MINUTES OF THE STANTON ON THE WOLDS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH CHURCH, ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 8, 2015, AT 7.00PM

There were 14 parishioners present

1] Introduction by the chairman

The chairman, Coun. Jim Goodman, opened the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2] Minutes of the meeting held on May 14, 2014 The minutes were accepted and signed by the chairman as presented.

3] Report of the Chairman

Coun. Goodman presented a written and said 1914-5 had been a pretty quiet year for Stanton. "A lot of small things going on with no big items," was how he described it. The new footpath joining Browns Lane to footpath 6 is signposted and shown on the OS map. The Litter Pick Day was very well organised by Hilary Whitby and went very well. The number of planning applications had dropped to eight in the year. The application by Bloor for 35 houses on Willowbrook was in abeyance. Sadly the scattering of thousands of poppy seeds did not achieve very much. However the council have purchased a bench for the Browns Lane corner and will dedicate it in WWI remembrance as well as a replacement for the Silver Jubilee bench that was destroyed in the Service Station modifications.

The website is in the process of a complete overall. . Changing the look and making it easier to update with latest news and publicising village businesses. He gave a big thank you to Alan Hunt for his dedication to this task over the past years.

Defibrillator and CPR A very successful training evening was organised by Richard Whitby. Some 14 residents attended. Thanks were given to Vale 1st Responders. The Golf club has installed one but whilst we were promised one for the telephone box on the Melton Road we have not firmed up the details yet. Speedwatch has re-started and the speed gun has been calibrated. Alan Jackson and the chairman had been out on Stanton Lane with Pc. Shinn using the new multi-screen unit but which reminds drivers of the dangers of speeding.

A meeting had been held with the County Council in respect of an interactive speed sign for the A6006 road. The chairman gave thanks to all who have assisted the council this year with special mention to the Rushcliffe representative Fiona Mason and also John Cottee on the County Council. He gave thanks to Angela Benney, Charlotte Chapman and Bryan Baines who were all retiring from the council.

4] **Correspondence** There was none.

5] Report on the Finances of the Parish Council

The clerk said the council started the 2013/2014 financial year with a figure in hand of £15,302 compared to £14,382 in the previous financial year. Because this year the annual meeting of councils are held earlier due to the parish elections on May 7, the accounts had not yet gone to audit.

During the year the main items of expenditure were £265 for insurance, £77 for audit fees, subscriptions with £60. The cost of grass cutting was £260 and £53 for the publication of the parish council newsletter. £74 was spent on meeting room hire. £874 has been spent on a new public seat that is yet to be sited, and will be in the region of the garage on Melton Road. The total expenditure for the year will be £6,613. Another large item of expenditure yet to leave the account will be for three new notice boards ordered and which will cost in the region of £2500 and will replace the old boards which were purchased 20years ago. The possible provision of a defibrillator unit for the Melton Road telephone kiosk could be an added expenditure, even if only for running costs and maintenance.

The income during the year totalled £4,738 comprising of £4,567 from the precept, £88 recovered from VAT spent on items and services during the 2013/2014 year. £82 was received in the form of bank interest during the year.

The council ended the year with a balance in hand of £15,269, slightly down on last year. For 2015/2016 it has precepted on the Borough Council for the amount of £4650.

The chairman said a proposal had been made by the parish council for a village Christmas Card. He said he envisaged a village competition for its design. The new council would look into the position.

7] Any other items of business

Items concerning the website, housing development, the condition of the Melton Road garage site, the new notice boards and footpaths were raised.

A vote of thanks was moved from the floor to the council for its work over the past year.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.