

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A brief overview of the accounts for 2012/2013 is as follows:

### Income 2012/2013

Precept 2012/2013	£318,734
Recreation Grounds	£ 7,775
Cemetery	£ 21,552
Buildings	£ 15,106
Establishment	£ 2,808
Interest received	£ 210
Earmarked Reserves	£ 5,871

### Expenditure 2012/2013

Recreation Grounds	£ 73,124
Cemetery	£ 40,430
Buildings	£ 47,650
Establishment	£168,513
Grants (+S137)	£ 22,061
Earmarked Reserves	£ 12,381

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

## MAYOR'S REPORT

The most notable events attended this past year were:- the local Queen's Jubilee celebrations with the Picnic in the Park, which was a little wet, and the Beacon lighting; a Garden Party given by Jack Sapsworth the High Sheriff at Puteridgebury; local lower schools Values Concert at Roecroft Lower School; the TV and Radio events at the Football Club for Victoria Pendleton's Olympic Medal races and then the painting of the post box for her Gold Medal win; the planting of a Walnut Tree at The Green by the High Sheriff Jack Sapsworth; and finally the opening of the new Garden Project at Roecroft Lower School. In all I went to 27 functions on behalf of the town.

I thank Alan Cooper, the Deputy Mayor, for attending other events and our wives for accompanying us.

### Councillors

A former Councillor, Derek Savill died and we remember him especially for his dedicated work with the Stotfold Scouts on our behalf. Latterly John Talbot was co-opted onto the Council.

Thanks to all our Councillors for the work they have done for Stotfold this year

### Staff

A big thank you to all staff for their dedicated work again this year. The extended opening hours are working really well. In addition we now have staff from the Citizens Advice Bureau CAB attending our offices to give advice.

## News from Council and the Committees

All our Council and Committee meetings are open for members of the public to attend and, by prior arrangement with the Clerk, to speak on any item that is of interest to them for up to three minutes.

This is particularly important for the Planning Committee; your input is valuable either by writing to us, or by coming and speaking.

This year the work of Central Bedfordshire Council in relation to the allocation of land for Gypsy and Traveler sites came to the fore. They proposed four possible sites in Stotfold. Their SUSCOM Committee reduced this to one site in front of Lower Wilbury Farm on the Stotfold Road, Letchworth. This site, in common with the other sites was spoken against. Nevertheless it was not withdrawn by the Committee and will be considered by a Planning Inspector who will have all representations to consider.

The Community Leisure Centre Project Phase One has started, planning permission was granted for car parking and siting of a toilet block, and the area of land has been fenced. The groundworks team has started the leveling and seeding work.

The new Parish of Fairfield came into being on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013, their election in early May gave them their first Parish Council. We wish them well in their new endeavors.

I would like to thank all those volunteers in the town who have continued supporting our numerous organisations. This year we will be honouring more of them with our Citizens Award.

Thank you.

## **TOWN MAYOR**

### **Cllr Brian Collier**

6 Regent Street: 730057

## **DEPUTY MAYOR**

### **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 Barrie Dack**

24 Bronte Avenue: 834640

### **Cllr Satinderjit Dhaliwal**

20 Mowbray Crescent: 07875 310345

### **Cllr Steve Hayes**

58 High Street: 834165

### **Cllr Mrs Jane Hyde**

71 The Green: 730305

### **Cllr Tim Naisbitt**

17 Prince Harry Close: 733577

### **Cllr Brian Saunders**

107 Hitchin Road: 626722

### **Cllr Geoff Smith**

1 Middlemarch: 731935

### **Cllr Larry Stoter**

34 Astwick Road: 733309

### **Cllr John Talbot**

53 Brook Street: 732922

### **One Councillor vacancy**

(all telephone numbers have 01462 code)

## **TOWN CLERK**

**Mrs Kate Elliott-Turner**

## **ASSISTANT CLERK**

**Mrs Mandy Howard**

## **ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT**

**Mrs Julie Barrow**

## **ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT**

**Mrs Suzanne Cowie**

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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 2013**