

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A brief overview of the accounts for 2018/2019 is as follows:

Income 2018/2019

Precept 2017/2018	£470,434
Recreation Grounds	£ 7,924
Cemetery	£ 40,912
Buildings	£ 65,414
Establishment	£ 32
Interest received	£ 2,988
Earmarked Reserves	£ 12,144
Arlesey Road project	£ 0

Expenditure 2018/2019

Recreation Grounds	£105,144
Cemetery	£ 43,020
Buildings	£ 94,597
Establishment	£174,372
Grants (incl. S137)	£ 9,843
Earmarked Reserves	£ 20,883
Arlesey Rd project	£ 26,819

Electors can view the complete Annual Statement of Accounts for 2018/2019 by making an appointment with the Clerk

Comparison with the previous financial year

Income 2017/2018

Precept 2016/2017	£461,040
Recreation Grounds	£ 7,543
Cemetery	£ 28,162
Buildings	£ 40,596
Establishment	£ 15
Interest received	£ 937
Earmarked Reserves	£ 12,692
Arlesey Road Project	£ 0
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

MAYOR'S REPORT 2018-2019

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.

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

In November, Administration Assistant, Liz Litchfield, left us to set up her own business, and was replaced by Jeanette Everitt, a local resident who has settled in very well to become the other face at the window, with Annette Dabner on the Greenacre Centre reception desk.

With a policy of offering our staff continuous training, the town has grown in size, a council meeting the required electoral mandate, plus the Clerk having the appropriate qualifications, we are eligible to adopt the General Power of Competence, in which in general enables a council to do anything that an individual might do, as long as there are no laws preventing the council from doing that action.

A Corporate Strategy document is to be produced identifying Council's vision for the town, its aims, objectives and key priorities over the medium to long term future. This is a work in progress by the Town Enhancement Committee and will initially review and include the shorter-term action plans of the individual committees.

With an ever-increasing population the pressure to provide adequate burial spaces for the future has to be planned for. The council are consulting on the production of plans to allow the garden of rest to accommodate interment of cremated remains over the next 50 year period.

So that residents can follow the workings of the Town Council more easily, it has been agreed to upgrade the current website to improve clarity and be more user friendly, so that along with the Facebook pages, telephone, email and counter services, as much information as possible is on offer to the public.

Of direct interest is the MUGA, play equipment and park land to the rear of the Greenacre Centre, which is physically near completion and mainly needs suitable time and weather conditions for the grass seeding to mature prior to it being offered to the Town Council for adoption and into public use.

Stotfold Junior Football Club have generously offered their volunteers to refurbish the changing rooms and toilets at the Hitchin Road Recreation Ground at their own cost. In particular to provide these facilities for ladies matches, as required by Football Association rules, they will still be available to other users who hire the area for matches and other activities.

The Town Council are delighted that after many years of discussion and negotiation, work is now underway on construction of the new football stadium and clubhouse, within the Arlesey Road recreation site.

Local elections were held in May 2019 and we now have a full complement of council membership.

Councillor Alan Cooper
Mayor of Stotfold

TOWN MAYOR
Cllr Alan Cooper
16 Coppice Mead: 733106

DEPUTY MAYOR
Cllr Brian Collier
6 Regent Street: 730057

COUNCILLORS

Mrs Sheila Bundock 14 The Crofts: 730570
Mrs Anne Clarey 25 Hazel Grove: 731195
Mrs Mary Cooper 16 Coppice Mead: 733106
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Steve Hayes 58 High Street: 834165
Mrs Jane Hyde 71 The Green: 730305
Danny Matthews 21 Queen Street: 834945
Colin Phelps 44 Astwick Road: 733309
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Glen Russell 16a High Street: 07950 291300
Brian Saunders 107 Hitchin Road: 626722
John Talbot 53 Brook Street: 732922

VACANCY
(all landline telephone numbers have 01462 code)

TOWN CLERK - Kate Elliott-Turner

ASSISTANT CLERK – Caroline Jenkins

ADMIN ASSISTANT – Jeanette Everitt

ADMIN ASSISTANT – Annette Dabner

FINANCE ASSISTANT – Jo Wang

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