

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A brief overview of the accounts for 2019/2020 is as follows:

Income 2019/2020

Precept 2018/2019	£486,171
Recreation Grounds	£ 9,212
Cemetery	£ 21,020
Buildings	£ 53,520
Establishment	£ 20
Interest received	£ 3,797
Earmarked Reserves	£169,433

Expenditure 2019/2020

Recreation Grounds	£127,671
Cemetery	£ 44,270
Buildings	£114,212
Establishment	£188,850
Grants (incl. S137)	£ 9,666
Earmarked Reserves	£ 66,151
Arlesey Rd project	£ 47,615

Electors can view the complete Annual Statement of Accounts for 2019/2020 by making an appointment with the Clerk

Comparison with the previous financial year

Income 2018/2019

Precept 2017/2018	£470,434
Recreation Grounds	£ 7,924
Cemetery	£ 40,912
Buildings	£ 65,414
Establishment	£ 32
Interest received	£ 2,988
Earmarked Reserves	£ 12,144

Expenditure 2018/2019

Recreation Grounds	£105,144
Cemetery	£ 43,020
Buildings	£ 94,597
Establishment	£174,372
Grants (incl. S137)	£ 9,843
Earmarked Reserves	£ 20,883
Arlesey Rd project	£ 26,819

MAYOR'S REPORT 2019-2020

Thanks are due once again to all our Councillors, staff and contractors for the work they have done on behalf of the town over the last year. This must also apply to the many local volunteers, both groups and individuals who give their time so freely in helping less fortunate residents among us or who undertake to maintain and enhance the environment around us for all to enjoy.

It is pleasing to be able to report some stability in both Town Councillors and staff over the last year with no major changes other than key-holders to some of our public buildings. During the first part of the year at least I was privileged to attend many civic events, both locally and further afield, to represent both the Town Council and people of the town. During the middle of the period my thanks also go to all those involved in helping make both the popular Community Christmas Fayre and Christmas Lights Switch On events such a success with an enthusiastic response from all those attending.

We witnessed an exceptionally large turnout of both representatives from local organisations and residents at the Remembrance Sunday parade and service on 10th November and also at the Civic Service on 9th February. The unveiling of a second, potentially lifesaving, defibrillator donated to Stotfold by the Baldock Rotary Club took place at the King's Baptist Church on 29th January and we are grateful to both those organisations for their support.

The long-awaited official opening of the new home to Stotfold Football Club Ltd finally took place on Thursday 30th January 2020 at the new recreation ground at Arlesey Road where we hope they have a long and successful future; full exchange of leases was completed on 3rd February. March 5th was the date for the Annual Town Meeting where all registered residents are invited to attend and

express their views and ask questions on matters concerning the town although the attendance was disappointingly low. During the meeting Citizens Awards were presented to Helen Wightwick, Simon Barrow and Melanie Cheney in recognition of their contributions to the town and its residents. On March 9th pupils from our Junior schools attended the Commonwealth Day celebration of its 70th year and helped with the raising of the flag at the Greenacres Centre.

Shortly after these events news was being received concerning the global spread of the Covid-19, or Coronavirus, disease emanating from China and rapidly spreading around the world with devastating effect. Due to the severity of this pandemic several expected events from March 23rd had to be cancelled under Government guidance such as the planned VE exhibition, Stotfold Mill weekend, Big Tidy Up, along with the lock-down of many public centres and service providers including the Town Council offices.

Future planning goes ahead for provision of a new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on the Arlesey Road site along with refurbishment of the established MUGA at the Riverside playing field. It is the intention to take advantage of match funding available from the CBC tree planting fund over the next two years by identifying areas around the town, including Arlesey Road, where the environment and wildlife habitat could be improved. Many other ongoing schemes such as the Etonbury Green Wheel, Council's Corporate Strategic Plan, Town Plan Implementation continue to be operated and a sub-committee is being formed to work with local residents towards the creation of a "Neighbourhood Plan" to afford some protection and involvement with future developments in and around our area.

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