

MAYOR'S REPORT 2015- 2016

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A brief overview of the accounts for 2015/2016 is as follows:

Income 2015/2016

Precept 2015/2016	£409,218
Recreation Grounds	£ 10,286
Cemetery	£ 24,399
Buildings	£ 23,893
Establishment	£ 1,400
Interest received	£ 283
Earmarked Reserves	£ 8,021
Section 106 Inc	£ 23,702

Expenditure 2015/2016

Recreation Grounds	£ 86,529
Cemetery	£ 41,631
Buildings	£ 52,160
Establishment	£141,666
Grants (incl. S137)	£ 4,794
Earmarked Reserves	£ 7,923
Arlesey Rd project	£ 15,021
Section 106 Exp	£ 23,702

Electors can view the complete Annual Statement of Accounts for 2015/2016 by making an appointment with the Clerk

Comparison with the previous financial year

Income 2014/2015

Precept 2014/2015	£372,041
Recreation Grounds	£ 8,748
Cemetery	£ 26,479
Buildings	£ 24,106
Establishment	£ 989
Interest received	£ 181
Earmarked Reserves	£ 6,038

Expenditure 2014/2015

Recreation Grounds	£ 73,058
Cemetery	£ 40,421
Buildings	£ 45,944
Establishment	£142,868
Grants (incl. S137)	£ 6,530
Earmarked Reserves	£ 712
Arlesey Rd project	£159,522

I must begin by thanking all our Councillors, staff and contractors for the work they have done for the town over the last year. Likewise, thanks goes to the many voluntary groups and individuals who work with and are supported by the Council to enhance our environment.

I have been privileged to represent Stotfold in attending many events locally and in other surrounding towns. Where I have been unable to attend, Councillor Brian Collier, or other Councillors have deputised.

During 2015 the Council returned to its full complement of Councillors, with the co-option in July 2015 of Councillors Stuart Jackson and Daniel Matthews. March 2016 saw the resignation of Councillor Larry Stoter, and subsequent co-option of Councillor Emily Wearmouth. During 2016 we said goodbye to our Assistant Clerk, Mandy Howard, followed by our morning Administration Assistant, Julie Barrow. They have both moved on to other jobs in the area where we wish them well. Our new staff recruits are Caroline Jenkins as Assistant Clerk, Liz Litchfield as morning Administration Assistant and Qun Zhe (known as Jo) Wang as Finance Assistant, taking up their posts between June and August.

The Council undertook a major investment (using Section 106 monies) in providing new 'inclusive' play equipment at the Hitchin Road Recreation Ground and look forward to adopting other play areas on Queen Street and Valerian Way developments.

The new Greenacre Centre community building is due to be transferred to the Town Council in July/August 2016 and this, as well as providing

a modern venue for events, will also house the new offices for the Town Council.

Most of the 'Town Improvement' works have been completed, although some are still outstanding, and linked with this were improvements to the road markings outside St Mary's School in Rook Tree Lane to address the long recognised problem of traffic and child safety issues. A general speed limit of 20mph was also adopted throughout the town.

The first ever town Christmas Lights display was welcomed by most, running from the Brook Street car park, along the High Street to the parade of shops opposite the Co-op store. With suitable support from local individuals and organisations, this will be continued and expanded in years to come.

All our residents are reminded that Council and Committee meetings are generally held on Wednesday evenings. Members of the public are able to attend, and by prior arrangement with the Clerk, may speak for up to three minutes on any item that is of interest to them, or is included on the agenda. Your input is valuable to us, either verbally or written, so that local views are taken into account in decision made by the Council.

Councillor Alan Cooper
Mayor of Stotfold

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Cllr Brian Collier
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DEPUTY MAYOR
Cllr Alan Cooper
16 Coppice Mead: 733106

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
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TOWN CLERK - Kate Elliott-Turner

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