



## Council Comments

### Neighbourhood Plan

At the Referendum on 10th January 2019 regarding the Shearsby Neighbourhood Development Plan, 113 people voted, 105 of those voted YES, 8 voted NO and thus HDC acknowledged the decision to 'make' the Shearsby Plan. The Turnout was 61.1% and is the highest in Leicestershire to date. Thanks go to all who contributed in some way to devising the Plan.

### Precept

The Precept is the money the Parish Council request from the District Council to govern its affairs and that amount affects your Council Tax. Over the 5 years the Parish Council has existed the Precept has risen by only the smallest margin, being frozen twice and even going down once. This has depleted the Councils' reserves following the purchase of new street lighting, amongst other things, and accordingly this year we have to recoup some of that money, thus your Council Tax for the Parish will have a small increase. It is important to note that HDC have declared that they are not increasing their Precept this year, so the overall rise will be minimalised. As yet we are unaware of the Precept from the Emergency Services.

### Elections

**The next Parish Council elections are to be held on 2nd May 2019. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, please speak to a current Councillor or the Clerk for more information. Alternatively, you can contact Sheena Mortimer, Electoral Services Manager at HDC, by phone on 01858 821 366 or by email at [s.mortimer@harborough.gov.uk](mailto:s.mortimer@harborough.gov.uk)**

**Applications are to be made between 22nd March and 3rd April 2019. Packs will be available from Lynn Cosgrove at White Gates, The Bank, or from Martin Reynolds, 10 Welford Road, or of course from HDC.**

### Council Meeting.

*The next meeting is Thursday 14th March 2019 at 7.30pm in the village hall. You are very welcome to attend the meeting. Mowing and daffodils have been added to the agenda following recent comments.*

### Theft of Daffodils / Speeding in the Village

We have had a group of people picking flowers on Welford Road up near the A5199 on two occasions this year. If you observe this, then Police advice is to ring 101 for non-emergency and report suspicious activity. Police will be doing targeted patrols on this, and will also be looking for speeding in the village at set times.

### Further Information

For more information on Council business and village activities please visit the website [www.shearsbyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.shearsbyparishcouncil.gov.uk)