

## STANION PARISH COUNCIL

### Annual Report from the Council 2017-18:

#### *Chairman's Statement:*

Dear Parishioners,

The 2017/18 year has been one of enormous change for Stanion Parish Council. The Council has seen myself join as a councillor and become Chair and, in addition, a complete change of all remaining councillors so that as we start the new year there are none of the old faces still present.

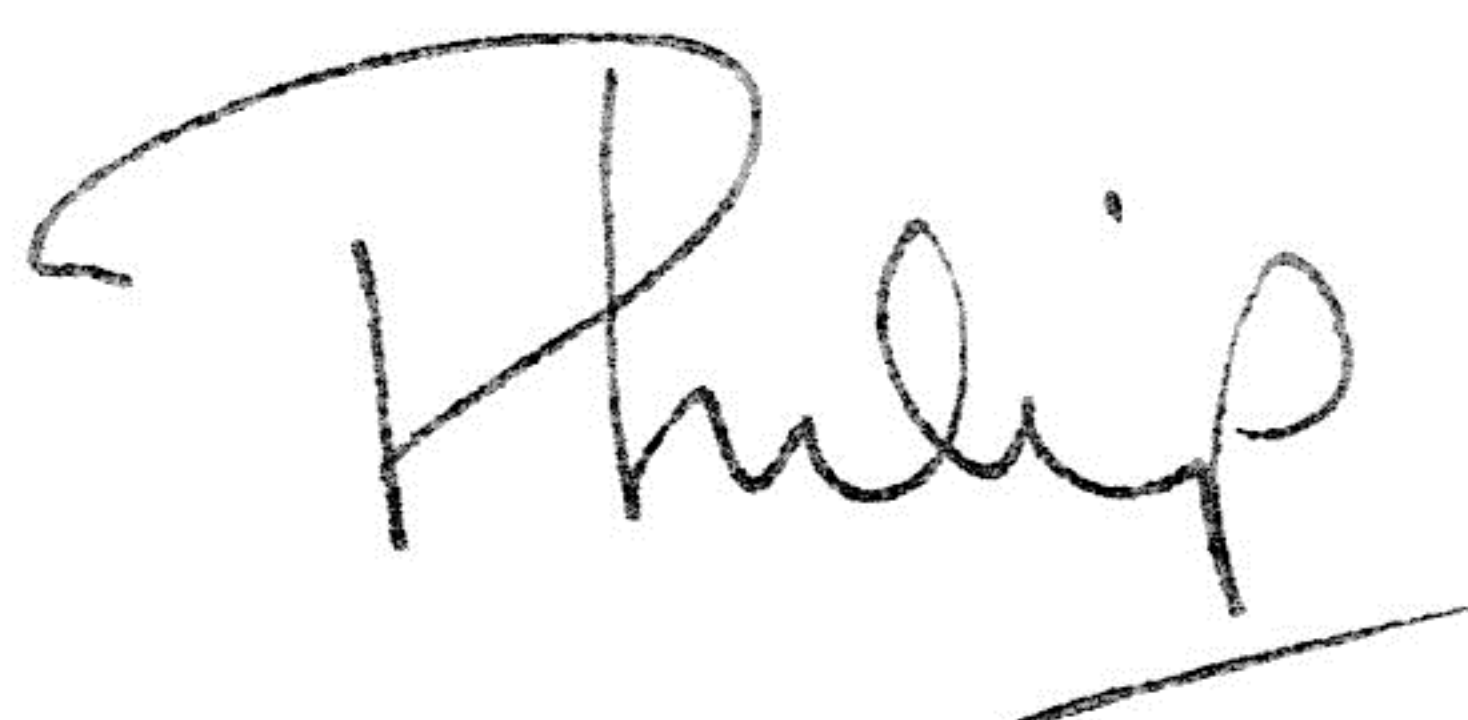
In addition to this the neighbouring village of Little Stanion was granted independent parish status in May and so we find the geographic boundaries of the parish as well as the pool of electors significantly reduced. This will have a negative impact on the council's finances for the foreseeable future and will necessitate a review of all spending in order to ensure that the precept is spent in the most responsible and financially prudent manner.

The new members of the council bring a wealth of enthusiasm, experience, skills and expert knowledge which we are sure will help to make Stanion one of the most dynamic, forward looking and technologically literate parishes in the country. We already have plans for a new website, Facebook page, Twitter presence. We also have plans in the pipeline to develop community interaction and to bring the members of the parish closer together in shared activities and events.

Over the next year the council will also consider the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish. Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. They are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided, and grant planning permission for the new buildings they want to see go ahead.

Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to ensure that they get the right types of development for their community where the ambition of the neighbourhood is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area.

We would like to thank all of Stanion's parishioners for their continued support and we look forward to working together over the next year in the best interests of all and to deliver an outstanding parish council!



**Dr Philip Dobson**  
Chairman,  
Stanion Parish Council