

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A brief overview of the accounts for 2017/2018 is as follows:

Income 2017/2018

Precept 2017/2018	£461,040
Recreation Grounds	£ 7,543
Cemetery	£ 28,162
Buildings	£ 40,596
Establishment	£ 15
Interest received	£ 937
Earmarked Reserves	£ 12,692
Arlesey Road project	£
Section 106	£361,894

Expenditure 2017/2018

Recreation Grounds	£121,618
Cemetery	£ 41,443
Buildings	£ 90,888
Establishment	£174,701
Grants (incl. S137)	£ 7,764
Earmarked Reserves	£ 87,128
Arlesey Rd project	£ 3,001

Electors can view the complete Annual Statement of Accounts for 2017/2018 by making an appointment with the Clerk

Comparison with the previous financial year

Income 2016/2017

Precept 2016/2017	£441,614
Recreation Grounds	£ 7,513
Cemetery	£ 20,497
Buildings	£ 30,438
Establishment	£ 856
Interest received	£ 418
Earmarked Reserves	£ 6,021
Arlesey Road Project	£ 0

Expenditure 2016/2017

Recreation Grounds	£ 96,843
Cemetery	£ 28,717
Buildings	£ 77,104
Establishment	£154,886
Grants (incl. S137)	£ 7,805
Earmarked Reserves	£ 15,747
Arlesey Rd project	£ 16,390

MAYOR'S REPORT 2017-2018

I must begin by thanking all our Councillors, staff and contractors for the work they have done for the town over the last year. Also, thanks are extended to the many voluntary groups and individuals in their efforts to maintain and enhance our community.

There have been some changes of council staff since the last report, in that Suzanne Cowie, our afternoon administration assistant left at the end of November. Roger Parkes, memorial hall caretaker decided to take retirement and left us in February, his replacement, Mark Richardson joined us in March. Also in early March, Stotfold resident, Annette Dabner joined our team as Administration Assistant.

I have once again attended many events, both locally and further afield, where I have evidenced how much joined community involvement can actively support local residents of all ages and abilities. locally and in other surrounding towns. Where I have been unable to attend, Councillor Brian Collier, the Deputy Mayor, or other Councillors have deputised.

Due to the resignation of Councillor Stuart Jackson, a vacant Town Council position was left.

In May of this year, the Town Council were able to fully transfer to their new offices in the Greenacre Centre and became available for hirers and other community uses.

The Pix Brook Play Area has been adopted by the Town Council, and now becomes their responsibility for ongoing maintenance. We still await adoption of the Greenacre Park area. The contract is shortly to be awarded to

develop the park and play area, with no projected completion dates advised at present.

Town Christmas illuminations have been held again, with Stotfold Town Council, working in partnership with Baldock Rotary. With local financial support, we have been able to extend this display through Grange Drive from the High Street.

Further new play apparatus have been installed at The Green to increase and update the variety available across a wider age range of children. Two larger pieces inside The Green, opposite The Crown pub, plus replacement small sprung seats within smaller children's fenced play area.

Pressure from further planning applications for residential development continue within and on the outskirts of the town, fueled by both local and central government pressures on housing targets. Residents are reminded to be vigilant and make their views on such applications known to Central Bedfordshire Council, whether directly consulted or not. Also copying their response to the Town Council so they can take them into consideration for their responses also.

The long-awaited relocation of Stotfold Football Club from Roker Park to the new club and community building at the Arlesey Road site now seems to be within touching distance, as we approach the final proof-reading processes of the mountain of legal documentation and plans to be agreed. Although this project has taken many years from instigation, we are confident that the Football Club and wider community of Stotfold will greatly benefit from this new facility.

Councillor Alan Cooper
Mayor of Stotfold

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COUNCILLORS

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Mrs Anne Clarey 25 Hazel Grove: 731195
Mrs Mary Cooper 16 Coppice Mead: 733106
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Mrs Jane Hyde 71 The Green: 730305
Danny Matthews 21 Queen Street: 834945
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Brian Saunders 107 Hitchin Road: 626722
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VACANCY
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TOWN CLERK - Kate Elliott-Turner

ASSISTANT CLERK – Caroline Jenkins

ADMIN ASSISTANT – Liz Litchfield

ADMIN ASSISTANT – Annette Dabner

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