

**PONTEFRACT AND ACKWORTH ALMSHOUSE CHARITY 223334  
COMMENTS ON ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

This Year has been a very difficult one, dominated by the Coronavirus which has meant that many events such as Summer Outings, Christmas Lunch, Speaker Meetings and Library afternoons have not taken place. It has also led to the postponement of plans to renovate the Robsons Almshouses expected to cost £40,000 but a decision has to be made in due course on the offer from the Carters of approx.. £40,000 for the Sowgate Lane tenancy land. Andrea and John have been busy dealing with renovations and improvements to properties vacated by the sad deaths of Walter Griffiths, Jack and Vera Taylor, Sheila Jarratt, and Christine Morton towards the end of the year. As Trustee Meetings have not been allowed under 'lockdown' it has not been possible to conduct interviews for replacements and, as a consequence, we now have 4 vacancies. On the financial side, however, we have seen an improved position mainly because the sale of the Lady Close Purston Land was completed in November for a net £58,970 [£60,000 less legal costs] a profit of £52,570 on the Balance Sheet valuation of £6,400.

**INCOME**

Almshouse contributions have held up well at £35,098 just some £150 below 2019.

Rented Properties at Micklegate have done very well [at £9,537 as against £5,856 last year] thanks to the rent received on 34, Micklegate from Logic , and with repairs/ expenses on all 3 properties down from £9,154 to £2,449 we see a contribution to income of £7,088 as against a loss of £3298 in 2019.

DIVIDENDS have held steady at the 2019 levels. With the £60,000 we invested in the Building Fund Income account in Mid November we should see further increases in Dividends in 2021 should Markets at least remain stable.

## **EXPENDITURE**

It will be seen that both sectors of Expenditure on properties have reduced from 2019 figures with the exception of Carelink where the almshouses cover increased by £595 to £6925 through additional property covered and slight unit increases. Details of the expenditure and renovations on properties are shown on the Repairs sheet.

Other Expenditure shows the increases in Honorariums and the large investment of £60,000 [Copley Sale] in C.O.I.F Building Fund Units.

We see a surplus of some £9159 of Income / Expenditure for the Year 2020.

## **INVESTMENTS**

As shown on the comparison sheet, Investments have increased by some £185,169 [£60,000 from Copley Sale less Balance Sheet valn. of £6,400] and add on the surplus of Income of £9159 we see Total Assets of £2,943,923 some £187,928 increase on 2019.

In the circumstances this is an excellent result but, despite progress being made, it would seem likely that the pandemic will be with us in some form for much of this year and we may find difficulties in filling all the vacancies in the prevailing restrictions.

Ron Firth

[Hon Treasurer]

18<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NO 223334****Analysis of Repairs/Renovations/Maintenance for 2020**

	£	£
<b>ALMSHOUSES</b>	<b>Repairs etc</b>	<b>Inc Gas</b>
Ryders [12 Bungalows]	20,537.36	1963.08
Thwaites [4 Bungalows]	2,099.99	700.00
Wards [4 Bungalows]	1,119.58	700.00
Robsons [4 bungalows]	1,660.00	700.00
Micklegate [3 Bungalows]	1,143.36	525.00
John Mercer [2 Bungalow	732.47	237.50
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>27,292.76</b>	<b>4825.58</b>
<b>PROPERTIES</b>		
Micklegate [3 Properties]	2,090.71	525.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,090.71</b>	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		<b>XMAS LUNCH</b>
Magazines	66.50	Dep Kings Croft
Cameras	662.35	Morrisons
Interim Gas/Electric	59.10	
Fire Extinguisher	258.63	
Bank Chaps Charge	25.00	
ICO Subs	35.00	<b>TOTAL</b>
		<b>SUMMER OUTING</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,106.58</b>	

**D [including Gas servicing]**

<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Inc/Structure</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Kitch £2730,[7], Bath, Lounge £5423 [8] Update £3272 [2]	20,537.36
Garden clearance £380	2,099.99
	1,119.58
Survey for repairs £900	1,660.00
Blocked Drains £321.60	1,143.36
New Cooker £430	732.47
0.00	<b>27,292.76</b>

Carpet £550,Garden clearance £380 2,090.71  
**2,090.71**

Cancelled

**MEETING ROOM**

50.00	Carpet	795.00
405.00	Npower	404.89
	Boombox	24.99
	Cleaner	60.00
	Cameras	
<b>455.00</b>	Fencing	

**GS AND EVENTS**

**TOTAL 1284.88**

No Events

## PONTEFRACT AND ACKWORTH ALMHOUSE CHARITIES

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report on the Accounts of the Pontefract and Ackworth Almshouses Charities for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 which are set out on the attached pages.

#### Respective responsibilities of Trustee and Examiner

As the Charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts; and you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply.

It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43 (b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the Accounts.

#### Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention: -

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with accounting requirement of the Acthave not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

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Signed



Date: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021