

PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT **Year Ending 31st March 2024**

2023/24: In the last financial year the Parish Council had a budget of £33,950 and spent £46,644. To meet the budget, the PC received £31,600 from Council Tax. The PC also held £64,624 in earmarked funds, set aside for general reserves and special projects. These included £19,214 in Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds. £17,000 of CIL was spent on the St Botolph's Primary School Decarbonisation Project and the remainder was given to Rickinghall Village Hall for their Solar Project.

The Council continued to support local **Good Causes** including £800 to assist with the maintenance of the churchyards. It gave an additional £1,000 to the Rickinghall Village Hall Solar Project, £1,422 to Rickinghall Day Centre for new chairs and £500 to Parkview Chapel for new equipment for the Youth Club.

In addition to salaries, pensions and administration costs, there are several regular areas of expenditure. These include the **Street Lights**, which cost £895 for energy and maintenance this year. An additional £11,315 was spent bringing street lights up to date for LED lamps.

The Council spent £2,188 on **Sweeping Pavements**, most of which is covered by a grant from the District Council. The County Council is responsible for keeping **Footpaths** clear, but the PC paid £526 for extra path clearance during the summer months.

The Council also paid £694 to the District Council to have **Dog and Litter Bins** emptied every two weeks.

Finally, the PC spent £2,226 on maintenance of **Village Assets** including Wherry Land, Northfield Wood and Low Meadow and a further £6,025 on replacement of the Rickinghall sign near the Market Place and other directional signs.

2024/25: In the new financial year the Parish Council has a budget of £36,700 and holds around £27,740 for general reserves and special projects. There are no remaining CIL funds.

Mrs L Jackson-Eve, Parish Clerk / RFO