

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A brief overview of the accounts for 2010/2011 is as follows:

Income 2010/2011

Precept 2010/2011	£310,211
Recreation Grounds	£ 11,242
Cemetery	£ 19,362
Buildings	£ 10,760
Establishment	£ 14,073
Interest received	£ 200
Earmarked Reserves	£ 19,858

Expenditure 2010/2011

Recreation Grounds	£ 29,901
Cemetery	£ 35,849
Buildings	£ 26,726
Establishment	£143,049
Grants (+S137)	£ 5,286
Earmarked Reserves	£ 26,171

Electors can view the complete Annual Statement of Accounts by making an appointment with the Clerk

The most important event for me this year was to welcome the Lord Lieutenant for Bedfordshire, Sir Sam Whitbread, KCVO, to Stotfold Mill when he presented the Volunteers with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. I was with Alistair Burt our MP for the Official Opening of the Red Bear Family Centre at St Mary's School. I also attended the Christmas Concert at Roecroft School. In all I went to 16 functions on behalf of the town. I thank Councillor Alan Cooper, our Vice Chairman, for attending other events, and our wives for accompanying us.

Councillors

Cllr Malcolm Smith passed away. He gave many years to public service. We offer condolences to his family.

Thanks to all our Councillors for the work they have done for Stotfold over the last four year term of office.

Staff

During the year we extended our office opening hours and appointed an Administration Assistant to work in the afternoons. We welcome Suzanne Cowie to our staff. A big thank you to all staff for their dedicated work again this year.

News from Council and the Committees

All our Council and Committee meetings are open for people to attend. To speak on any item that is of interest to you, for up to three minutes, see the Clerk before the meeting.

This is particularly important for the Planning Committee, your input is valuable either in writing or by coming and speaking. The most recent application where public

input has been influential was an application in Brook Street.

We have had young children and youths come to talk to us about what they want in the town. The Recreation Grounds Committee ran a survey in our schools about the type of play equipment they would like in the town. As a result a zip wire is to be installed at the Riverside Playing Field. This is an illustration of the Town Plan in action. The Town Plan was published in 2009. All of Stotfold had the opportunity to input their ideas as to how they wanted to see Stotfold develop.

Last year I reported that work on Queen Street was imminent. Although some essential safety work has taken place at the Mill Lane junction, the real improvements have not yet been made.

There are about 100 houses occupied on the land south of Stotfold and the replacement for Roecroft School is well under-way.

The Community Leisure Centre Project is closer now than for some time. There is £500,000 in CBC Capital Budget to start during this calendar year with major sums being spent in the following financial years.

This year less damage has been caused to the town's property than previously, we hope the trend continues and is extended to less damage to residents' property. In general the level of crime is down.

With the new concept of the big society I would like to thank all those volunteers in the town who have continued in their efforts before they knew what it was called. This year we honoured four of them with our Citizens Award.

MAYOR

Cllr Brian Collier

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DEPUTY MAYOR

Cllr Alan Cooper

16 Coppice Mead: 733106

MEMBERS

Cllr Mrs Sheila Bundock

14 The Crofts: 730570

Cllr Mrs Anne Clarey

25 Hazel Grove: 731195

Cllr Mrs Mary Cooper

16 Coppice Mead: 733106

Cllr Barrie Dack

24 Bronte Avenue: 834640

Cllr Mrs Debby Haslett-Saunders

101 Arlesey Road: 730568

Cllr Steve Hayes

58 High Street: 834165

Cllr Mrs Jane Hyde

71 The Green: 730305

Cllr Brian Saunders

107 Hitchin Road: 626722

Cllr Geoff Smith

1 Middlemarch: 731935

Cllr Larry Stoter

34 Astwick Road: 733309

Cllr Mrs Christina Turner

98 High Street: 835962

2 Councillor vacancies at date of print

(all telephone numbers have 01462 code)

TOWN CLERK

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The Town Council website is well used and any additional links to local groups and information would be appreciated.



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