

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A brief overview of the accounts for 2020/2021 is as follows:

### Income 2020/2021

Precept 2019/2020	£509,651
Recreation Grounds	£ 11,663
Cemetery	£ 28,553
Buildings	£ 14,686
Establishment	£ 25
Interest received	£ 524
Earmarked Reserves	£ 88,849

### Expenditure 2020/2021

Recreation Grounds	£127,882
Cemetery	£ 40,879
Buildings	£113,610
Establishment	£196,072
Grants	£ 3,047
Earmarked Reserves	£ 46,309
Arlesey Rd project	£ 0

**Electors can view the complete Annual Statement of Accounts for 2020/2021 by making an appointment with the Clerk**

## Comparison with the previous financial year

### 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	£ 9,666
Earmarked Reserves	£ 66,151
Arlesey Rd project	£ 47,615

## MAYOR'S REPORT 2020-2021

It has probably been some of the most difficult times both the Town Council and majority of residents have experienced for many, many years. The Coronavirus pandemic has imposed hardships and restrictions on the whole country, some of a deeply personal nature, such that it will be many years before we again return to what we, until recently, regarded as "normal" if indeed that is possible.

Due to the 'lock down' periods and ever varying Government imposed restrictions and guidelines we have not been able to offer services from the Greenacre Centre offices nor to have open the various public buildings under our supervision around the town. Both councillors and staff have had to learn to carry on as best they could and largely to use electronic and 'virtual' communication for meetings and other functions. My thanks as ever go to all councillors, our staff and our contractors for their brave support during these trying times.

It has been heartening to see the support that has been forthcoming to those living alone, advanced in age or with other restrictions to their abilities who would not manage easily during the period without the generous input from local groups, businesses and individuals coming forward. Congratulations and many thanks to all those 'good neighbours' who have been so active.

The Town Council, along with many from around the town were saddened to hear of the death of Mrs Sheila Bundock on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021. A shining example to us all of a good and caring member of the community who, during her 50 years in Stotfold, had involved herself deeply in many local organisations, in addition

to being a member of the Town Council for around half that period until her very end.

Many planned events and activities have not been possible this past year including -Commonwealth Day on 8 March, VE Day on 8-10 May, Keep Stotfold Clean days 16 May & 12 Sep, Remembrance Sunday in November plus numerous Civic events around our area.

The memorial services for the loss of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, also had to be very subdued although I was privileged to be invited by HM Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, Helen Nellis, to attend the Service of Thanksgiving at The Church of St Paul, Bedford on 16 April and represent Stotfold.

After many years of delay, final discussions near an end for open areas and play equipment at both the Prince Charles development off Queen Street and around the Greenacres and Trinity Manor developments behind the Co-op. These will become 'adopted' by Stotfold Town Council once remedial work has been completed by the developers (Persimmon Homes & Taylor Wimpey) and financial settlements have been agreed.

Stotfold Football Club have now settled into their new home at the Arlesey Road Park site and we look forward to the next phase of adding facilities within the park for general use by of the public in 'non-football' pursuits. Plans are well advanced for the design of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) plus further play and fitness equipment and landscaping. This project, costing in excess of £200,000, will be financed by Section 106 monies from local developments and is to be overseen by Central Bedfordshire Council on our behalf and to ensure that all legal and safety requirements are met. It is hoped that everything will be in place for permission and start of build to begin sometime

from September 2021 and subject to the money due from the developers having been received.

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# **STOTFOLD TOWN COUNCIL**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**June 2021**