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ANNUAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 Section 1 – The Statement of Accounts

Variances Explanation

Line 2 – Annual Precept

The annual precept at £10,000 was the same £440 up from the previous year.

Line 3 – Total Other Receipts

At £1,749 total other receipts included a £500 Local Budget grant from our District Cllr. and staged grant payments totalling £224.87 for wi-fi at the Community Centre from our County Cllr. Interest totalled £118.13 and a VAT refund £905.65. There had been no VAT reclaimed during 23-24 which accounts for most of the £1,013 difference from 23-24.

Line 4 – Staff Costs

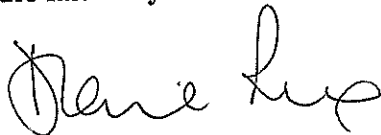
In 23-24 only 9 months of payments (£4,075) had gone through the accounts. This year 12 months of payments (£5,482) went through the accounts. The Clerk's hourly rate also rose in line with NALC recommendations.

Line 6 – All Other Payments

All other payments were £1,167 higher at £7,056. The PC's major outlay this year was removing and reducing the height of some trees in Straight Road which cost £1,260. No major new assets had been bought in 23-24. Grass cutting costs were much higher at £2,629.73 compared to £1,834.71 in 23-24 when only 9 months of grass cutting costs had gone through the account. But there were no coronation coin purchases, street furniture licence purchase, defibrillator expenses, Welcome Pack printing costs, audit fees, election expenses nor youth club costs.

With kind regards

Yours faithfully



Di Rix (Mrs)
Parish Clerk