## WEST DEEPING PARISH COUNCIL

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022

During the course of the year we received income of  $\pm 6,215$  representing our precept of  $\pm 6,000$ , levies for use of the Boaty of  $\pm 130$ , burial fees of  $\pm 85$  and a negligible amount of bank interest. In addition, we reclaimed VAT on previous year's expenditure of  $\pm 496$ .

Our expenditure amounted to £6,586 which comprised of maintenance in the village under our amenity contract with Gary's Gardens totalling £1,437 (including tree work in the cemetery but excluding costs for the Tinsley Field which are reimbursed to us by West Deeping Parish Charity), payments to the clerk of £4,112 and general administration costs of £1,037 which includes our annual insurance and subscriptions.

Overall, therefore, our total funds increased during the year from £189 to £314.

It has always been the intention to increase the precept modestly each year but, after consideration of the need to replace our existing bus shelter, councillors felt that a significant increase was again required for 2022/23 in order to ensure that we have sufficient funds available to cover our usual annual expenditure. The allowance we have made in our budget for 2022/23 for our estimated contribution towards a new bus shelter is £1,800, based on 20% of the anticipated contribution from the Parish Council, with the remaining 80% being funded by grants from either, or both, of South Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire Councyl.

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