

**Stanton St Quintin Parish Council**  
**Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Annual Report Of The Chairman**  
**19/7/16**

I am pleased to present my annual report on the activities of Stanton St Quintin Parish Council for the year 2015/16 as I begin my 2nd year as Chairman.

**Changes to membership of the Parish Council**

John Eley was co-opted to the Parish Council in July, to the vacancy I reported on at the last Annual Parish Meeting.

Emma Walker resigned during this last year and we miss her valuable experience. Ben King has been co-opted to cover that vacancy.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors for all their contributions, help and support over the year and a very big thank you is due to our Parish Clerk (Mrs Margaret Carey) for ensuring that everything has run so smoothly over the past year; particularly in terms of ensuring that the never-ending streams of emails are actioned and circulated and that our finances are always in excellent order.

**Parish Hall**

During the year the Council has received regular updates from the Parish Hall Committee.

The Hall Committee held a Pub Evening at the end of September and, in February, a very interesting talk from Sir Francis Richards on Bletchley Park, followed by cheese and wine. Stanton Manor organised a Village fundraising fete to go towards the hall refurbishment.

It was confirmed that following the release of £7,000 to the Village Hall Committee there is still £28,000 ring fenced in the Parish Council's reserves for the Village Hall project. It was reported that there had been a donation of a new kitchen and new toilets. There was also another regular user for the Village Hall.

**Defibrillators**

The second defibrillator has now been installed on John Eley's house, Chapel House, in Lower Stanton St Quintin and thanks are due to him for enabling this.

**Highways**

We have had new signs erected at the entrances to the village. The junction at Kington Lane has been restored to its original design. However, despite continued liaison with Wiltshire Council Highways there are still several outstanding issues including reinstatement of a litter bin; reinstatement of double yellow lines by the Murco Garage; improvements to signage throughout the village and clearing of drains. Councillor Howard Greenman is aware of the issues and is helping in trying to get these dealt with.

## **Planning**

Several planning applications have been considered throughout the year and comments forwarded to Wiltshire Council who has the final say on all planning matters.

## **Parish Forum, Area Board and CATG**

The Parish Council is aware that it is important to keep up to date with all local matters and one or more Councillors regularly attends the meetings of the Parish Forum, Area Board and Chippenham Area Transport Group to make sure that the feelings from Stanton St Quintin are voiced.

## **Communications**

As well as the Parish Council sponsored website [www.stantonstquintin.co.uk](http://www.stantonstquintin.co.uk) & our 3 Notice Boards, we are very grateful to all the work that our Vice Chair, Anita puts into "The Chatter" and other emailed communication. This is an excellent & immediate way of communicating with the village via email and the more people we can encourage to sign up at [sstqpc@gmail.com](mailto:sstqpc@gmail.com) the better.