**Brompton on Swale Parish Council**

Accounts for the Year Ending 31 March 2023

Supporting Statement

1. **Community Assets**

As at 31 March 2023 the following assets were held:

Sprayer Value £ 200

Brush Cutter Value £ 370

Basketball Hoops Value £ 584

Laptop Computer Value £ 275

Encrypted Flash Drive x 2 Value £ 50

Paper Shredder Value £ 30

Mobile Phone Value £ 45

Canon Printer /Scanner/Copier Value £ 70

Defibrillator Value £2,000

The above values are the cost at purchase, not replacement costs.

Burial Ground Nominal Value £1

Play Area at Pembury Mews Nominal Value £1

1. **Projects**

The Parish Council received a grant of £3000 in 21/22 towards the repairs and strengthening of the riverside, which has seen considerable erosion over the last few years. No repairs were possible during 2022/23, but the funds are carried forward to 23/24, when work is expected to be completed.

1. **S137 Payments**

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables Parish Councils to spend up to £8.32 per head of the Electorate (currently 14216 at 04/01/2023) for the benefit of residents of the Parish on activities or projects not specifically authorised by other powers

**Donations**: Village Society £ 220

Royal British Legion £ 75

Citizens Advice Bureau £ 100

Tree planning in the village £ 18

Total £ 413

1. **Payment Items**

VAT payments have decreased in 22/23 due to a reduction in costs. Overall purchases have increased slightly from £27112.37 in 21/22 to £27737.39 in 22/23 - an increase of £625.02. The VAT has been reclaimed on purchases during the year.

The Parish Council grass cutting contract was changed in 2022/23 to include the sports field maintenance, using the same contactor has reduced costs. The total spent in 22/23 was £5475.00, compared to £5515.00 in 21/22. NYCC continue to pay the Parish Council £1082.32 towards the cost of grass cutting the safety areas.

The accounts show a payment of £1570.00 to a resident’s group as part of the Jubilee event celebrations. This local village group successfully applied for a grant from Richmond District Council for £1570.00, which was paid to the Parish Council. The payment was then subsequently paid to the resident group.

**Receipt Items**

The precept was increased by £1,001.00 (5%) to allow for increase in costs throughout the year.

Cemetery income shows a small reduction of £472.00 on the previous year. There was a reduction in the number of Purchase of Exclusive Rights of Burial and Interments during 22/23.

The VAT repayment has reduced slightly in 22/23 by just over £100.00. The VAT has been reclaimed during the year on two occasions up to and including 30 November 2022. The total claimed is £1734.61.

NYCC gave the Parish Council an amount of £1082.32 towards cutting of the grass verges for 22/23. This is the same as the previous year.

The Parish Council, in conjunction with the Village Society, held a Jubilee event in 2022 and successfully applied for a grant from Richmond District Council in the sum of £1378.78 to help stage the event. The council also received a total of £2265.63 in receipts from the event. After deducting expenses, the council shared the profits equally with the Village Society.

1. **Budget**

Budgeted expenditure and reserves for 2022/2023 include the following allowances:

Contingency/unexpected expenditure £ 1,800

Riverside (including riverside flooding) £ 2,500

Grass Cutting – Inc Sports Field £ 10,800

Cemetery Maintenance £ 3,500

S137 Grants £ 2,000

Playparks (Inspections and grass cutting) £ 1,200

Signed: **Martin Reynolds** Responsible Financial Officer

Date: 28 April 2023