

## **WEST DEEPING PARISH COUNCIL**

### **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2020**

During the course of the year we received income of £4,287 representing our precept of £4,000, burial fees of £145, levies for use of the Boaty of £130 and bank interest of £12. In addition, we reclaimed VAT on previous year's expenditure of £132.

Our expenditure amounted to £3,736 which comprised of maintenance in the village under our amenity contract with Gary's Gardens totalling £1,330 (excluding costs for maintaining the village hall and for the Tinsley Field which are reimbursed to us by West Deeping Parish Charity), a new bench for the village in the Tinsley Field to celebrate our centenary for an overall cost of £480 (of which we can reclaim VAT of £63), clerk fees of £1,000 and general administration costs of £926 which includes election expenses, hire of the village hall for our meetings, our annual insurance and subscriptions.

Overall, therefore, our total funds increased by £683 during the year from £5,319 to £6,002.

Despite our increase in funds over the year, councillors are conscious that we must make an allowance for significant expenditure in the next few years for tree work in the cemetery and repairs to the church wall, for which we have received cost estimates in the region of £7,000. As a result, it is their intention to increase the precept modestly each year in order to ensure that we have sufficient funds available to cover these costs, in addition to our usual annual expenditure.

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. Subject to approval at the Annual Parish Council Meeting, the usual requirements will be met in conjunction with the external auditors, PKF Littlejohn.

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

**12<sup>th</sup> May 2020**