

Stanton-on-the-Wolds Parish Council



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May 2025 Chairman's report - This past 12 months has seen numerous challenges to the effective operation of the parish council.

Early in the year we lost the services of Cllr Elaine Watson and other Cllrs have been prevented from attending because of health and family issues. As a result of this we made the request to the borough council to co-opt two additional Cllrs in order to guarantee a quorum for our meetings. I'm pleased to report that Cllr Tony Wells and Rob Inglis were quick to volunteer to assist and we are grateful for the additional work that they are now putting in on top of their regular duties. We are also pleased to welcome Rob Kalisiak to the parish council at this May meeting.

I will take this opportunity to thank my fellow Cllr's, Martin Danielson and Margaret Healy for their tireless hard work and valued contributions. As a parish council we also wish to register our thanks to our Clerk, Michelle Law and to our RFO, Emma Goodman for their continued expertise and efforts.

As you will see from the preceding paragraphs, our constant challenge is to encourage popular support and engagement from the parishioners of Stanton-on-the-Wolds, without whose assistance it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain and indeed justify the existence of our village Parish Council.

Indeed, such is the concern over the last few years regarding both continuity and succession within the parish council that we took advice from the Borough Council and our colleagues at Keyworth Parish Council regarding the viability of a merger between our two bodies. It is the agreed view of the council that this outcome is now almost unavoidable given the reluctance of the public to participate in Parish council matters. We have therefore formally requested that a community governance review be undertaken so that the parishioners of Stanton-on-the-Wolds will continue to have a public voice and some influence at this important level of civic engagement. The process is expected to take at least 12 months and the parish council will continue to keep you all apprised of any developments.

In the meantime, we extend all our best wishes for a pleasant and prosperous year ahead.