

MINUTES OF THE STOTFOLD ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, STOTFOLD ON THURSDAY 10TH MARCH 2016 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

Councillors present:

Meeting Chaired by Councillor A Cooper (Mayor)

Mrs S Bundock
B Collier
Mrs J Hyde
D Matthews
H Pickering
J Talbot

Mrs A Clarey
Mrs M Cooper
S Jackson
C Phelps
B Saunders (& CBC)

In attendance:

Mrs K Elliott-Turner (Town Clerk)

26 electors who recorded their names

Councillor Cooper welcomed everyone to the 2016 meeting. He then asked electors to clearly state their name and where they live before speaking.

705. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Dhaliwal, S Hayes, Central Bedfordshire Councillor S Dixon, residents Mr B Cutler and Mr P Clarey.

706. TO ADOPT MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 2015

The minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on Thursday 5th March 2016 were circulated to electors prior to the commencement of the meeting.

The minutes were taken as read prior to them being confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

707. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING – FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

Nothing to report – some items are covered in the Mayor's Report.

708. TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES DURING 2015/2016

Councillor Cooper gave the following report:

I must begin by thanking all our Councillors, staff and contractors for the work they have done for Stotfold this year to keep our assets intact and reasonably tidy. Likewise, thanks go to the many groups and individuals who work with and are supported by the Council in their efforts to maintain and enhance our surroundings.

I have been privileged to represent Stotfold in attending many events locally and in other towns where I have seen, despite all the doom and gloom generally put around, how much community involvement is still present and supporting people of all ages and abilities. Where I have been unable to attend then Councillor Brian Collier, the Deputy Mayor, or other councillors have deputised.

We unfortunately lost our Assistant Clerk, Mandy Howard, at the end of February – She has moved on to become the Clerk of Henlow Parish Council where we wish her all the best. We are currently in the process of searching for a replacement.

Councillor Dr. Larry Stoter has also resigned from the Council in anticipation of his relocation to Wales with his partner Pam Manfield. Apart from his membership of the Council both he and Pam have dedicated much of their time in participating in many other local groups from which they will

both be sorely missed. Our best wishes go with them to Wales. Notice has been given by Central Beds Council's Deputy Returning Officer of the vacancy. If a request for an election to fill the vacancy is received by 10 electors, an election will be held; otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

Sadly, one of our Citizens Awards recipients from last year, Iain Rutherford, lost his fight against motor neurone disease towards the end of the year. A letter of condolence was sent from the Council to his wife Keryle and their family.

Our Civic Service held on Sunday 21st February was very well attended and the collection raised the magnificent sum of £254.60 for the R.N.L.I. & Scope organisations. Many local organisations were represented and choirs from both Roecroft & St Mary's schools gave delightful performances as did the Salvation Army band conducted by John Street. My thanks go to Revd. Bill Britt & the Churches Together group for hosting the ceremony, the ladies who provided catering after and all those who helped in organising or taking part under the theme of 'Neighbourhood & Community'. We have received many congratulations during and since the day including a very complimentary letter from the Deputy Lieutenant of Bedfordshire (the Queen's representative), Deborah Inskip.

With the continued growth of the town the Council hope to soon be adopting the open space and play area at the Queen Street 'Princes' development. It is also hoped that on the land south of Stotfold the play area near Pix Brook just off Valerian Way will also be offered for adoption in a similar way, this has been a long time coming so far!

During the summer, at a cost of around £27,000, a range of 'Inclusive' play equipment was installed at the Hitchin Road recreation ground, just inside the fence alongside the road. 'Inclusive' items such as these are specifically designed to allow children with physical or visual disabilities to play alongside others without discrimination and were in response to requests from local parents.

A scheme of road and pavement improvements was carried out by Central Beds Council in Rook Tree Lane outside St. Mary's Academy for the length of the so called School Safety Zone (or SSZ for short). This followed a campaign by concerned local residents and, although limited by what already existed, has hopefully at least brought about some improvement and heightened safety awareness to users.

The footpath alongside the development of the 'Pig & Whistle' will be having improved street lighting installed, one new lamp to the rear of the site and the Brook Street end lamp being converted to a 'double headed' version, many other lamps have been upgraded as part of the overall town improvement scheme.

The 'town improvement scheme' has continued to be worked on with Amey, the main contractor, carrying out remedial works to a 'snagging list' of around 200 items. Funding for 2015 appears to have dried up during last Autumn with an amount of work still to be done waiting for fresh money to become available, this includes the long overdue work at both ends of Queen Street.

For the first time ever Stotfold residents welcomed an official Christmas lights display at the Brook Street car park and along the High Street as far as the parade of shops. This was bought about by the Town Council in conjunction with the Baldock Rotary Club and their Stotfold satellite. Thanks go particularly to Terry Seymour, our local electrician, who did great amounts of installation work at very short notice and to the individuals and groups who helped finance the work. Local retailers also played their part by allowing their buildings to be used, paying for the electricity and contributing to the installation costs. Public support for the occasion was good and a collection was taken on the night to help fund a larger display in future. For those who have said they hope this is only the beginning we must say that the intention is for this to be supported largely by the public so any assistance in the form of physical help at the time or fund raising during the year would be most appreciated.

The perpetual problems relating to motor vehicles and lack of police presence in the town continue and if anything worsen! Car owners, residents of the town and often our neighbours, continue to park on pavements and grass verges. This practice causes expensive damage and is visually unpleasant while also creating inconvenience and danger to pedestrians. Despite a speed limit of 20mph now applying in many roads, vehicles continue to drive far in excess of either this or national speed limits over much of the town. What is certain from the many times these problems have been raised is that we cannot rely on direct support from either Central Beds Council or the police to address these problems.

In recent times we are informed that there is no police officer or PCSO allocated to the town so there is nobody to attend Town Council meetings and that “due to insufficient officer numbers” to prepare them we will not even be receiving monthly crime figures for Stotfold in future! Both I and Councillor Brian Saunders have recently made direct approaches to Mr Olly Martins, the Police Commissioner, asking him to urge the Chief Constable to reconsider this. Sad though it may be the only course of action at the present time is for residents to note details of the vehicle, driver, time & date of the offence taking place and report it to the police – noting they must be prepared to be identified should legal action follow.

Attempts to get sufficient residents volunteering to take part in ‘Speed Watch’ campaigns with police training and provision of equipment have met with a virtual wall of silence in the town. It is disappointing that so many are prepared to complain but so few are willing to give a couple of hours in a month to help address the problem.

At our last Annual Meeting Councillor Anne Clarey, Chair of the Town Plan Implementation Group and Vice Chair of the Green Wheel Stakeholder Group gave a detailed presentation on the work being carried out by the Green Wheel Group and how this was partly guided or influenced by the now well established Town Plan. Along with many other local groups their work still goes on and further volunteers are always required.

In particular, further involvement would be welcomed by the Patient Participation Group (PPG) at Larksfield Surgery where this has now become a ‘virtual’ organisation due to lack of public & practice support. It is an NHS requirement that this exists and, bearing in mind the heavy loads on our local practice we are all aware of, should help the practice/patient relationship there.

Also the ‘Good Neighbours Group’ is now well established but needs as many additional volunteer helpers as possible. From October to December 2015 alone some 28 volunteers took on 98 tasks to help local people in need, a true community effort and much appreciated.

Our town continues to grow in population while our amenities seem to be static or reducing in size and under the Central Bedfordshire “Call for Sites” consultation currently underway we can assume that more local landowners will be submitting their sites for potential residential development? This also includes identifying sites for employment use (of which we have precious little) or gypsy & traveller accommodation, we will need to monitor the results of this survey closely.

The flooding of properties in Coppice Mead and Brook Street by the Pix Brook from July 2015 has caused hardship to residents, one in particular who is still living in hotel accommodation waiting for the insurance company to complete repairs to her house. On Friday February 12th a meeting was held in the Memorial Hall, chaired by Alistair Burt our local MP, where representatives of IDB, Central Beds Council, Stotfold Town Council and residents worked through an agenda of problems identified and seeking solutions for the longer term reduction in the threat of further serious flooding to the area. We look forward to working with those authorities able to bring about the physical changes needed to reduce this threat, both in the long and short term, over the coming months.

The planning applications for development of both the Stotfold Football Club site at Roker Park and the building of a new club and community building at the Arlesey Road site have been submitted to Central Beds Council for approval and a decision is due this month. All details for the new club house have been agreed between Stotfold Town Council and Stotfold Football Club, we are now moving on with preparation of the leases from Central Beds Council to Stotfold Town Council and from them to Stotfold Football Club. If the proposed schedules are met then matches should begin at the Arlesey Road site in early 2017, housing development at Roker Park will follow that.

The new Stotfold Greenacres Community Centre on the land south of Stotfold behind the Co-Op is on schedule for completion this summer. This will include the relocated Town Council offices. An open day for the public to view this will be held in July/August, subject to completion of the final 'snagging list' and formal handover to the Town Council. Any groups or individuals believing they may want to use these facilities should register their interest to our offices, room sizes and rental rates are available from there.

Finally, the difficulties the Town Council have in communicating effectively with the public continue. With no dedicated local newspapers for our area we rely heavily on our pages in the 'Stotfold News', our Facebook page and website plus the notice boards at the offices and around the town. Our committee meetings are announced ahead of time and open to residents but attendance by members of the public is close to zero. It is disappointing to hear so many local people complain about the lack of communication and then say that they put the Stotfold News straight into their recycling bin, don't read the notice boards and never go online to get news from either the Town or Central Bedfordshire Councils. Any other alternative means that residents consider appropriate will be considered by the Council?

Upcoming dates for your diaries –

Monday 14th March, a short ceremony to celebrate 'Commonwealth Day' will be held at the Simpson Centre at 10:00am when the flag will be raised. Local schools have been invited to attend and all others are welcome to come along.

Thursday 21st April, the beacon at the cemetery will be lit as part of a nationwide effort to mark the Queen's birthday. Residents and organisations are invited to congregate by the Chapel at Stotfold Cemetery, Mill Lane; we will process to the top of the Cemetery and the Beacon at 7.15pm with the Beacon being lit at 7.30pm in time with others across the country.

June 2016 – It has been suggested that individual groups within towns may wish to organise events such as 'street parties' to commemorate the Queen's (official) 90th birthday. Despite the Town Council asking to be notified of any intentions locally where an amount of assistance or advice could be offered there has been little response to date. Time is now pressing so contact with our offices would be appreciated!

709. REPORT ON TOWN COUNCIL PRECEPT FOR 2016/2017

A copy of the report, appended to these minutes (appendix A) was provided to those present. There were no questions from the public.

The Deputy Mayor advised that Stotfold is the 7th largest town in Central Bedfordshire. If you included Fairfield and their number of Band D properties, this would put us in 6th place. We are already above Shefford, Ampthill and Sandy. The Town Council has been pulling our increase in Precept down consistently year on year since the Fairfield part of Stotfold became its own Parish.

Of a Stotfold Council Tax bill, the Town Council's share is 8% and Central Beds Council's share is 77.5%.

Members of the public asked questions regarding the Precept Report.

Paul Redwood, Alexander Road

As we now don't have a dedicated PCSO, where is the policing being directed, considering Stotfold is the 7th largest and we are paying for policing in our Council Tax. He was advised that this is something the Town Council is querying and is pursuing the matter of the reduction of policing for Stotfold. Bedfordshire Police is currently recruiting Special Constables, but it is not clear where they will be operating from.

Ken Broadribb, Princes Street

Requested that the matter of the reduction in policing is taken up with Alistair Burt MP.

710. REPORT ON THE ELEEMOSYNARY CHARITY OF WILLIAM FIELD

A copy of the financial report of the Eleemosynary Charity of William Field was available to those present, and is appended to these minutes (appendix B). As Chairman of the Charity, Councillor Mrs J Hyde gave the following report:

You have before you the accounts of the Eleemosynary Charity of William Field.

In Stotfold we are fortunate that in the past people such as William Field, Octavius Roe and Jane Brooks left money and land for the benefit of the residents of Stotfold. Originally these were administered by the Vicar and Church Wardens, but with the establishment of Parish Councils some of the responsibilities were then shared by the Town Council and therefore they are answerable to the electors of Stotfold which is why these accounts are presented to you tonight, as representatives of your community.

The Trustees of this Charity are two appointees from the Town Council, the Vicar and the two Churchwardens. The Town Council appoints their two Trustees who then serve a 4 year term. The Vicar and Churchwardens serve for as long as they hold that office.

The Eleemosynary Charity is made up of a number of smaller charities, which over the last 20 years or so have been amalgamated, that is still an ongoing process.

At present the Charity is made up of eight acres of land on Common Road. Three acres have been returned to allotment land, the other five acres is currently being farmed for us. The allotments have seen much improvement with water laid on, a car park and now work done to mitigate the flooding problems. Ditches dug and with the help of Teasel, Willows planted. There are plans to establish a community orchard. We are grateful for the work that Suzanne Cowie at the Town Council does on our behalf to administer the allotments for us.

We also own a parcel of land near Buntingford.

Our main source of income is derived from the sale of the old Brook Street Allotments where the new houses now stand, stretching back some way along the Brook. £390,000 was invested with CCLA, an investment company that specialises in investing for Charities and Churches. That capital sum has now grown to £469,284.76.

Over the years we have distributed from a dividend income in excess of £50,000.

Last year some young people received grants towards their education. Other recipients included Mother and Toddler Group, Bowls Club, replacement windows at the Roecroft building in Church Road, Scouts to buy tents, library functions, and we fund the Christian Holiday Club which operates in the first week of the summer holidays.

We also gave money to the Roes Education Charity to enable them to make grants, as their income is so small.

As a correction to last year's Annual Town Meeting minutes, for clarification, the Roes Education Charity has not been disbanded, it is still in operation.

Grants are made half yearly with the deadline for applications being the end of June and the end of December. Application forms are available from the Town Council offices. If you know of any individual or organisation which might benefit from some funding for a project or a need then please encourage them to apply.

711. REPORT FROM A CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO STOTFOLD

Central Beds Councillor Brian Saunders gave the following report:

- Central Beds Council has been making an assault on the volume of paper it uses, with greater use of laptops and tablets bringing greater efficiency.
- Development Management Committee and full Council meetings will be recorded and available to view on their website.
- At a recent meeting, the River Ivel Drainage Board has agreed actions regarding flooding of Pix Brook. Alistair Burt MP led the discussions.
- Stotfold has good performing schools. Significant capital investment is providing a broader range of facilities, also available to the public. St Mary's Academy and Roecroft Lower School are being extended, as is Fairfield Lower School.
- The Town Council has applied to the Town Centre Regeneration Fund for matched funding towards a project which is being supported by our Ward Members, who are lobbying hard.
- The Central Beds Council Development Strategy was withdrawn last year due to a lack of an approved plan. The Planning Inspector has said that there is no 5 year land supply which has left Central Bedfordshire vulnerable to applications from developers.
- With regard to the recent Gypsy and Traveller site application for Astwick, Central Beds Council has refused the application and issued a notice to quit the site. An appeal for the refusal has been set for 13th July.
- A 'Call for Sites' process is currently underway, looking for housing and employment land.
- With regard to the planning applications for the Roker Park and Arlesey Road sites, these will now be determined by Officers under delegated powers.
- He has recently visited the new sports hall at Etonbury Academy. It is a wonderful hall, with an exercise gym and an adult dance studio is soon to be added. Once work has been completed on the classrooms for 300 places, there will be an additional expansion, plus they will also be looking for further expansion on or off the site.
- The Police and Crime Commissioner elections take place on 5th May, with four people currently standing.

Members of the public asked questions regarding the Central Bedfordshire Council Report.

Mr S Barber, Vaughan Road

Referred to the Central Beds Highways new pothole mending machine. The condition of the A507 is atrocious but there has been no sight of the new machine on that road. Councillor Saunders advised that he was unsure of the priorities set for the machine.

Mrs V Balderstone, Marschefield

Queried where the expansion for Etonbury would be, off site? Councillor Saunders advised that it could potentially be on the opposite side of Arlesey Road to the school, as it is Central Beds Council owned land.

Paul Redwood, Alexander Road

Queried whether Alistair Burt MP's involvement in the Pix Brook flooding discussions had made a big difference, as he felt the Internal Drainage Board doesn't seem to be accountable to anyone but themselves. Councillor Saunders explained that the day after last summer's flooding Alistair Burt was in Stotfold for one of his surgeries, heard about the flooding, made a site visit and took charge

of the situation. The Internal Drainage Board has an elected board of land owning community (adjacent to watercourse), members from Central Beds Council and North Herts District Council. The board doesn't often meet. There used to be a representative from Stotfold on the board, but they have resigned. It is important to note that the board covers a very large area.

The Mayor advised that Alistair Burt has a case worker who works very well despite Alistair's very busy schedule. He now has a casebook for the Pix Brook flooding and will work until all questions have been answered. He is questioning at the House of Commons level why Drainage Boards are not consulted on developments where water will drain into local watercourses.

712. PRESENTATION OF THE CITIZENS AWARDS BY THE MAYOR

This year, as last, there are two people to receive Citizens Awards. These are presented to individuals who have been nominated by others for their contribution to the activities benefitting the town.

Ken Broadribb

The first recipient has lived in Stotfold with his family for over 40 years and he has taken an active part in local organisations, particularly those involving our younger citizens. Back in the 1980's when we still enjoyed the annual Carnival his two daughters were in the brownies and he took great delight in helping build their float, replicating a brightly painted fairies garden, using scraps of plywood attached to the procession lorry, the following year he remodelled this into a "Care Bears" theme.

He has always been a keen gardener, regularly taking part in the St Mary's Church 'open gardens' fund raising event, making sure there were always 'odd' items for visitors to see as well as lots of floral displays.

He has long been a regular (anonymous) contributor with his gardening tips in the Stotfold News magazine.

In the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year, he was a member of the committee organising celebration events including the fete at Hitchin Road recreation ground which unfortunately clashed with possibly the wettest day of the century.

He continued as a member of that committee who went on to organise the now famed Community Christmas Fayres which have raised many hundreds of pounds for local youth groups. His D.I.Y. skills enabled Santa to have a cosy fireplace in his grotto and a lovely box for the children to post their letters in. His skill in producing fast selling "well lubricated" cakes has also not gone unnoticed!

His main interest for over 50 years has been Judo and teaching it to younger students. In the 1980's he began classes at Etonbury School which later move to the Memorial Hall where they still take place today. He has instilled a sense of discipline and confidence to all his students over those years.

In recognition of his years of dedication his colleagues presented him with a beautiful memorial plaque last year, we now recognise his contributions with our own award.

Val Balderstone

Since moving with her husband to a nice clean and modern house in Stotfold this lady has discovered a bizarre preference for wet, muddy and cold conditions. They both became attracted to the superbly restored Stotfold Water Mill with its fully working, and cosy, internal features. She then became drawn outside to three wet and muddy fields filled with weeds which she helped transform into copses, hedges, ponds and wildflower areas to create varied wildlife habitats forming the local nature reserve we see today.

She has spent incalculable hours pulling out nettles, planting trees and hedges or digging ponds while also persuading residents to sponsor 170 trees for what became the 'Peoples' Plantation' in Meadow Two.

A respected member of the Teasel Steering Group she has been a work party leader for many years and is particularly good at making sure new members feel involved and valued. She is a regular organiser of Teasel stalls at the Mill May & October Steam events as well as during the Stotfold Festival. She helps with the social side of Teasel, producing wonderful buffets and fundraises with tombolas and games, supervising the now famous "feely box" to give children a chance to learn about the wonders of nature in an enjoyable way.

The Centenary Wood, Millennium Green, and nature reserve have all benefitted from her input but maybe one of her biggest contributions to local nature has been the very non-static world of migrating toads. Originally in Taylor's Road and now spread to Wrayfields and Mill Lane she has coordinated Toad Patrols (bring your own buckets and rubber gloves) for many years and must have saved thousands of lives during that time. Her records are fed in to the County monitoring scheme, adding significantly to the scientific data of wildlife in the area.

Her knowledge of and enthusiasm for conservation enhance our surroundings and we now recognise that in a small way with our own local award.

713. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Mrs V Balderstone, Marschefield

Queried whether anything was happening with the old Roecroft Lower School playing field. Amey temporarily used the site during the town improvement works as a compound and we were told that they would reinstate the site. This land is still allocated for educational use and it is a long process to change that. If the process began, the Town Council would protest and ask for it to be reconsidered as a valuable green space.

The Deputy Mayor advised that the Headteacher at the adjacent Academy of Central Bedfordshire was never offered the land when they took possession of the former Roecroft school building, but has said that they would like it and could make good use of it, including making it available for public use.

If Central Beds Council were looking to change the use of this piece of land from education use, they would have to consult residents in the vicinity and the Town Council would strongly object. The results of the consultation would go to the Education Minister who has to agree for it to be taken out of local education use. If the adjacent school can demonstrate that they would like it for their use, it could hopefully remain as open space and preferably for the school.

Central Beds Councillor Brian Saunders advised that there is no current intention by Central Beds Council's assets team to develop the land, but he is pushing hard for the area to be tidied up, hopefully to be carried out this spring. If there is any chance that the school would like to use the land, he will fully support them.

Mrs V Balderstone, Marschefield

Queried what the digging works were in Rook Tree Lane in the 'horse field'. The Mayor advised that he had checked with the contractors on site and this is a preliminary archaeological survey. At this stage there is no application for development and the site is not within the settlement envelope. The Town Council would object to any application for development on this site on this basis.

Mr S File, High Street

What is the outcome of the application to extend development on Taylors Road behind Silver Birch Avenue for 100 dwellings? Councillor Brian Saunders advised that as the Planning Inspector has said

that Central Bedfordshire does not have a 5 year land supply, it is not clear whether the application can be refused. Mr File queried whether the site was outside the settlement envelope, and was advised that this could be something to object to as the former Mid Beds District Council Local Plan showed the site as being outside the settlement envelope, and as the Planning Inspector says that Plan is to be used as the current Plan, the argument could still stand. It is important to note that Stotfold does not have an official Green Belt, despite being surrounded by open countryside.

There being no further questions the Mayor thanked all present for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 8.54pm

CHAIRMAN

DATED

APPENDIX A

FINANCIAL REPORT - ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 2016

The Precept is set each year by a Parish/Town Council as part of its annual budgeting process, and is collected on the Parish/Town Council's behalf by Central Bedfordshire Council. The level of Precept depends on the nature and scope of the Town/Parish Council's activities.

2016/2017 COMMITTEE BUDGETS BREAKDOWN

	REVENUE BUDGET	ADDITION TO RESERVES	TOTAL
Cemetery Management	24,648	3,000	27,648
Buildings Management (a)	83,285	10,000	93,285
Recreation Grounds, Public Lands and Lighting	98,712	24,700	123,412
Town Enhancement	2,000	0	2,000
Administration/Establishment (b)	188,400	2,500	190,900
Funds to increase General Reserves (c)		0	0
	397,045	40,200	437,245

COMPARISON WITH 2015/2016

	REVENUE BUDGET	ADDITION TO RESERVES	TOTAL
	19,958	5,000	24,958
	69,275	12,500	81,775
	91,104	10,000	101,104
	2,000	0	2,000
	183,750	10,000	193,750
		35,000	
	366,087	72,500	438,587

Again this year we have conducted a budget review, taking into account running costs of new assets to be transferred to the Council. The resulting increase in Precept is due to funds required to operate being met by a reduced number of properties as a result of the Government's reform of the welfare system, the addition of new Town Council assets, continuation of services on behalf of other authorities, together with taking on new services and responsibilities usually covered by other authorities

PRECEPT COMPARISON

2016/2017	£441,814
2015/2016	£409,218

BAND D CHARGE COMPARISON

per year	per day
£139.51	0.38 p
£138.22	0.37 p

Therefore, the Town Council part of Council Tax for a Band D property in Stotfold for 2016/17 will be £139.51 per year, which is 38p a day. This is a 1p per day increase on last year

NOTES

- (a) increase in revenue expenditure due to relocation to new community building during 2016/17
- (b) increase in reserves to contribute towards relocation exp to new community building ('Land South of Stotfold' development)
- (c) under advice of Auditor to increase General Reserves

(Residents are welcome to see the full budget figures. Please telephone 01462 730064 to make an appointment)

APPENDIX B

ELEEMSOYNARY CHARITY OF WILLIAM FIELD

(254219)

1st JANUARY 15--- 31st DECEMBER 15

INCOME

Investment Income Account	b/f	32846.25
Current Account	b/f	5282.55
Investment income		18061.83
Investment (a)		28
Rents (b)		285
Rent (c)		1740

(58243.63)

EXPENDITURE

Grants	12280
Insurance	176.86
Expenses (d)	
Common Rd Allotments	1675.75
5 acre site	1065.38
Investment Income Account cf	35658.08
Current Account cf	7387.56

(58243.63)

Notes

- a Share income
- b Jane Brooks rent
- c Allotment rent
- d Photo copying, correspondents expenses

Fixed Assets

Deposit account. This money invested in a CCLA Income Fund (38045.9 units £469284.76, Dec 31 2015) PERMANENT ENDOWMENT
 £10000 from interest invested in a CCLA Accumulate fund (118.77units £14196.57 , Dec 31 2015)
 Poores Land 5 acres
 Poores Allotment 3 Acres
 350,060 shares BlackRock Common Investment
 Part share in land managed by Biggieswade Charities

Trustees

Mrs J Hyde, Rev W Britt, Mr R Billson, Mr M Charsley & Mr S Hayes

Expenditure

Common Road allotments	Management charge	500	5 Acre	Survey	528
	Water	231.84		Tenancy	537.38
	David Brown	800			
	teasel	24.91			
	handy man	50			
	grass seed	69			
	total =	1675.75			total

Trustees

Mrs J Hyde, Rev W Britt, Mr R Billson, Mr M Charsley & Mr S Hayes