NOTES ON DRAFT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

RECEIPTS - Note: Figures in round brackets are for previous year – figures in square brackets are the amounts allowed in the budget

PRECEPT: The Precept was raised by £1000 to, £12,000 (11,000) {12,000}

VILLAGE HALL RECEIPTS: The village hall continues to be well used, mainly with regular bookings but also for private events and parties. The hire rates were raised again by a small amount to maintain the balance of income against expenditure. The income was £16,056 (£16,490) {There is no budget amount as the council agreed to not include hall hire in the budget until after it was received. NB – The amount for hall hire as given in the budget is for the calendar year, the figure on this report is for the financial year)

AGENCY SERVICES: The Parish Council again undertook the verge/hedge cutting contract from Norfolk County Council under delegated powers. This payment was frozen. A payment of £3,513 was received (£3,395) {3,300}

RECYCLING: Hosting the recycling bins at the village hall. A payment of £250 was received (£250){£250}

WAYLEAVE: This is the payment we receive for the power lines that cross the playing field. The annual payment received was £293 (£279) {£274}

SOLAR PANELS: 4 FIT payments totalling £426 were received (£372){£325}

ALLOTMENTS: All plots are currently leased. The large plot, by the village hall, plus the field on the other side of the road, are still wrapped up into a 5 yr Farm Based Tenancy agreement. The total income from parish council land was £2,116 (£2,067){£2100}

BOWLS CLUB RECHARGE: The Bowls Club's refund the parish council for their use of water and electricity. £649 was received for their water and electric usage (£408) This is not included in budget as it is reimbursed.

BANK INTEREST: Interest rates have slightly dropped this year. Minimum amounts are kept in the current account to maximise interest receive, so £380 has been received (£505) {300}

CIL: Community Infrastructure Levy payments of £1744 have been received this year (£899)

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS: VE Day dance tickets were sold, A BSIP grant for the new bus shelter was received, along with a partial refund from South Norfolk District council as they reassessed licensing fees from 2019 – 2025 - A total of £7026 was received (£570)

VAT: Reclaim of £2631 was received – (£2987)

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR £47,084 (39,222)

NB refundable Hall deposits of £400 received during year but not included as income.

PAYMENTS - All figures are net of VAT. Figures in round brackets are for previous year – figures in square brackets are the amounts allowed in the budget

ADMINISTRATION COSTS: Total costs were £163 (£263) {£300}

INSURANCE: Annual Zurich insurance premium £1,438 (£1,433) {£1433}

SALARIES: There was another national pay increase this year, backdated to the beginning of the year. National Insurance was payable for the Clerk unlike in previous years. Combined salary of both posts, including HMRC payments was £9,295 (£8,911) {£9400}

CLERK'S EXPENSES: Mileage £70 (£133) {100}

AGENCY SERVICES: The urban and rural delegated service of verge cutting contracts continue to be delivered by two local contractors. A total of £2015 was paid (£1829) {£2,300} The cost of this contract is met entirely from the money received from Norfolk County Council

UTILITIES:

- £1253 Electricity: A new electricity contract was entered into for 2 years following the end of the previous fixed term. (£1254) {£2750}.
- £680 Water: The vast majority of water is used by the Bowls Club (£393) {£150}

The Parish council recharges an element of water and electricity to the Bowls Club as recorded in Receipts

VILLAGE HALL: A total of £6030 was spent on general maintenance, cleaning and running costs - excluding utilities (£7,149) {£7,650}

- £4723 Cleaning contract and cleaning materials (£3899) {£4,800}
- £180 Annual Premises licence (£180) {£180}
- £109 Fire alarm and extinguishers – servicing and repairs (£253) {£450}
- £954 Building maintenance and repairs – includes ASHP service, dog poo bin, and new toilet switch in hall (£2614){£2850}
- £59 Wheelie bins emptying (£59){£59}
- £5 Defibrillator maintenance

PLAYING FIELD/GROUNDS: A total of £4225 was spent maintaining the playing field and grounds (£1,514) {£2050}.

- £1927 Grass cutting and maintenance of playing field (£1216) {£1,719}
- £120 Annual RoSPA inspection of play area
- £250 Cutting of orchard and allotment track
- £1334 Painting of play equipment and bird spikes on swings
- £550 Clearing ditch
- £19 ping pong balls
- £25 Goal mouth repair

DOG BINS: £278 (£270) {£291}

FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS: £730 (696) {£1,010}

- £50 Internal Auditor (£50)

- £210 External Auditor (£210)
- £368 Norfolk Association of Local Councils (incudes website and email hosting fee) (331)
- £47 Information Commission Certification (£35)
- £55 Advert in The Net (£50)

LOAN REPAYMENTS: Total £4879. The final PWLB loan payment was £679. The 5-year interest free loan for the roof was £4,200, deducted at source from the precept. Final payment for this was made in September 2025.

TRAINING: £0 (£90) {£200}

PROJECTS: £5985 – new bus shelter

MISCELLANEOUS: £347 – on VE day dance (£0) {£0}

BUSINESS RATES: This was zero rated again this year

BANK CHARGES: No charges have been incurred

TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR YEAR - £37,388 (36,665)

Surplus of receipts over payments – £9696

N.B Hall deposit refunds of £600 made but not included in above figures

BANK BALANCES at end of March: £46,200 – This includes refundable advance hall deposits of £100.