

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A brief overview of the accounts for 2008/2009 is as follows:

Income 2008/2009

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| Precept 2008/2009 | £234,520 |
| Recreation Grounds | £ 12,659 |
| Cemetery | £ 7,945 |
| Buildings | £ 26,277 |
| Establishment | £ 3,060 |
| Interest received | £ 7,673 |
| Monies from developers S106 | £ 0 |
| Mossman holding account | £ 0 |
| Earmarked Reserves | <u>£ 5,236</u> |
| | £297,370 |

Expenditure 2008/2009

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| Recreation Grounds | £ 64,735 |
| Cemetery | £ 35,733 |
| Buildings | £ 49,467 |
| Establishment | £127,392 |
| Town Enhancement | £ 0 |
| Grants to organisations | £ 2,010 |
| Mossman account | £ 0 |
| Earmarked Reserves | <u>£ 3,637</u> |
| | £282,974 |

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Once again the Town Councillors have had a busy year running a town that is becoming larger by the day. The end of the financial year saw the end of the former Mid Beds District and Bedfordshire County Councils, and the start of the new Unitary Council. Good working relationships are being forged with the new Central Bedfordshire Council.

The Council's Planning Committee have continued to pass comment on applications this past year, many of which have been for the final stages of the Fairfield development and the first few phases of the Land South of Stotfold development.

The Recreation Grounds, Public Lands and Lighting Committee continue to manage the Council owned recreation grounds and open spaces, and to highlight to Highways the roads and footways in need of repair. We are pleased to see so many people of all ages using the recreational facilities provided. Our staff and contractors work hard caring for our public open areas and so give a well kept and welcoming feel to the town of which we can all be proud.

The Cemetery Management Committee has recently carried out a time forecast for the remaining plots, and have concluded that we will need to purchase a piece of land for a Cemetery extension in the near future. We are looking to expand the types of burial options available both in the new extension and for the remaining space available in the current Cemetery.

The Buildings Committee Management continues to manage the Council owned buildings – the Simpson Centre and Memorial Hall, which are both available for hire. This year's project saw the start of increasing the buildings' security measures, and this will continue into the next financial year. The Memorial Hall is a very well used facility, with regular bookings almost every evening from dance classes to karate. The weekends are particularly popular for family gatherings.

The Town Enhancement Committee continues to look to the overall future of Stotfold, and in particular has been strong in chasing the former District Council on Section 106 money allocations from the many recent developments. This money will benefit the town, such as highway improvements, provision of recreational facilities, etc.

The Council office, situated in the Simpson Centre, Hitchin Road is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am until 12pm and Wednesday 3.30pm until 6.30pm.

On behalf of the Town Council may I welcome new residents to the town, and remind all residents that they are very welcome to attend our Committee or Council meetings.

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CHAIRMAN

Cllr Brian Collier

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VICE-CHAIRMAN

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 Mrs Debby Haslett-Saunders

101 Arlesey Road: 647649

Cllr Steve Hayes

58 High Street: 834165

Cllr Mrs Jane Hyde

71 The Green: 730305

Cllr Mrs Lesley Lewin

9 The Coppens: 735976

Cllr Brian Saunders

107 Hitchin Road: 626722

Cllr Derek Savill

4 Hitchin Road: 733892

Cllr Malcolm Smith

77 High Street: 730270

Cllr Larry Stoter

34 Astwick Road: 733309

Cllr Mrs Christina Turner

98 High Street: 835962

Cllr Mrs Linda Wilding

35 The Gardens: 730917

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



STOTFOLD TOWN COUNCIL

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