

## STAINTON AND THORNTON PARISH COUNCIL

**The Report of the Responsible Financial Officer i.e. the Clerk** on the Accounts of the Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2023.

(Separate accounts are now kept for The Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces which became independent of the Parish Council on 31 May 2010.)

**Budget** – The Parish Council, in February 2022, set its budget for 2022/23 at £10000 with the precept remaining at £9.31 per household. Any shortfall or overspend between the precept and budget to be taken from Parish Council reserves. (Parish Council Minute 04/22).

**Expenditure** by the Parish Council totalled £13576.97 against receipts of £12010.00 – an excess of payments over receipts of £1566.97. The total spend was over budget by £3576.97.

The **Capital Statement** shows an excess of Payments over Receipts of £1566.97 which decreased the capital at the end of the financial year to £9813.62 (from £11380.59 on 31 March 2022).

### **The Receipts & Payments Account**

The Receipts side shows the main income of the Parish Council – a combined precept and Council Tax support grant from Middlesbrough Council totalling £12010.00.

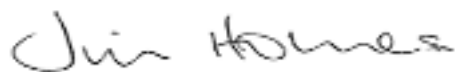
The Payments side shows: -

The **Administration Expenses** totalled £5615.25 an increase of £456.69 on the previous year owing to higher insurance premiums, introduction of bank charges and new national salary scales resulting in a pay award for the Clerk.

The **Regular Annual Expenses** increased from £2060.64 to £2105.86. This slight increase was due to a rise in printing costs for the Village Newsletters. The new developments at Hemlington Grange (within our parish area) have increased the circulation, each issue, to 1600 copies.

The **Other Expenses** total jumped from £984.99 last year to £5855.86. The long-awaited purchase of a roadside speed display unit was installed on Strait Lane. The Parish Council had previously ear marked reserves to cover this cost of £3446.00. Replacement defibrillator pads, £77, a new inkjet printer £250, computer software updates - an increase of £60. To celebrate the coronation of King Charles III the Parish Council purchased a quantity of commemorative mugs, £1162.00, to be distributed to local village organisations.

The total overspend of £3576.97 was anticipated and provision was made in parish council reserves. £9813.62 will be carried forward to 2023/24. The budget for 2023/24 has been set at £10,500.00.



**J. Holmes.** RFO and Clerk to Stainton & Thornton Parish Council.

**2 May 2023**