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Town Council announces 'No Change' in Precept Request for 2012/13

At its meeting held on 9 January 2012, the Council met to discuss its budget requirements for the financial year 2012/13.

The Mayor Cllr Barker said "Although the Council has new plans and ambitions for next year it resolved to maintain the same precept request from CWaC as last year which is £197,764, this will be quite challenging but achievable "

Over the last year the Council changed some of the roles of the Committees and formed a new Committee, the Assets and Town Centre Services Committee.

Some new budget items have been formed to accommodate the plans; such as Asset Management, which may be used in partnership with CWaC as part of the S106 commitment to employ a new Town Centre Manager.

The Finance and Economic Development Committee have agreed to look at tourism and economic development; this will be subject to the Council qualification of having 'the Well being Power'. Steps have been taken in order to achieve this this year.

The Planning and Environment Committee are hoping to help out and play their part in providing funds for the purchase of additional bins around Neston. A 'Greening' plan is under headway and residents can look forward to seeing some floral arrangements under the 'Welcome to Neston' gateway signs.

The Council is embarking upon a formation of a Neighbourhood Plan and have applied for a 'Front Runner' bid of £20k to assist. The Council have not yet agreed what the plan will entail; it is envisaged that the adoption of this plan will take some time.

Riverside Marsh is receiving the Town Council's attention and we will soon be commencing works on some drainage improvements and the creation of a new pond; these will assist as they have in Parkgate, in combating the mosquito menace.

In Parkgate too, there are plans for a least one viewing platform; this is currently under consideration, further consultations and plans will be made.

The Society and Culture Committee are planning to get a grip of the Christmas decorations and lights for 2012, and talks are scheduled for next month. A budget has been set aside for events too.

The Council's budget for grants has been held at £40k – applications are welcomed from not-for-profit groups and organisations in the area who have ideas for schemes that will benefit the community. Visit the Neston Town Council website for more information.

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