

## **END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT 2024-2025**

### **Lewknor Parish Recreational Ground and Hall**

This year, Lewknor Parish Council (LPC) has successfully applied for and been awarded a grant from South Oxfordshire District Council to the value of £6,100 towards the solar panels. LPC are now looking into further grants for the other half of the money needed before ordering and installation can take place. Other expenditure for the hall included, repairs to the boiler.

At the end of the year, LPC still has more than £7,000 set aside for LRPG&H. However, some of this money is ringfenced to pay for boiler repairs in 2025-26 and contribute towards the solar panels.

### **Clerk/RFO**

This year, Lewknor Parish Council has seen a change in Clerk/RFO who is settling into the role. The staffing committee agreed the starting salary for the new Clerk/RFO and this will increase in April 2025 in line with the pay band they are working within. The Clerk/RFO has joined the LGPS pension scheme and the parish council are submitting monthly contributions to that. This was accounted for in the 2025/26 budget.

### **CIL**

LPC's CIL money has to be spent by 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Therefore, LPC have been working hard to support and develop areas within the parish to ensure this money is utilised.

LPC's CIL funds have been spent on purchasing and installing new planters in Postcombe near the noticeboards to deter people from being able to park on this area of land, all the plants and bulbs for these planters and those in Lewknor are purchased using this money. Furthermore, two new noticeboards have been purchased and installed in South Weston and Postcombe so now all three areas of the parish have the same board which we hope will last for years to come and ensure all LPC and local business notices can be viewed by residents. LPC have also used these funds to purchase replacement Speedwatch signs that were unfortunately taken and carry out work like moving of a dog bin in Lewknor to make way for a kind donation of a memorial bench for a local resident who had spent many happy years in the village. LPC also agreed and paid a contribution to the handrail that has been installed on the steps up to the B4009 from Lewknor.

### **Bank Account**

This year LPC has earned £197 in interest on its savings.

However, as many banks start to introduce charges so does Lloyds and although LPC looked into alternative options it was deemed that staying with Lloyds was the best option available for the foreseeable future. This means that both the LRPG&H and the Treasurers Account now incur a monthly charge of £4.25.

### **Accounts**

LPC has now got a purchasing card, which takes the place of petty cash. This enables easier monitoring of transactions, and all payments now go directly through the LPC accounts.

At the end of the financial year LPC treasurers account has a balance of just over £9,000 but this contains the money from the solar panel grant of £6,100. Leaving a balance of just over £2,100. LPC's savings account has a balance of just over £8,300 of which £2,196 is ring-fenced for CIL.

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