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Gestingthorpe Parish Council Audit Y/E 31st March 2021

As with the previous year the y/e 31st March 2021 has been unusual because of the National restriction on public meetings. One physical Meeting was held properly distanced in the Village Hall while all others were held on-line as permitted by Statute and it can be confirmed that correct Notice was given to the public and Parish Council Members.

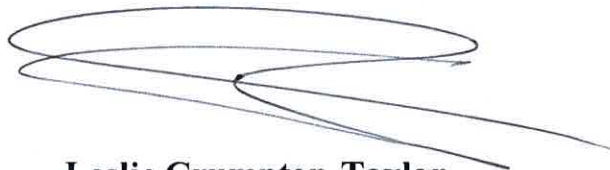
During the year a new on-line banking system was introduced replacing the old accounts with Lloyds Bank. The new system for certifying payments proved its strength when a fraudulent invoice for £3,487.09 was detected and payment prevented.

It was noted in the previous year that the grants to the Village Hall, Air Ambulance and Oates Churchyard had not been paid. At the July 2020 Meeting it had been proposed that the back payment for the Village Hall only should be made and that the 2020/21 payments should be made for all three. It appears that the initial proposal for the July 2020 Meeting was amended and again the Air Ambulance has not received its payment. The proposed amount for the Air Ambulance had been in the budget at £200 but a subsequent mistype had replaced the designation with the words "playing field" and an invoice for Tree Services of £600 entered against it. The calculation of 300% is thus not appropriate.

Apart from that the invoices match items of expenditure and are those expected and discussed at the Meetings.

Income of the year was as expected except for an additional £10,000 designated Small Business Grant being a special receipt arising from the National circumstances. All items are accounted for.

The Records are well kept and neatly stored so it is recommended that A/cs for the Y/E 31st March 2021 be based on the figures recorded.



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