**Annual parish Meeting**

**Of**

**Stapleford Tawney Parish Council**

**Tuesday 4th May 2021**

Clerk’s report for the year ending 31st March 2021

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic the year of 2020 has been a very difficult one with loss of life and hardships felt around the world.

Subsequently no Parish meetings were held from March 2020 until October 2020. Meetings were then able to be held via zoom which was a new experience for many of us.

Attendances as follows:-

Stuart Galloway 4/4, David Davenport 4/4, Peter Moring 4/4, Duncan Padfield 4/4, Maurice Padfield 4/4

The election due in 2020 was postponed until 2021 due to the pandemic but has been unopposed with Nick Burr replacing David Davenport. Sadly David has left the Parish due to relocating.

The parish account balance has a healthy year end.

Planning applications have remained constant despite the pandemic.

Bulk fly tipping has continued but not as prolific as in previous years. One fly tipper has been caught and fined. Litter from vehicles has been a significant problem this year with locals litter picking themselves.

A further WhatsApp group was set up by the parishioners, “Tawney Neighbours”, with the aim of assisting anyone in need whist in lockdown. This group has been very effective in communicating relevant information.

The website continues to run effectively with all agendas and minutes uploaded. There have been several requests for freedom of information which have been responded to.

The Mole Trap Pub has been bought and is undergoing refurbishment with the intention of opening to locals on 20th May 2021. Everyone in the community is looking forward to this and wishes the owners good luck with their venture.

Thankyou Stuart, David, Duncan, Peter and Maurice for supporting me through another busy year as clerk.