

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 2019

(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 £184.49 which increased the capital at the end of the financial year to £7922.80 (from £7738.31 at 31 March 2018). The Parish Council had budgeted that £1500.00 of this reserve should be set aside to pay for a possible Parish Council election in May 2019, the setting up of a Parish Council website (£500) and also a reserve of £1000.00 for a new village notice board.

The Receipts & Payments Account

The Receipts side shows the main income of the Parish Council in two parts – the precept of £6740.00 and a Council Tax support grant from Middlesbrough Council of £466.00. The Environment Committee donated £79.00 from the sale of plants at the village Gala Day. A reclaim for VAT from HMRC realised £167.87. The Community Council donated £250.00 towards the costs of plant purchases for the village tubs and planters. Receipts for the year totalled £7702.87

The Payments side shows: -

The **Administration Expenses** totalling £3612.23 an increase of £1556.22 on the previous year. In accordance with regulations the Clerk, Mr J. Holmes was unable to claim a salary until 1 September 2018. In the previous 12 months there had been no expenditure in respect of salary and PAYE costs. There was an increase in Professional fees (Accountancy and Audit) and Insurance costs but Hall Hire, Printing and Stationery costs were lower than the previous year.

The **Regular Annual Expenses** increased by £1201.68 to £2459.92. This increase is the result of centralising all Environment Committee expenditure in respect of plants, materials and equipment. The Village Newsletter printing costs increased by £35.14 and will continue do so as the village expands. The contribution to FSTGS remained at £200.00. Water rates for Kell Gate Green increased slightly. The maintenance of village assets, noticeboards, seats, planters etc is now undertaken by the FSTGS and £500.00 is awarded for this process. A new parish council website was constructed and is maintained at a cost of £25 per month.

The **Other Expenses** total of £1446.23 includes £46.74 for defibrillator maintenance, an increased cost for the Christmas Lights now at £786.00. Expenditure by The Neighbourhood Plan Action Group totalled £313.50. One off expenditure included the purchase of computer software £79.99 and £120.00 for 2 large planters.

Expenditure in this section was down £2551.76 on the previous year (when a grant was received for the setting up of a Neighbourhood Plan).

J.Holmes

RFO and Clerk to Stainton & Thornton Parish Council.

1 May 2019.