

Annual Review 16/17

Stony Stratford Town Council

Fullers Slade . Galley Hill . Stony Stratford Town

Chair's Report by Cllr Joan Walker MBE

Dear Resident,

Stony Stratford Town Council Precept 2017/18

Changes occurring in government today affect services provided by Parish and Town Councils and setting a precept is a difficult decision for a Council to take lightly. Taking into account reductions in grant from Milton Keynes Council, reducing year on year, rising inflation and continuing to provide services for the local community, this Town Council has reluctantly agreed to increase the precept by 7.5%. The total expenditure for the Council for the coming year will amount to £267,819 after taking into account grants received, income raised and use of reserves which means that a Band D property will increase this year to £71.75.

Stony Stratford Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to Milton Keynes Council and will, we trust, have gone through its formal legal examination and residents should shortly be in a position to vote on it at a referendum and so ensure the vitality of the High Street and maintaining and improving essential green spaces.

5 - 7 Church Street (the Library) is the main asset owned by the Town Council and expenditure includes the upkeep of the building for use by Town Council, Library and community groups such as the Citizens Advice Bureau.

There is a possibility that funding for landscaping may be reduced in the future and this Council has to try to ensure that standards which have previously been set are

maintained.

A new Town Council website is being launched in the spring 2017. It will include new features with the intention of informing residents about meetings, events and community group activities. Two new items of equipment, a balance bench and see-saw have been added to Millfield Play Park, jointly funded by Milton Keynes Council and Stony Stratford Town Council.

The Town Council manages two allotment sites; the Wolverton Road Allotment which is in need of more secure fencing and the Boundary Crescent site which has undergone improvements. The Town Council also oversees the London Road site. Maintenance of the public toilets, dog bins, litter picking in the Millfield during the summer months, youth activities at York House and the Farmers' Market are just an example of some of the responsibilities of the Town Council.

MKPA summer play sessions for young people, Big Lunch and Apple Day have become annual events, to which we are hoping to revive the August Bank Holiday Fair. These are some of the services and activities currently supported by the Town Council.

Folk on the Green, Stony Live, Riverside Festival, Stony Stratford in Bloom, the Big Draw, Lantern Festival, Christmas Lights, Act Out Drama, Friends of Stony Stratford Library, Horsefair Green together with Residents Associations assisted by their army of volunteers, benefit from grants provided by the Town Council.

The Town Council/Councillors have excellent support from the Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Information Officer and I thank them and also fellow Councillors for their support to me as Chair. We have a very difficult year ahead.



*Joan Walker MBE
Chair, Stony Stratford Town
Council*

The Council as a Living Wage Employer

Stony Stratford Town Council has been awarded Living Wage Employer status. To find out more, go to: www.livingwage.org.uk.



*Town Clerk, Lynne Compton,
receiving the Living Wage
Accreditation Certificate*



Stony Stratford Town Council

Stony Stratford Town Councillors Meeting attendance & allowances

Meetings & attendance

All the Councillors are elected volunteers. They each take part in different meetings throughout the year. Their attendance is based on all the meetings they are appointed to take part in.

Allowances

Town Councillors are entitled to claim an allowance set at £531 (£1,062 for the Chair) for 2016/17. It is an individual member's decision as to whether he or she claims the allowance.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS	Full Council	Planning	Projects	F & GP	Property Development	Allowance Basic is
Total 2016/17	6 and 3 Special	11	9	5	4	£531.00
Fullers Slade Ward						
Simon Cherrill	8/9	11/11		5/5	4/4	£531.00
Anne Cryer-Whitehead	6/9	8/11	8/8			£531.00
Galley Hill Ward						
Mick Allsopp	5/9	8/11		2/2	4/4	£531.00
Paul Bartlett	6/9	5/11	5/9			£531.00
Stony Stratford South West Ward						
Robert Gifford	7/9		9/9	4/5	4/4	£531.00
June Payne	7/9	7/11				£531.00
Stony Stratford South East Ward						
Keith Tilley	7/9		6/9	4/5		£531.00
Joan Walker MBE (Chair)	9/9	10/11	9/9	5/5	4/4	£1,062.00
Stony Stratford North						
Cliff Brett (Vice Chair)	9/9		8/8	5/5	4/4	£531.00
Pete Thornburgh	9/9	10/11	7/9			£531.00

Town Councillors are also members of the following outside bodies:

Edmund Arnold's Charity and Foundation
Mick Allsopp

Fullers Slade Residents Association
Anne Cryer-Whitehead

Galley Hill Residents Association
Mick Allsopp

MK Association of Local Councils
Mick Allsopp & Robert Gifford

MK Council Parishes Forum
Mick Allsopp & Robert Gifford

Passenham Quarry Liaison Group
Chairman of the Council

Stony Stratford Fairtrade Group
June Payne

Stony Stratford Futures Group
Chairman of the Council

Swan Credit Union
Cliff Brett

WEA Stakeholder Group
Chairman of the Council or Chair of Planning Committee

Community grants awarded by Stony Stratford Town Council in 2016/17



Act Out/Act Up Drama Group Contribution towards the running of the groups	£ 300.00	Stony Stratford Big Draw Contribution towards 2016 project	£ 250.00
Citizens Advice Milton Keynes Grant to run drop-in sessions at Stony Stratford Library	2090.00	Stony Stratford Business Association Contribution towards the Christmas Lights 2016	650.00
Festive Road Community Interest Company Paraphernalia Event on Campbell Park	200.00	Stony Stratford Community Church Contribution towards Carols on the Green 2016	150.00
Fullers Slade Residents Association Contribution towards MK50 Party	500.00	Stony Friday Club Contribution towards events	500.00
Fullers Slade Residents Association Contribution towards Big Lunch/Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations Event	500.00	Stony Stratford Lantern Project Contribution towards 2016 project	300.00
MK Food Bank Contribution to Food Bank	1000.00	Stony Live! Contribution to 2016 events	750.00
Riverside Parks Group Contribution towards 2016 & 2017 Riverside Fair	470.00		
<u>CIVIC INITIATIVES</u>			
Little Miracles Provision of special educational needs play sessions: educational play session, science sessions & football session with MK Dons	335.00	Stony Stratford Mural Funding towards a new mural on Horsefair Green	197.00
Stony Stratford Art Project Contribution towards the painting of the hoardings	125.00	Stony Stratford Town Council Thank You Event for community groups and organisations	395.00

If you would like to find out more about applying for a grant please contact us at:

Stony Stratford Town Council, 5 - 7 Church Street, Stony Stratford, MK11 1BD.

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 10am - 3pm.

tel: 01908 566726 fax: 01908 566726 or 562562

website: www.stonystratford.gov.uk/Town_Council

email: office@stonystratford.gov.uk

Facebook: [StonyStratfordTownCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/StonyStratfordTownCouncil)

Grants received by the local community include:

York House Centre:

Stony Stratford Town Council: £250.00 - Big Draw 2016; £300.00 - Lantern Project 2016; £300.00 - Act Out & Act Up - 2016/17 Academic Year; £3816.12 - Junior Youth Club - Youth Leader Wages, Room Hire, Storage and Admin Contribution; £3515.00 - Senior Youth Club - Youth Leader Wages and Admin Contribution

Milton Keynes Community Foundation: £127.00 - Big Draw 2016; £616.00 - Lantern Project 2016; £948.00 - Act Out & Act Up - 2015/16 Academic Year 'Guarantee Against Loss'; £494.50 - New Boiler Project - new gas meter

Stony Stratford Business Association: £150.00 - Lantern Project 2016

WREN: £7,500.00 - New Boiler Project (includes 3rd party contribution of £825.00 from MK Community Foundation)

Ancell Trust: £100.00 - Act Out & Act Up - 2016/17 Academic Year

Wolverton Science & Art Institute Fund: £300.00 - Act Out & Act Up - 2016/17 Academic Year

Living Archive: £525.00 - Act Out & Act Up - Magdalen Tower Video Project (Jan & Feb 2017)

Councillor Liz Gifford: £150.00 - Edible Bed / Community Gardens Raised Bed Access Project

Fundraising /Donations: £164.63 - Big Draw 2016 - Volunteer Cafe Profit; £138.17 - Big Draw 2016 - Bucket Collection Donations; £792.46 - General Donations to York House Centre; £10,532.51 - Donations for Specific Projects; £100.00 - Home Retail Group - Donation for Corporate Volunteer Day; £4,195.18 - York House Fundraising Events - Profit; £3,367.48 - LocalGiving.Com Website Donations + Matched Funding (these donations are used to support our community projects to reduce the burden on external funders and to purchase equipment for the benefit of all our users)

Photos courtesy of Kate Davies, Cllr Pete Thornburgh & York House Centre

Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31 March 2017

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2017

2015/16 £		2016/17 £
	Operating Income	
1,177	Amenities	500
4,162	Recreation	4,945
86,002	Environment & Highways	88,874
171,933	Council Operations	177,606
1,500	Publicity/Training/Subs	0
1,060	Farmers Market	1,385
2,962	Allotments	2,808
7,637	5-7 Church Street	9,343
276,434	Total Income	285,460
	Running Costs	
26,841	Amenities	33,784
25,647	Recreation	25,029
89,134	Environment & Highways	86,931
82,130	Council Operations	84,254
1,034	Development Control	846
11,790	Publicity/Training/Subs	14,765
0	Section 137	30
12	Farmers Market	99
5,831	Allotments	5,010
120	Heritage Project	0
29,104	5-7 Church Street	32,916
0	Public Art Projects	3,500
271,645	Total Expenditure	287,165
	General Fund Analysis	
31,123	Opening Balance	34,752
276,434	Plus : Income for Year	285,460
307,557		320,213
271,645	Less : Expenditure for Year	287,165
35,913		33,047
1,160	Transfers TO / FROM Reserves	(8,939)
34,753	Closing Balance	41,986

2015/16 £	Current Assets	2016/17 £
674	Debtors	0
6,114	VAT Control	10,676
302	Prepayments	76
16,734	Current a/c	12,083
69,665	Business Instant Access	69,889
225	Petty Cash	475
0	Swan Credit Union Ltd	100
1,598	Receipts in Advance	0
95,312		93,300
95,312	Total Assets	93,300
	Current Liabilities	
3,827	Creditors	2,808
805	Accruals	1,114
625	Allotment Key Deposits	745
0	Allotment Rent Deposits	240
0	Receipts in Advance	43
5,257		4,949
90,055	Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	88,350
	Represented By	
34,752	General Reserve	41,986
1,000	Public Conveniences Fund	1,000
669	SID Fund	669
2,813	Allotments Fund	2,813
517	Youth Projects Fund	517
9,260	Mortimer Park	9,260
3,824	Floral Features	3,824
3,608	Boundary Crescent Regeneration Fund	3,608
120	SS Futures Group Fund	120
5,274	s106 Hayes Mews Public Art	1,774
3,497	Neighbourhood Plan	3,497
18,247	5-7 Church St fund	14,636
1,472	Cllr Brunning Ward Budget	1,837
5,000	Calverton End Play Area	1,000
90,055		88,350

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the authority as at 31 March 2017 and reflects its Income and Expenditure during the year

Signed :

Chairman

Joan Walker MBE Date: 16th May 2017

Signed :

Responsible Financial Officer

Lynne Compton

Date: 16th May 2017



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