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£7550 was brought forward from financial year 2023-4 consisting of £2539 from the Westow Parish Council account, £4852 from the Westow Parish Club Commitee (Village Hall) account and £158 from the Village Hall Deposit account.

Income of £4974 included the Precept from North Yorkshire Council of £2500 and £408 from village hall hire. Non Domestic Rates of £1060.38 was offset by Transitional Relief (£80.59) and Small Business Rate Relief (£979.79).

Expenditure amounted to £6725. Financing the work of the Parish Council, including the salary of the Parish Clerk and Parish insurance accounted for £1584. The cost of utilities (water and electricity) for the Village Hall amounted to £430.

Compliance with the Transparency Code (to maintain the Parish Council website) accounted for £318 of spending.

£5799 \* is being carried forward into 2025-26. This includes remaining Transparency Code funds of £266 and £3045 Parish Club Committee (Village Hall maintenance) restricted fund.

\* 2 unpresented cheques to the value of £97.90 have been included in the 2024/25 accounts to agree with bank reconciliation.

J Smith, Responsible Financial Officer

*The accounts have been circulated.*

*I am grateful to Robin Graham for his advice and conducting the Annual Internal Audit Report 2024/25.*

*Westow Parish Council is a ‘Smaller Authority’ with neither gross income nor gross expenditure exceeding £25,000 in the financial year. With the Parish Council’s approval it will certify itself as exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 by submission of a Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2024/25 Form 2.*

*Westow Parish Council acknowledges its responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control and to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2024/25.*

*Westow Parish Council confirms that the authority website (westow.ork.uk) is up to date and the information required by the Transparency Code has been published. Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights will be displayed on the notice board.*