

Stainton & 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 2012.

This year, the Accounts no longer incorporate the accounts of the previous Quarry Management Group. (The successor Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces became an independent organisation from 31 May 2010.)

The **Capital Statement** shows capital of only £437.05 at the start of the 2011/12 financial year and £1444.14 at the end of the financial year. The excess of Receipts over Payments was therefore £1007.09. (In theory, £1000.00 of the £1444.14 end of year capital might have been needed to pay for a Parish Council election in May 2011. Fortunately, this was not required.)

The **Receipts & Payments Account**, on the Receipts side, shows the increase in the precept to £6,000.00, very little bank interest, donations of £65.50 (that includes £25.50 income from photocopying and £40.00 from donations for the Jubilee tree.) and £1480 for the 2 x £740 contributions from the Community Council and the Friends of S&T Green Spaces towards the cost of repairing the brick wall of Kell Gate Green.

On the Payments side of the Account, the **Administration Expenses** of £3248.19 are a small increase of £72 mainly due to increases for stationery and for hire of the Memorial Hall. The Clerk's salary has been frozen for a second year. 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 by £400 mainly because of the reduced cost of an alternative printer for the Village Newsletter.

The **Other Expenses** show the full cost of repairing the brick wall of Kell Gate Green, the cost of providing the Gala day Portaloo and the cost of a tree and commemorative plaque to mark the Royal Wedding. The -£8.75 occurred because the fee for becoming a Quality Council changed. Fortunately there was no charge this year by Middlesbrough Council for the erection and dismantling of the Christmas Lights.

B. Maden

Chair

22/5/12

Marel Newbold RFO
Clerk to the Council,
22/5/12