

Do you have anything you'd like to see included in our next issue?

If so, please let us know

The Parish Council meet at St Thomas and St Andrew's Church at 7pm in the back room.

Members of the public are welcome to attend to raise any issues during the public open session at the beginning of the meeting.

Next meeting/s 14th March, 11th April, 16th May

Your Parish Councillors

Chairman: Cllr David Hughes

Vice Chairman: Cllr Richard Whyman

Councillors: Isabella Davies	Pam Davenport
Simon Davenport	Carol Haigh
Cathleen Hughes	Chris Shirley
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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- ◆ Dates for your diary
- ◆ Play equipment and signage update
- ◆ Council Tax and election information

Tree planting at Castle View Park

Thanks to all the volunteers who attended Castle View Park in early December and helped plant around 100 new trees which were kindly donated by the Woodland Trust.



Parish Council News

Castle View Park—Updated signage

Many residents will have seen the updated signage at each entrance and exit to the park. This updates the notice in the noticeboard which wasn't as easily visible to all.

The Parish Council agreed when they took over the play area to encourage the use of leads for dogs on the park due to the play equipment and the issues that dog mess can cause in these areas. Due to the design of the park the equipment cannot be fenced off to prevent dogs from accessing it.

We also understand that there have been a few individuals who have been shouting at dog owners and making them feel threatened. We would ask all residents to be polite and respectful to each other and in the event that they are unhappy to contact our local PCSO's and police.

Doxey Hub update

The Doxey Hub partnership, consisting of Signposts, Rising Brook Community Church, Doxey Parish Church and The Youth Net are now able to access the building.

However because of a burst pipe occurring on 3rd February some damage has been done to the Fire Alarm system and so heating engineers have not been able to repair the boiler.

Clarion Housing are pulling out all the stops to get it all sorted out, but until it is, the building is effectively unusable. It may be late February before we can use the building again.

Meanwhile to keep up to date and to tell the partnership what you want to see happen in the centre please access and like the Doxey Hub Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/doxeyhub/>.

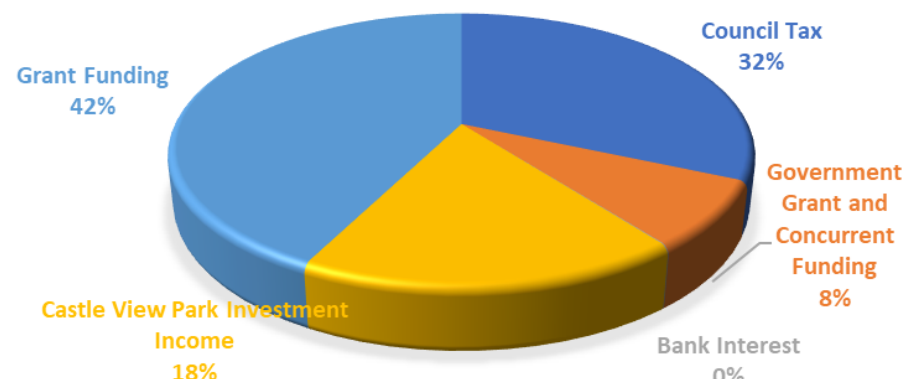
Also if you want to enquire about future room bookings you can contact Doxey Resident, Sam Phillips on 07913 079705.

Council Tax Update

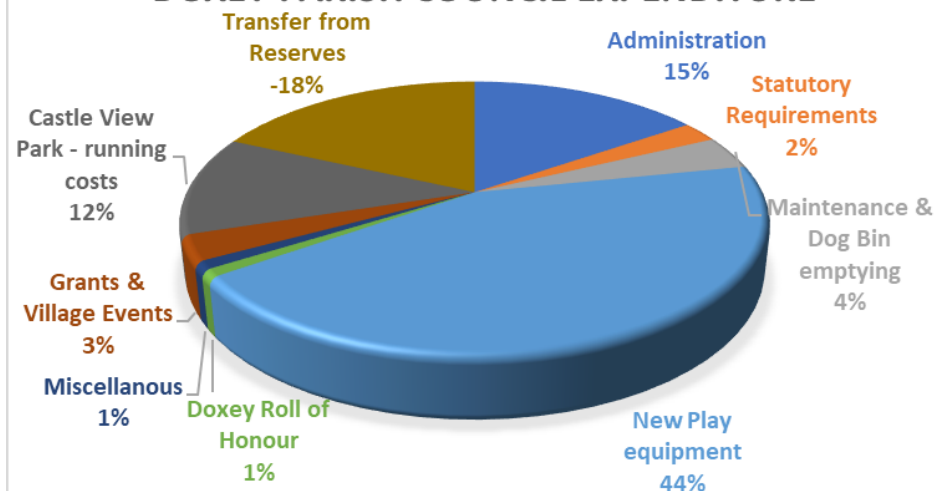
Parish Council Tax in Doxey has been set for the year starting April 2019 at £13.84 a year per Band D property . This is significantly lower than the £29.07 average cost charged by Parishes in Staffordshire and Doxey Parish Council's tax remains excellent value for money.

To see what we do with your money please see the charts below

DOXEY PARISH COUNCIL INCOME 2019/20



DOXEY PARISH COUNCIL EXPENDITURE



DOXEY PARISH CHURCH



We seek to be actively involved within the community of Doxey.

We hold regular and special services, with Sunday Clubs (KFC – Kids for Christ) and a Crèche for pre-school children at our 10.30am service most Sundays of each month (please see our website for details.)

We have good links with Doxey Primary School, holding a monthly Messy Church there:

Friday 22nd March 3.15pm Messy Church at Doxey Primary School

We also have social events for the community at the church:

Sunday 24th March 4.00pm-5.30pm 'Doxey Friends' - Coffee, Cake and Community Event

Tuesday 2nd April 7.00pm Stafford Grammar School Concert
Band concert with Doxey Primary School & St Paul's School choirs

As well as our morning services, in the evening at 7pm we have a quiet reflective service on the first Sunday of each month and a service of contemporary worship ('Gather') on the second Sunday of each month:

Sunday 3rd March 7.00pm A Quiet Place

Sunday 10th March 7.00pm Gather

We are here for you and you are welcome to come and join us

Check out the details on the church website: www.doxeychurch.co.uk

Or contact the Vicar, Revd Martin Strang

T: 01785 258796; E: mstrang12@btinternet.com

Do you care about where you love and work?

Have you thought about becoming a local Parish Councillor?

Parish Councillors are elected on a four year cycle. In May 2019 all of the Doxey Parish Council seats are up for election.

The election will be held on Thursday 2nd May 2019, and this will also be the date for the Borough Council elections.

Doxey Parish Council has 9 seats in total.

If you are interested in applying, nomination papers will be available from Stafford Borough Council, from 4th March 2019.

For further information on eligibility to stand, information is available on the Borough Council website, at:

www.staffordbc.gov.uk/parish-and-town-council-standing-as-a-candidate

Dates for your diary

April 20th—Amenity Visits (Refuse freighter at Doxey Church car park)

May 2nd—Elections (Parish and Borough Council)

May 16th - Annual Public Meeting (8pm)

July 20th—Amenity Visits (Refuse freighter at Doxey Church car park)

August 31st—Doxey Village Day at Castle View Park

October 19th—Amenity Visits (Refuse freighter, Doxey Church car park)

December 14th - Senior Citizens Christmas Meal

Castle View Play Area—New Equipment

Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation including residents and local school children.

We are delighted to say that the equipment chosen by the community is:

Zip Wire, Basket swing, Echo Multiplay



Funding Bids

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that we successfully were voted to the top position in Tesco Bags of Help in Nov/Dec. A huge thanks to everyone who put their tokens in the box and secured £4,000 towards the play area.

The equipment has been ordered and should be installed by May 2019.

Replacement surfacing around the slide and springer was installed in January 2019, we hope you will agree this has improved the areas greatly!

A new children's seat was added to the swing set in early November 2018, thank you to the parent's who brought this to our attention



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