

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A brief overview of the accounts for 2016/2017 is as follows:

Income 2016/2017

Precept 2016/2017	£441,614
Recreation Grounds	£ 7,513
Cemetery	£ 20,497
Buildings	£ 30,438
Establishment	£ 856
Interest received	£ 418
Earmarked Reserves	£ 6,021
Arlesey Road project	£ 0

Expenditure 2016/2017

Recreation Grounds	£ 96,843
Cemetery	£ 28,717
Buildings	£ 77,103
Establishment	£154,886
Grants (incl. S137)	£ 7,805
Earmarked Reserves	£ 15,747
Arlesey Rd project	£ 16,390

Electors can view the complete Annual Statement of Accounts for 2016/2017 by making an appointment with the Clerk

Comparison with the previous financial year

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

MAYOR'S REPORT 2016- 2017

I must begin by thanking all our Councillors, staff and contractors for the work they have done for the town, sometimes under difficult conditions, over the last year. Likewise, our gratitude goes to the many voluntary 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 surrounding towns. Where I have been unable to attend, Councillor Brian Collier, or other Councillors have deputised.

Earlier this year, we received the sad news of the passing of Mavis (May) Stevens, who was for some time our 'loo attendant' at the High Street public conveniences. She was a real old village character, and she will be missed.

December 2016 saw the second year of our town Christmas Lights display, with more shops along the High Street taking part and street lamp displays linking the High Street through Grange Drive to the new Greenacre Centre in Valerian Way. Our first ever Christmas Tree was suitably lit and on display outside the building, around which Father Christmas was swamped by hordes of children, eager to empty his bucket of sweets! The Christmas Lights project is a joint effort between the Town Council and Stotfold branch of the Baldock Rotary Club, with much of the financial support required coming from local businesses and organisations.

The Town Council was expecting to move into the new Greenacre Centre in summer 2016, but due to delays in legal transfer from the

developers, we were not able to relocate until May of this year.

Last year saw the Central Bedfordshire Council 'Call for Sites' consultation lead to many local land owners and developers submitting their sites for potential residential development. The Local Plan is being prepared by Central Bedfordshire Council, and along with any local Community Plans in towns and villages, will form their strategy up to 2035. Stotfold has been grouped with Arlesey, Fairfield and Astwick as one of 15 areas covering the whole of the Local Plan consideration.

Pressure on our town from further planning applications for residential developments will continue throughout 2017 and beyond, this will be fueled by both local and Central Government pressures on housing targets. All residents are encouraged to be vigilant and make their views known on applications to Central Bedfordshire Council as the Local Planning Authority – whether directly consulted or not. Please copy your responses to the Town Council so they can also consider local feelings in their responses to applications.

The long-awaited relocation of Stotfold Football Club from Roker Park to the new club and community building at the Arlesey Road site continues to progress with planning applications being approved some time ago. Preparation of the several leases and other legal documents between Central Bedfordshire Council, Stotfold Town Council, Stotfold Football Club, Vodafone and the developers is now all but complete. If the proposed schedules are met, then matches should begin at the Arlesey Road site during 2018, housing development at Roker Park will follow that.

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Mayor of Stotfold

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