

Hello, I'm Lisa,

I began my employment with Scothern Parish Council on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 as clerk and took over as the Financial Officer in January of this year, so just about found my feet in Scothern.

I have been the clerk & Finance Officer for Willingham by Stow Parish Council for the last 10 years and built up my experience with the help of courses & training from LALC – the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils, which are always the go to for any advice or information needed.

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## SCOTHERN PARISH COUNCIL

This is a report of the 2023/24 Accounts

Balance brought forward from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 was **£53,691.06** from the 2 Parish Council bank accounts with Lloyds Bank

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**Expenditure** consists of general admin (salary; insurance; audits; subscriptions; IT package; office consumables, and meeting room hire),

Ground maintenance consisting mainly of the grass cutting.

Village Maintenance - the play area has bi-monthly routine safety checks, an annual report and maintenance of the equipment when required.

The bus shelters has had monthly cleaning; the village planters & window boxes have had winter & summer planting; and benches installed, notice boards repaired, tree planting and a speed reactive device on Main St.

Grants were giving to the Scothern Recreation Centre to purchase new tables and a trolley as well as the yearly grass cutting on the playing field. and at St Germain's Church in the form of grass cutting for the year.

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE was £31,327.01**

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The main part of the Parish Council's **Income** came from the precept at £32,210.00.

Other income came from LCC for the grass cutting agreement (£971.86), interest from the Grange Park Bond (£1023.04), VAT refund was £ 4603.01.

A grant was received from iGas towards the purchase the 3<sup>rd</sup> Speed reactive device and a donation received to sponsor the Best Kept Garden from Mark Harris.

The cost of the Broadband at the village hall is refunded by WLDC

**Scothern News** – a grant was received from Cllr Baptiste Velan and with advertising costs, £325 has helped provide all households with a copy of the May edition.

**TOTAL INCOME received £42,933.23**

## Reserves

The year started with earmarked reserves of **£26,681.16** for Play park/equipment; Sudbrooke Rd car park; IT fund; Neighbourhood plan; speed reactive device; war memorial relocation fund; Grange Park/Orchard fund; and Charles III Coronation Event and the year ended with a reserves total of **£20,962.87**.

The council will be revising the 2024/25 reserves and budget at the June meeting.

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At the end of the year, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, the balance in the 2 Parish Council banks accounts was **£65,297.28**

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024, I have implemented a new system with the accounts so that this will be easier to follow and maintain throughout the year.

Thank you