

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 2015.

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

The **Capital Statement** shows an excess of Receipts over Payments of £240.08 which increased the capital at the end of the financial year to £4095.79 (from £3855.71 at 31 March 2014). The Parish Council had budgeted that £800.00 of this reserve should be set aside to pay for a possible P/Council election in May 2015 and a payment of £1000.00 is pending for a new notice board already ordered for Cedarwood Glade.

The Receipts & Payments Account

The Receipts side shows the unchanged main income of the Parish Council in two parts – the precept of £6300.00 and a support grant from Middlesbrough Council of £200.00. As in the previous year, this was by arrangement with Middlesbrough Council following the difficulty of calculating the Council Tax Base for the parished area after changes to the Council Tax benefit system. There was no other income.

The Payments side shows:-

The **Administration Expenses** totalling £3256.64. The increase of £263.64 is mainly due to a "one-off" bonus payment of £100.00 to the Clerk in December 2014 and a subsequent increase in the Clerk's salary from £147.25 to £150.48 per month, as authorised jointly by SLCC and NALC, plus a resulting increase in PAYE. Printing, Stationery & computer expenses more than doubled from the previous year because of rising costs and stock-piling of ink cartridges, copy paper, etc. The Chair's Report and the Welcome Leaflet were printed by TRICS for every household

The **Regular Annual Expenses**, however, decreased by £83.57 to £1272.88. This was due to the slightly lower cost of the Village Newsletter and £130.00 less for the Environment Committee, offset by an increase of £33.43 in Northumbria in Bloom & portfolio expenses and £21.00 more for raffle books.

The **Other Expenses** total of £1718.40 includes £836.33 for a new seat near the Vernon Court bus-stop and £212.49 for two new plant containers sited opposite the Hemlington Road shops. Christmas Lights' expenses have increased by £100.50, £50.00 was paid for the July 2014 Gala Day porta-loo and Repairs and Maintenance have increased by £149.08 because of street furniture improvements and the repair of a damaged village entrance sign.

M. Newbould, RFO

Mrs. M. Newbould, Clerk to Stainton & Thornton Parish Council.