## **Bidborough Parish Council**

## **Annual Governance Statement 2023/24**

## **Explanation of Answers to Negative Assertions within the Statement**

## Assertion 9

The Council has taken advice from its current Internal Auditor who advises that the Council acts as the sole managing Trustee of a Charitable Trust and that it should disclose this by answering Assertion 9 as no. The Council has not in 2023/24 separated the operation of this Trust from the Council and therefore has answered No to this assertion.

The Council is currently taking action to introduce separate Bank Accounts and separate accounting systems for the Charitable Trust. These changes will be in place in the very near future.