

## **WEST DEEPING PARISH COUNCIL**

### **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021**

During the course of the year we received income of £4,334 representing our precept of £4,200, levies for use of the Boaty of £130 and bank interest of £4. In addition, we reclaimed VAT on previous year's expenditure of £63.

Our expenditure amounted to £10,210 which comprised of maintenance in the village under our amenity contract with Gary's Gardens totalling £1,668 (including the felling of a tree in the churchyard but excluding costs for the Tinsley Field which are reimbursed to us by West Deeping Parish Charity), extensive work to trees in the cemetery (as referred to in last year's report) and the purchase of dog bin bags for an overall cost of £2,977 (of which we can reclaim VAT of £496), payments to the clerk of £4,154, work associated with the transfer of all our data to a new website, as required by Lincolnshire County Council for all their parish councils, of £800 and general administration costs of £611 which includes our annual insurance and subscriptions.

Overall, therefore, our total funds reduced during the year from £6,002 to £189.

It has always been the intention to increase the precept modestly each year but, after reviewing a 5 year budget plan, councillors felt that a significant increase was required for 2021/22 in order to ensure that we have sufficient funds available to cover our usual annual expenditure. This is primarily as a result of the increase required to remunerate the clerk, as referred to in the Chairman's Report.

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) forms has been completed and our finances during the year have been inspected and agreed by our internal auditor. These will be submitted for approval at the Annual Parish Council Meeting, following which the usual requirements will be met in conjunction with the external auditors, PKF Littlejohn.

**Ian Coles**  
**Responsible Financial Officer**  
**West Deeping Parish Council**

**20<sup>th</sup> May 2021**