

MAYOR'S REPORT

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A brief overview of the accounts for 2011/2012 is as follows:

Income 2011/2012

Precept 2011/2012	£308,286
Recreation Grounds	£ 15,806
Cemetery	£ 17,857
Buildings	£ 21,097
Establishment	£ 1,274
Interest received	£ 395
Earmarked Reserves	£ 5,871

Expenditure 2011/2012

Recreation Grounds	£ 71,565
Cemetery	£ 37,387
Buildings	£ 46,114
Establishment	£141,886
Grants (+S137)	£ 5,725
Earmarked Reserves	£ 39,649

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

The most notable events for me this year were; the thanks-giving service for the work of the Lord Lieutenant for Bedfordshire, Sir Sam Whitbread, KCVO ; the opening of Stotfold Mill Nature Reserve by Baroness Young of Old Scone ; The visit of the Duke of Kent to Stotfold Mill ; The Junior Football Club Awards ; and the opening of the Zip Wire at the Riverside Recreation ground where I was given a big push by some of our youngsters to send me flying down the wire. In all I went to 21 functions on behalf of the town. I thank Councillor Alan Cooper, our Deputy Mayor, for attending other events, and our wives for accompanying us.

Councillors

After the Elections in May we were left with two vacancies. These were filled by co-option by Satinderjit Dhaliwal and Tim Naisbitt. During the year Cllr Mrs Turner resigned for personal reasons. This vacancy has yet to be filled.

Thanks to all our Councillors for the work they have done for Stotfold this year

Staff

There have been no changes in Staff this year. The new office hours have worked well and serve the public better.

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.

During the year a request was made to Central Bedfordshire Council for a Governance Review for Fairfield Park. After two stages of public consultation the outcome has been determined. There will be a new parish council for Fairfield Park from April 1st 2013, with elections taking place in May 2013. From 1st April 2013 Stotfold Town Council will cease to be the third tier authority for that area.

The housing development between Grange Drive and the by-pass has increased in pace and the last housing areas of land are about to be built. The replacement for Roecroft School is now open.

The First Phase of the Community Leisure Centre Project has been planned to consist of Junior Football pitches, a toilet block and car parking. The work is to begin in the autumn of 2012. We are working to follow this with a phase 2, to include the re-location of the Senior Football Club.

This year there has been more crime, including metal thefts, than previously. It is understood to have been committed by a small number of adults. The police are working to stop this. In general the level of crime is down.

I would like to thank all those volunteers in the town who have continued in their efforts.

MAYOR

Cllr Brian Collier

6 Regent Street: 730057

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 Satinderjit Dhaliwal

20 Mowbray Crescent: 07875 310345

Cllr Miss Debby Saunders

101 Arlesey Road: 730568

Cllr Steve Hayes

58 High Street: 834165

Cllr Mrs Jane Hyde

71 The Green: 730305

Cllr Tim Naisbitt

17 Prince Harry Close: 733577

Cllr Brian Saunders

107 Hitchin Road: 626722

Cllr Geoff Smith

1 Middlemarch: 731935

Cllr Larry Stoter

34 Astwick Road: 733309

One Councillor vacancy

(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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