meeting. In January the Council set its budget and was able to protect all of its front line services while identifying slightly over £10,000 per annum of ongoing savings, and £55,000 of our reserves over the next two years, in order to minimise the impact of Blaby's decision on local tax payers, which has enabled us to reduce the increase in Council Tax for 2018/2019 to 9.7%, the equivalent of £8.14 on a typical band B property for the year.

I would like to thank residents for their understanding and support for our approach which strikes a balance between protecting services, making savings and increasing Council Tax. Nonetheless, the use of our reserves to spread the impact on residents following Blaby's decision will impact upon the Council's finances and ability to deliver capital investment over the next 3 to 5 years.

Councillor Nick Brown

### Find out More .... Tell us More

We are the smallest unit of local government and that means we are closest to the people - we listen to what our residents have to say, and your involvement is vital in informing us on how to provide our services. You can find out more about our services, contact us or give feedback on services via:

- The Council's Website
- The Braunstone Town Citizens Advisory Panel
- Annual Report and Survey
- Braunstone Life News page
- Councillors' Surgeries
- The Town Council's Offices



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VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR A FULL LIST OF GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES AT OUR CENTRES

# Services we provide for you

For 2018/2019 our Precept is £574,107 (we no longer receive Council Tax Support Grant). The breakdown of spending is shown here and detail of how the money will be spent on services for you is as follows:

Budget 2017/2018			Budget 2018/2019			
Exp. £	Inc £	Net Exp £	Services	Exp £	Inc £	Net Exp £
£86,052.57	£6,339.00	£79,713.57	Corporate Management	£94,384.66	£1,560.00	£92,824.66
£228,355.24	£109,132.00	£119,223.24	Braunstone Civic Centre	£221,209.77	£109,132.00	£112,077.77
£109,724.76	£47,719.00	£62,005.76	Thorpe Astley Community Centre	£104,175.36	£47,719.00	£56,456.36
£1,208,326.16	£1,024,430.00	£183,896.16	Open Spaces and Parks	£1,232,993.25	£1,019,250.00	£213,743.25
£114,119.30	£23,060.00	£91,059.30	Community Development	£116,328.40	£15,300.00	£101,028.40
£34,254.97	£1,700.00	£32,554.97	Planning and Environment	£37,236.56	£2,260.00	£34,976.56
£1,780,833.00	£1,212,380.00	£568,453.00				£611,107.00
Less Council Tax Support Grant		£48,897.00		Use of Reserves		£37,000.00
NET PRECEPT		£519,556.00		NET PRECEPT		£574,107.00



## Your Councillors

### Ravenhurst & Fosse

Cllr A Ambrose, 50 Ravenhurst Road, LE3 2PT	0116 2896484
Cllr M S Aslam, 31 Ravenhurst Road, LE3 2PS	07944 034053
Cllr A S Basra, 6 Kirkland Road, LE3 2JP	07855 310806
Cllr S Betts, 4 Midhurst Avenue, LE3 2PQ	0116 2898054
Cllr N J Brown, 53 Henley Crescent, LE3 2SB	0116 2826416
Cllr B Layne, 148 Braunstone Lane, LE32RW	0116 2338697
Cllr S J Maxwell, 25 Avon Road, LE3 3AB	0116 2916740
Cllr P L Moitt, 105 Braunstone Close, LE3 2GW	0116 2897274

Vacancy to be filled in March 2018

### Millfield

Cllr S Fox-Kennedy, 21 Shakespeare Close, LE3 2SX	07908 575261
Cllr Tracey Shepherd, c/o Braunstone Civic Centre	07453 841945
Cllr B Wright, 4 Midhurst Avenue, LE3 2PQ	0116 2898054

### Winstanley

Cllr R Berrington, 148 Braunstone Lane LE3 2RW	0116 2338697
Cllr D Di Palma, 58 Radford Drive, LE3 3DR,	07724 209887
Cllr P Kennedy, 21 Shakespeare Close, LE3 2SX	07949 955049
Cllr D Singh, 9 Hillrise Avenue, LE3 2GL	0116 2891108

### Thorpe Astley

Cllr P Basra, 38 Kingsway, LE3 2JJ	07967 191085
Cllr A Dewinter, 74bTuffleys Way, LE3 3UT	07834 268054
Cllr A Hack, 6 Darwin Close, Thorpe Astley, LE3 3UE	0116 2894727
Cllr G Sanders, 18 Impey Close, LE3 3SW	0116 2823289
Cllr R Waterton, 46 Impey Close, LE3 3SW	0116 2336764

## Plans for 2018/2019

In addition to the continuing with the existing level of services, the Town Council aims to achieve the following during the forthcoming year:

- Invest in the redevelopment and improvement of sporting, recreation and play **facilities at Shakespeare Park;**
- **Improvements to our community facilities** at both Braunstone Civic Centre and Thorpe Astley Community Centre;
- Continue to provide and support important **quality of life** initiatives, such as crime reduction and grants for community groups, youth projects and individuals and tackling poor air quality;
- Positively and proactively respond to the evolving and changing social demographic of the community through developing and supporting new and existing events and **community/social inclusion initiatives;**
- Meet the needs of Thorpe Astley residents by facilitating the delivery of **services and events at Thorpe Astley Community Centre;**
- Continue to work to **keep Braunstone Town Library open;**
- Complete the legal transfer of open spaces at Thorpe Astley to the Town Council in order to enable future investment and improvement to the facilities, including ensuring improvements are implemented to the **Culvert at Thorpe Astley Park;**
- Actively working with the developer and Blaby District Council to ensure that the **land adjacent to the M1 bridge is suitably landscaped** to provide protection for residents from the new road and to provide a leisure and recreation space;
- Continue to look to make efficiency savings while ensuring the existing **services are safeguarded and where appropriate improved.**

## Corporate Management

Including Administrative support to Members • Finance and Audit • Insurance • Staff and Member Development/Training • Maintenance of the Council's property • Website/social media • Capital Projects • Partnership Working • Consultation • Performance Management

## Community Centres

Including Function and Meeting Rooms at our Braunstone Civic Centre and Thorpe Astley Community Centre • Licensed Bar facility • reduced rates for local residents A COMPLETE LIST OF COMMUNITY GROUPS, CLUBS, FITNESS / LEICESTERS ACTIVITIES IS AVAILABLE ON THE TOWN COUNCIL'S WEBSITE

## Open Spaces & Parks

Including maintenance of Holmfield Park - Play equipment, multi-sports play area, football, changing rooms • Franklin Park – Play area and Community Orchard/Nature area • Mossdale Meadow – Play equipment, MUGA, Skatepark, Outdoor Gym, Football, changing rooms • Merrileys Nature Park with woodland walk • Shakespeare Park – Play Equipment, Tennis, Football, Changing Rooms, Bowling Green & Pavilion • Thorpe Astley Play areas and open spaces • Thorpe Astley Park Area including Fitness Trail, Floodlit Tennis Courts and Muga, Senior Football Pitch • Civic Centre Grounds

## Planning & Environment

Including Planning Applications – available for public inspection at the Civic Centre. Public Participation at all plans meetings, Commenting on planning and environmental issues affecting the area including traffic orders, structure plans, licence applications, health and housing plans and air quality matters • Street Seats and Notice Boards • Sale of Poop Scoops available from Braunstone Civic Centre and Thorpe Astley Community Centre

## Community Development

### • Social Inclusion

Including the Connect Service Shop • Annual Summer Fete • Grant Scheme • Sponsored arts/entertainment programme • free use meeting rooms for community groups • Civic events and support for festivals such as Christmas and Diwali • Commemorative events such as Remembrance Day and Armed Forces Day • Town Mayor • Annual Awards of Merit • Community Orchard Project • Financial contribution to provide Citizens Advice Bureau Service at the Civic Centre • Assistance to Community Groups in sourcing external funding.

### • Young People

Annual grant available to local schools and young people's groups.

### • Crime Reduction

Crime Reduction Co-ordinator providing Administration for the Town wide NHW Scheme and support to NHW schemes within the Town, including the Braunstone Town Watchers • Close working with key partners to respond to crime and anti-social behaviour, monitoring crime trends • Communicating the latest news on crime issues including the use of social media and distribution of information on crime prevention initiatives, details of Police Beat Surgeries • CCTV at Lubbesthorpe Way Subway, Winstanley School and Civic Centre • Personal/shed alarms, cycle locks, Smart Water available to purchase at the Civic Centre and Thorpe Astley • Speed activated sign.