

## HELPRINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER REPORT 2023-24

A breakdown of 2022/23 compared with 2023/24 income and expenditure is attached.

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
2022/2023	2023/24	2022/2023	2023/24
£17,191.50	£16,835.23	£16,050.29	£22,810.21

Income is primarily derived from the annual Precept of £14,250 with the balance coming from CIL receipts, cemetery charges and a VAT reclaim. This is £356.27 less than the 2022/23 year due to less income from the cemetery but that reduction has been offset by a VAT reclaim.

The expenditure significantly higher than 2022/23 due to the following:

- Purchase of the traffic management system which totalled £7,740.00, however £1,290.00 of this was reclaimable VAT.
- Purchase of a dog waste bin and external hard drive for the new clerk.
- Increased grass cutting costs which totalled £7163.00
- Payment of the 18m contract for the church clock winding mechanism service.
- Increased electricity costs.

The Clerk's wages totalled £3549.13.

Only one organization applied for a grant – Helpringham Feast were awarded £500.00.

All payments are authorized at the monthly meetings with all bank statements and financial statements presented to the Councillors.

The Asset Register at 31/3/24 has a total cost value of all assets of £61,718.74.

The current financial position is good and it was resolved at the meeting held on 13/3/24 to move £5000.00 into the savings account. This amount will be marked as a reserve allocated to future purchase of land to expand the cemetery.

Judy Pittock Clerk and RFO Helpringham Parish Council  
8/5/24