

Stainton & Thornton Parish Council

The Report of the Responsible Financial Officer i.e. the Clerk
for the Accounts of the Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2011.

The Accounts incorporate both the 'General' accounts of the Parish Council and also the accounts of the Quarry Management Group until its funds were transferred to establish The Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces from 31 May 2010.

The **Capital Statement** shows capital of £3621.81 at the start of the 2010/11 financial year. Not shown is that this comprised £890.66 of 'general' capital and £2731.15 of Quarry Management Group capital at the start of the year. The capital at the end of the year is shown as £437.05. The excess of Payments over Receipts for the 'general' account was therefore £890.66 - £437.05 = £453.61.

(The 2010/11 budget expected to start the year with £1404.00 and end the year with £1437.00. The Parish Council 'general' account therefore started the year with less than the budget expected, despite a Calor award of £350.00 in 2009, and ended the year with very much lower capital. It would not have been possible to set aside £800.00 to cover election costs in 2011 as hoped in the budget.)

The **Receipts & Payments Account**, on the receipts side, shows the increased precept of £5,500.00, very little bank interest and a small income from photocopying.

On the Payments side of the Account, the **Administration Expenses** of £3234.78 are a reduction of £377 mainly due to less expenditure on training courses for the Clerk to progress to Quality Parish Council status than the previous year. The CLCA subscription and the Memorial Hall charges increased but there were small reductions in the insurance premium and for printing, stationery & computer expenses. The Audit Fee shown is the external Audit Fee, - the Council's local auditor of the accounts does not charge a fee.

The **Regular Annual Expenses** decreased overall only because last year, the cost of the feature at the Meldyke/Quarry Drive bollards was shown as a regular annual expense. The cost of the Village Newsletters and the cost of the floral displays increased significantly compared to the previous year.

The **Other Expenses** are largely self-explanatory. The largest cost last year was for the Christmas Lights. The costs include renewing the cables, new fittings and bulbs and the erection and dismantling charge by Middlesbrough Council. There was also the advance payment of £100.00 for the Royal Wedding Party contribution.

The **Quarry Management Expenses** will be reported to the Annual Meeting of the Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces.

It is fortunate that there are no Parish Council election costs in 2011/12. The increase in the precept to £6,000.00 and the plans to reduce the printing costs of the Village Newsletters will hopefully increase the reserve for future years.