

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A brief overview of the accounts for 2009/2010 is as follows:

#### Income 2009/2010

Precept 2009/2010	£295,048
Recreation Grounds	£ 8,768
Cemetery	£ 17,101
Buildings	£ 26,590
Establishment	£ 1,490
Interest received	£ 173
Earmarked Reserves	<u>£ 8,339</u>
	<b>£357,509</b>

#### Expenditure 2009/2010

Recreation Grounds	£ 56,432
Cemetery	£ 37,741
Buildings	£ 36,672
Establishment	£131,423
Grants (+S137)	£ 3,680
Earmarked Reserves	<u>£ 17,923</u>
	<b>£283,871</b>

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

During the year the town has continued to grow, albeit slower than originally forecast. Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) has taken over as our principal authority doing what the District and County Councils did before. Last year I said that good relationships were being forged with the new CBC. At the moment this is one sided, we have repeatedly asked for the road works in Queen Street to be started. The dates for the start have come and gone, the developers should have done the work themselves before the completion of the 96 houses. The Queen Street junction with Mill Lane and Rook Tree Lane has so many dangerous holes I cannot understand why the full work has not been done. To come and put tar in only a few holes is not acceptable. Also, the grant awarded to us by the District Council for our infrastructure project, the Leisure Centre with much needed outdoor pitch areas, has been delayed until 2012/13. We wanted to have this project completed by 2012 to take advantage of the upsurge in all sports as a spin off of the Olympic Games.

In terms of planning for the future of the town I wish to thank volunteers who researched, analysed data and produced the Stotfold Town Plan. Every house was given a copy of the summary version of the Plan as a pullout section in the Stotfold News. Full versions are available for inspection at the Town Council offices and the Stotfold Library. It is also possible

to view it on the Town Council website ([www.stotfoldtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.stotfoldtowncouncil.gov.uk)). Copies of our Town Plan have been sent to CBC where all departments should take it into consideration when coming to any decision affecting Stotfold. The Town Council Committees are also taking notice of the Plan's recommendations and implementing them as and when we can. The Town Council are setting up a Town Plan Action Implementation Group and have asked, through the Stotfold News, for residents to volunteer and join some Councillors on this group. They will monitor the results of the Plan and help to move the Plan forward as a living document of intent.

The Town Council continues to receive thanks and congratulations from visitors to our Cemetery on how well it is kept. The Cemetery Committee is looking to the future and is actively considering the options for an extension which will be required as the town grows.

The Council office, situated in the Simpson Centre, Hitchin Road (near the traffic lights) will, from 2<sup>nd</sup> August, be open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm, and on Wednesday it will be open from 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 6pm. This will be a significant improvement for the benefit of residents who wish to come to see us. Thank you.

Brian Collier, Chairman

## **CHAIRMAN**

**Cllr Brian Collier**

6 Regent Street: 730057

## **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

## **TOWN CLERK**

**Mrs Kate Elliott-Turner**

## **ASSISTANT CLERK**

**Mrs Mandy Howard**

## **ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT**

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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**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**June 2010**