

STANTON 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 2022

(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 2021, set its budget for 2021/22 at £10000 with the precept remaining at £9.31 per household. Any shortfall between the precept and budget to be taken from Parish Council reserves. (Parish Council Minute 07/21).

Expenditure by the Parish Council totalled £8204.49 against receipts of £10774.84 – an excess of receipts over payments of £2570.35. The total spend was under budget by £1795.51

The **Capital Statement** shows an excess of Receipts over Payments of £2570.35 which increased the capital at the end of the financial year to £11380.59 (from £8810.24 on 31 March 2021). The Parish Council had budgeted that £3500.00 of this reserve should be set aside to pay for possible Roadside Speed Display Units and a reserve of £1000.00 for a new village notice board. The speed display unit has been ordered and is expected to be delivered in May 2022. This expenditure will be shown in the 2022/23 accounts.

The Receipts & Payments Account

The Receipts side shows the main income of the Parish Council in two parts – a combined precept and Council Tax support grant from Middlesbrough Council totalling £10595.00. A reclaim for VAT from HMRC realised £179.84. Receipts for the year totalled £10774.84

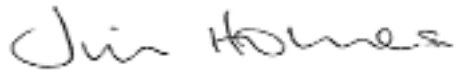
The Payments side shows: -

The **Administration Expenses** totalling £5158.86 a slight increase of £91.68 on the previous year. The easing of COVID-19 restrictions enabled meetings to be held in public again, subsequently incurring hall hire costs. The Zoom subscription (enabling remote meetings) is no longer required.

The **Regular Annual Expenses** increased from £1359.95. to £2060.64. The Village Newsletter was able to be produced again in printed form at a cost of nearly £300. Expenditure by the Environment Committee on plants and materials was back to normal pre-pandemic levels, £675. However, over-billing by Northumbria Water (KGG field water supply) in the previous year meant we were in credit for the entire year and incurred no expenditure.

The **Other Expenses** total of £984.99 was a decrease of £256 on the previous year.

There was a nil cost (compared to £318 last year) in Defibrillator maintenance as battery and pads are all currently in date. PC software charges reduced by £55 however replacement christmas light bulbs were required at a cost of £115. Water testing charges for the polluted beck in Kell Gate Green remained the same at £200.

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J. Holmes

RFO and Clerk to Stainton & Thornton Parish Council.

25 April 2022