

Joint Customer Service Shop at the Braunstone Civic Centre

TEL 0116 2890045, Email: 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 • Verifying Blue Badge Applications
- Reporting on Missed Bins
- Pest Control Services • Reporting Lost Dogs • Reporting on Housing Repair
- 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), if organising via telephone, please ring Blaby District Council directly on 0116 2750555
- Citizens Advice Bureau Surgeries (Thursday morning 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 Weekdays 9.15am – 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

Email: bookings@braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk



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 • Changing Rooms

Braunstone Town Council



Services Council Tax

2016/2017

Message from Councillor Nick Brown

Leader of Braunstone Town Council



Despite the uncertainty faced by many Councils, the Town Council continues to work hard to improve the services it provides to people living and working in the area while ensuring that we invest in our infrastructure. The forthcoming year presents further challenges and uncertainty, with this in mind the Town Council approved its Capital Plan and budget for 2017/2018 at its January meeting. For 2016/2017 the precept for band B, which includes over half the properties in Braunstone Town, will increase by £2.42; this represents an average (Band D) increase of 3.11%. This compares to an average (Band D) increase for all parishes in Blaby District of 4.7% and a proposed increase for Blaby District Council of 3.49% and Leicestershire County Council of 3.99%. Prudent financial management over many years has enabled the Town Council to establish reserves to invest for the future in our parks and community facilities along with investing in operational efficiency measures, which during the current year is estimated to deliver £14,000 of ongoing savings. We recognise the importance of the services we deliver to the people of the Town while understanding that for many family budgets remain tight. Our approach has enabled the Town Council to keep our precept increases gradual and affordable while continuing to invest in and protect the services we provide.

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 Newspaper
- 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 2016/2017 our Precept is £495,653 (exclusive of Council Tax Support Grant of £49,374). The breakdown of spending is shown here and detail of how the money will be spent on services for you is as follows:

Budget 2015/2016			Budget 2016/2017			
Exp. £	Inc £	Net Exp £	Services	Exp £	Inc £	Net Exp £
£75,345	£8,779	£66,566	Corporate Management	£99,030.01	£8,779.00	£90,251.01
£345,567	£151,884	£193,683	Community Centres	£321,934.87	£156,851.00	£165,083.87
£170,827	£27,046	£143,781	Open Spaces and Parks	£203,030.45	£27,250.00	£175,780.45
£22,558	£1,600	£20,958	Planning & Environment	£29,934.33	£1,600.00	£28,334.33
£101,500	£29,200	£72,300	Social Inclusion	£102,988.75	£42,200.00	£60,788.75
£9,372	£0.00	£9,372	Young People	3,645.53	£0.00	£3,645.53
£21,230	£300	£20,930	Crime Reduction	£21,443.06	£300.00	£21,143.06
£746,399	£218,809	£527,590		£782,007.00	£236,980.00	£545,027.00
Less Council Tax Support Grant		£49,786		Less Council Tax Support Grant		£49,374.00
NET PRECEPT		£477,804		NET PRECEPT		£495,653.00

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.

Plans for 2016/2017

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

- continue to work to **keep Braunstone Town Library open**;
- **refocus Customer Service Shop services** linking customer access, social inclusion and learning and reading services at the Library, including potential extension of services to Thorpe Astley Community Centre;
- continue to work with the NHS to **find a use for the Thorpe Astley Medical Rooms** while consulting with residents on potential alternative uses should a health facility not be provided by the NHS;
- invest in the redevelopment and improvement of sporting, recreation and play **facilities at Shakespeare Park**;
- complete the legal transfer of open spaces at Thorpe Astley to the Town Council and ensure improvements are implemented to the **Culvert at Thorpe Astley Park**;
- important quality of life initiatives, such as **crime reduction** and support for the Local Area Co-ordinator project **supporting individuals** to improve their quality of life;
- to continue to represent the concerns and quality of life issues raised by residents on the impact of **Lubbesthorpe construction, particularly the M1 bridge construction**;
- implement **improvements to community facilities** at Braunstone Civic Centre and Thorpe Astley Community Centre; and
- continue to make efficiency savings while ensuring the existing **services are safeguarded and where appropriate improved.**

Your Councillors

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Cllr S Fox-Kennedy, 21 Shakespeare Close, LE3 2SX	07800 634286
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Winstanley

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Thorpe Astley

Cllr M Aslam, 19 Priestman Road, LE3 3UJ	07809687064
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