



# ***Tarporley Parish Council***

## **ANNUAL REPORT** **2005 ~ 2006**

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

This is the Annual Report of the Tarporley Parish Council for the year April 2005 to March 2006. The report is based on presentations made and papers received at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2006 that were subsequently received at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2006

## **2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** (Presented by Chairman E Boynes).

2005/06 has been a busy and productive year for Tarporley Parish councillors. I believe it is fair to say that they can be pleased with the results of their endeavours despite the continual difficulties encountered in finding a way through what appears to be endless layers of bureaucracy.

The Parish Council has been saddened to lose the services of Councillor Hugh Melliush through retirement, Councillor Caroline Topping, who has moved out of the Parish and John Phillips who has retired after maintaining our footpaths and green areas for many years. I, and all parish councillors, sincerely thank them for the contribution they have made to the betterment of Tarporley during their years of service. We also welcome our new Parish Councillor, Heidi Nickson, we hope she will enjoy her participation in parish council affairs for many years to come.

Once again we have won the Best Kept Village Award, which is only right and proper as reflecting the hard work put in by the Best Kept Village working group and the many businesses and residents whose co-operation is vital to ensure that Tarporley is worthy of those who live here.

I congratulate our Highways working group, who, after protracted negotiations with Cheshire County Council Highways Department, have obtained new prominent speed control signage at entrances to the village which hopefully will bring about a reduction in the speed of traffic in vulnerable areas. Moving the bus stop to opposite the Chocolate Shop will provide legal parking spaces outside the pharmacy. The County Council offered to erect one of their standard plastic and steel bus shelters at the new bus stop but the Parish Council declined the offer as it believed it was not in keeping with the village architecture.

The Parish Council are now the owners of the land purchased to provide Tarporley with a new burial ground. A survey of the drains is now taking place and a draft layout of the grave positioning is proceeding.

The first phase of the children's play area is now complete, as is the provision of a "teen Shelter". With funds now being available we look forward to the completion of the second phase some time during the coming year.

There have been a number of well attended public meetings to consider the development of the Tarporley Parish Plan. A Steering Group of residents has been formed who have invited contributions from all the groups providing sport, leisure and cultural activities in the parish. A questionnaire has been circulated in an attempt to discover just what the residents believe is needed to determine the way forward for Tarporley.

We now have a much improved police presence in the village, for which many thanks should be extended to PC Chris. McCourt. He has worked hard to meet the people of Tarporley and to take note of their concerns. Through his efforts we now have more police present at times when anti social behaviour might present a problem..

On a happier note the switching on of the Christmas lights was again a great success and I thank most sincerely all of those who helped and joined in to make it a happy

start to the Christmas season. Father Christmas was most impressed so perhaps he will come again next year.

The children of the Parish seemed to enjoy taking part in the “Tallest Sunflower” competition which will be repeated this year.

Most important of all, and largely due to the strenuous efforts of our Clerk, we have been accredited as a Quality Parish Council. This will mean that in due course, as we prove our competence, your parish council will be able to provide you with some of the services currently provided by the higher tiers of authority.

Setting our precept, which forms part of the council tax, is always a problem. The monies we raise are principally directed to the provision of services to the parish, with administration costs kept to a minimum. The Parish Council was aware of the gloomy forecasts in the Press that the increases in council tax would be in excess of inflation. The decision was made, therefore, not to increase the precept above the £33,000 set for 2005/06. This means that very careful consideration must be given to any unplanned request for funding.

The ambition of Tarporley Parish Council is always to attempt to improve the quality of life in the parish of Tarporley. We hope we are being successful.

### **3. VALE ROYAL BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT (By Councillor T Hill)**

The Borough Councillor has a duty to represent the views of the Ward at Vale Royal and to report back to the Parish Council, on matters that affect the parish. Whilst Planning issues are by far the most numerous, I also serve on the Environment Review Committee and attend routine Rural Review and Police Liaison Meetings. The past year has seen the launch and development of a new recycling scheme and I was initially very critical of the decision to introduce two weekly residual refuse collections. However, credit must be given to the Officers who have worked tirelessly to ensure the new scheme works. This has resulted in an increase in recycling from less than 15% to over 40%, making the Borough one of the leading Councils in the country. Further development of the scheme, will see plastic being recycled and a trial is currently ongoing.

During the past year the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act became law and the provisions will progressively come into force, this coming year. This piece of legislation has now seen the appointment of a Streetscene Awareness Manager, designed to help the Borough deliver the enforcement provisions contained within the Act. It is hoped that many of the upsetting issues that can blight our lives, will now be addressed. I refer to graffiti, dropping litter and fly tipping, dog fouling, noise, anti social behaviour, etc.

I continue to monitor issues of concern that either directly affect the parish or could do so in the future and maintain my resolute opposition to a windfarm at Oxheys Farm and an incinerator at Ince. The new sand quarry at Cobden Farm seems to be well managed by Tarmac and the cause of very little inconvenience to adjoining householders.

Planning issues take up much of my time and very careful thought goes into every application and any adverse issues are promptly brought to the attention of the Planning Department. The approval of the Spar Store and fuel station was sadly contested for many months, resulting in a delay in developing the site of nearly a year. It is very pleasing to now have it open and I believe it will prove to be a very considerable asset to our community. It is regretted that planning approval has finally

been granted, at appeal, for the Arderne Estate House site. This is felt to be in conflict with many of the guidelines contained within our adopted Village Design Statement. Ongoing discussions will continue on numerous other unresolved issues including, possible relocation of the Primary School, waiting restrictions and car parking in the village and the provision of low cost housing, particularly for key workers in our community.

There are two further important issues that require comment. The Parish Council have noted the intention of the Home Secretary to force, if necessary, the Cheshire Constabulary to merge with Merseyside. This is not considered to be in the interests of the people of Cheshire and will continue to be opposed.

Finally unitary Government: a great deal of time and effort was put into a proposal to remove a tier of government. This resulted in the Borough proposing a single tier, with the merging of Vale Royal with Crewe and Nantwich. This work came to nought with the cancellation of a referendum on Regional Government. However restructuring has not gone away and unitary government is now firmly back on the agenda. This is likely to become a key issue in the coming months as status quo is apparently not going to be acceptable. The Parish Council will certainly be required to contribute to this debate.

#### **4 TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS** (by Councillor C Topping, retired April 2006)

The PC Highways & Traffic working group has met regularly with CCC throughout the year regarding the promised improvements to Tarporley highways as a result of the current Local Transport Plan funding.

Speed limits at village entry points have been reviewed and new road markings are in place. Works to provide access from the Royal British Legion to Tarporley Primary School, the relocation of the bus stop from outside the old Post Office to outside 89a and 89b to provide additional High Street parking spaces, improvement to the High Street tactile paving, and alterations to the Birch Heath Lane kerb are in hand.

CCC are in discussions with the Community Centre to provide car park lining in the Community Centre car park to help encourage use of the space and ease parking congestion in the High Street. Approaches are being made to CCC to once again consider time restricted parking in the village, this time with the help of the Traffic and Community Support Officer to police the restrictions.

The Highways group is considering the possibility of building of a new bus shelter to complement the relocated bus stop if the project can be made financially viable.

#### **5. AFFORDABLE HOUSING** (By Councillor J Wall)

During the past year we have maintained contact with the Planning Department of Vale Royal Borough Council, in our joint endeavours to identify options for the provision of affordable housing as identified in "The Housing Needs Survey" (March 2004). This housing need was also reflected in the number of applicants for the two houses in Ardens Meadow that became vacant during last year.

We await decisions from Cheshire County Council regarding the future of the Brook Farm School site and from the Police Authority on the possible conversion of the former Police Station.

We continue to prioritise affordable housing in relation to any housing developments in the village.

## **6. COMMUNITY SECURITY (By Councillor J Greenwood)**

Since June 2005 PC Chris McCourt has been our village policeman. He has been very visible and has achieved some good results over the past months and has, on occasion, been assisted by special constables. Chris has been active in the Pubwatch and Businesswatch initiatives. Chris and the TCSO John Donaldson have made efforts to tackle traffic problems on the High Street. It is also hoped that with additional help of the special constables they may be able to enforce any future proposed traffic restrictions on the High Street.

There have been several serious incidents and a number of minor ones related to vandalism and antisocial behaviour that have been brought to the attention of the Parish Council. These incidents are taken very seriously and efforts are being made to improve the situation. It is evident that under age drinking plays a part in precipitating this behaviour and various approaches have been made to tackle this problem including Pubwatch and evening Police patrols. The possibility of installing CCTV cameras is being explored and some licensed premises in the village are giving consideration to fund raising and it is hoped that other businesses may become involved. A proposal for a drinking ban on the High Street has been considered but this is not supported by VRBC or the Police at present.

Discussions have taken place with CCC to reduce the problem caused by the school buses in the High Street. Some changes have taken place although the improvement is modest.

## **7. BEST KEPT VILLAGE (By Councillor J Foden)**

The 2005 entry resulted in a first place in the category 2,500~5,000 residents in the Community Pride competition. The village has been in the doldrums for several years but has now re-established its position, the next stage is the overall best kept village in Cheshire, the enviable position held by our smaller neighbour Bunbury. Thank you to all businesses, organisations, residents and visitors who helped make our village a special place.

How can we contribute? Help keep your own area tidy and colourful. Get involved with local groups discussing local issues, participate in the Parish Plan and talk to councillors with your ideas.

## **8. THE CEMETERY (By Councillor J Foden)**

Having acquired the land for the cemetery the new path through St Helen's churchyard is to be constructed, the cemetery layout agreed and the rules and charges established. It is anticipated the cemetery will open following the closure the St Helen's churchyard to new interments once the churchyard is full.

## **9. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & CELEBRATIONS (By Councillor T Spark)**

The Christmas lights celebration with music, carols and refreshments proved very successful with the switch on by Father Christmas and the Deputy Mayor of Vale Royal.

## **10. PLAYGROUND (By Councillor G Lees)**

Phase 1 of the project was completed during the summer of 2005 with full site preparation, installation of new footpath, steps and perimeter fencing. A limited

number of play items were installed in the toddler section. The rest of the site was temporarily grassed. The teen shelter was installed in the corner of the car park. Following a ROSPA safety inspection, the play area was handed over to the Parish Council and appropriate insurance policies were arranged. Numerous trees and shrubs were planted in November to replace those removed during site clearance. All facilities appear to be well used and very popular on sunny days. FLAG have raised funds for phase 2 and are currently arranging contracts. Hopefully installation will be completed prior to Carnival day in July. The grassed area will be lifted and the remainder of the play equipment installed – this time principally for juniors. Litterbins and bench seating will be installed inside the play area. This will complete the project.

## **11. THE PRIMARY SCHOOL (By Councillor G Lees)**

School numbers: At the beginning of Sept 2005 school numbers dipped as only 17 entrants were taken in the reception class. However, 28 pupils have been accepted in reception from Sept 2006.

Staffing: Y6 teacher and assistant head Mrs Patrick left us at end of the spring term to take up a post at the High School. A new assistant head with Maths specialism has been appointed and will start in September. Mrs Boot has returned from maternity leave to cover Y6 with Mrs Taber for the rest of the academic year. A permanent part-time position has also been filled to replace Mrs Taber who will be leaving in July to look after her young family. Mr Burton will be leaving us at the end of the year to take up a deputy-headship in Chester. We will be recruiting a replacement for him during the summer term.

New Equipment: All classrooms now have interactive whiteboards installed. Staff have received appropriate training and despite some teething problems all is now going well. A projector and screen have been installed in the hall.

Security: Since the installation of CCTV system there has been a marked reduction in security and vandalism problems. However, there was one failed attempt at removing a ceiling projector whilst the school was open during early evening. An alarm caused the thieves to leave.

British Legion Access: Access via a gate to the BL car park is to be funded by County. A waiting area for parents in the school orchard and improvements to the existing path are to be funded by the school. Work has started and the gateway should be in use shortly.

Decoration: The central corridor, toilet corridors and external doors need decorating and this is being investigated.

Web Site and prospectus: The school has installed a new web site and items are kept current by regular updates. It's worth a visit on [www.tarporleyce.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.tarporleyce.cheshire.sch.uk). The school prospectus has been revised and is sent to all parents making enquiries to the school.

School performance and results: The school continues to perform above the national standard for pupils aged 7 and 11, however the internal assessment procedures are all being reviewed and amended so that the school continues to improve and ensure that 'value' is being added to each child's attainments.

## **12. THE COMMUNITY CENTRE (By Councillor R Craven)**

The Community Centre is doing well and two new members have joined the committee and bookings are buoyant. With the standing down of long serving treasurer and booking clerk Mrs H Lea two new volunteers have taken up these

activities. The side of the building adjacent to the SPAR has been tidied up by SPAR and it is intended the car park be marked out and become part of the village parking arrangements with a grant provided by VRBC and the marking out to be done by CCC.

### **13. PARISH PLAN (By Councillor R Brierley)**

The Parish Plan project has followed on from the successful Village Design Statement, which was published in 2003. The intention is to provide a framework for the future of Tarporley life and infrastructure as viewed by the population of the village. The product of this stage of the process will be a comprehensive document setting out the wishes of the community and the mechanisms for attaining them. The next stage will then be to monitor progress and stimulate any areas that are seen to be failing.

Although initiated by the Parish Council, it is regarded as essential that the project is seen to be independent. To this end it was initially stipulated that the Steering Committee should not be led by a parish councillor and the Parish Council involvement with the committee should only be advisory. The public launch of the project was at the 2005 carnival and a public meeting shortly afterwards. The Steering Committee was set up, initially chaired by Bob Miller and latterly by Gill Clough, and meets monthly.

Having successfully negotiated the early stages, when we knew the destination but had no idea of the route, the project is now moving ahead by consulting with the people of Tarporley in three ways. Local organisations (clubs, societies, churches etc.) have been contacted and an open meeting was held in February to engage them in the plan. A survey of local businesses is also in hand and is revealing several common concerns, some anticipated (parking!) and others hitherto unsuspected. The final prong of the attack is the recent issue of a short questionnaire to all households in the parish under the title "Tomorrow's Tarporley". This will be followed by a more detailed questionnaire and discussion sessions for those interested in becoming more involved in the process.

As with the Village Design Statement, we are not waiting until publication of the plan before taking action and several initiatives are already under way. The early stages of the involvement of organisations highlighted the need for improved sports facilities in the village and a small action group is pursuing this with some success. A second spin-off is the creation of a list of organisations and contacts, which will be posted on the Parish Council web-site. The third initiative is the creation of a First Responders group in the village. This will cover a gap in the existing emergency medical cover for the Tarporley area.

Despite the progress so far there is still much to do. We would welcome help from anyone with a particular interest in any aspect of the parish and its way of life, so that we can produce a comprehensive plan worthy of Tarporley.

### **14. ADMINISTRATION (By the Clerk)**

Following the attainment of Quality Council Status diligent attention to statutes and procedures was required.

Meeting the needs of Council from 11 meetings resulted in; 1964 Emails received and sent, 300 documents created, 65 Planning Applications Processed, 150 Payments Processed and 1000 phone calls made

## 15. THE CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT

### Statement of Accounts

Presented here in the format required by the external auditor as part of the annual return.

Item No.	Description	Year ending		Variation
		31-Mar-05	31-Mar-06	
		£	£	£
1	Balances brought forward	35,871.78	46,009.81	10,138.03
2	Annual precept	30,000.00	33,000.00	3,000.00
3	Total other receipts	2,874.17	16,879.75	14,005.58
4	Staff costs	5,439.53	8,850.27	3,410.74
5	Loan interest / capital repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Total other payments	17,296.61	53,858.50	36,561.89
7	Balances carried forward	46,009.81	33,180.79	-12,829.02
8	Total cash & investments	46,009.81	33,180.79	-12,829.02
9	Total fixed assets and long term assets	24,458.00	71,029.00	46,571.00
10	Total borrowings	0.00	0.00	0.00

#### 1) Balances brought forward

The balances brought forward include allocated reserves and sums identified for specific projects that had not been started. An analysis of the make up of the allocated reserves and balances is provided section 7. Expenditure on three major projects impacting on cash management, a new cemetery, a children's playground and work relating to the community centre was planned to start in 2004~05 but delays out of Parish Council control resulted in all three being deferred to 2005~06 resulting in an increase in balances brought forward.

#### 2) Annual precept

The 10% increase in annual precept reflects budgeted increases in expenditure relating principally to two of the new initiatives the cemetery and the children's playground.

#### 3) Total other receipts

The substantial increase is attributable to the successful applicant for a Parish Plan grant of £4,500, a substantial increase of £7,757.62 in VAT reclaim primarily associated with expenditure on the community centre, cemetery and play area and a grant of £1,912.88 relating to funds from the closed youth club. Small variations in interest and minor grants make up the remainder of the variation.

#### 4) Staff costs

The increase in staff costs is directly related to a review of the Clerk's salary and hours initiated following the national review of local authority contracts, pay scales and hours undertaken by NALC and SLCC. The council achieved Quality Status during the year and the pay scale and hours agreed reflect the support needed for this level of council activity.

#### 5) Loan interest / capital repayments

The council has no loans.



## 6) Total other payments

Expenditure is analysed below under the section heads that are used for budget purposes in the council. The overall very substantial increase of £36,561.89 in "other payments" is primarily due to three projects that have been delayed for up to two years now getting underway. The project expenditure accounts for 85% of the increase and is identified below in Village Initiatives and Capital Purchases along with the related VAT Input Tax. A further 13% of the increase relates to Administration Costs and the Christmas events for the reasons detailed below, the remaining 2% relates to the net impact of small variations across budget heads.

- **Administration** costs increased by £1,837.07 moving from £3,178.50 to £5,015.57. The primary increases relate to an ongoing commitment for insurance of the increased asset base £441.84, an ongoing commitment for rental of storage space for council equipment £700.00 and the one off purchase of office storage cabinets £385.16. .
- **Grants** paid increased by £370.00 moving from £1,230.00 to £1,600.00 as detailed in the table.

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>2003/04</b>	<b>2004/05</b>	<b>2005/06</b>
Community Centre	0.00	0.00	0.00
St Helen's Church (Mnce)	650.00	700.00	800.00
St Helen's Church (Bell Ropes)	0.00	0.00	100.00
Methodist Church (Mnce)	350.00	430.00	400.00
Methodist Church (Summer club)	0.00	100.00	0.00
St Thomas Becket	300.00	0.00	0.00
Sandstone Way Aikido School	0.00	0.00	100.00
Tarporley Tennis Club	0.00	0.00	200.00
Totals	1250.00	1230.00	1600.00
Poppy appeal (In S137 budget)	50.00	50.00	50.00

- **Village Maintenance** costs increased by £541.10 moving from £2,146.03 to £2,687.13. This was partly due to planned increases to this service and also due to the contractor picking up some footpath maintenance tasks due to the footpath contractor deciding to cease offering this service.
- **Footpath Maintenance** costs reduced by £698.44 moving from £2,142.41 to £1,443.97 this was not as planned and was due to the contractor deciding to cease offering this service part way through the year.
- **Maintenance Materials** an unplanned cost reduction of £39.98 moving from £63.98 to £24.00 due to footpath stone not being purchased as the contractor ceased to offer this service.
- **LGA 1972 S137 Resolutions** costs increased by £893.58 moving from £3,217.28 to £4,110.86 due to this being the first full year of the litter collecting contract and the purchase of a litter truck for £395.00.
- **Christmas Events** costs increased by £2,805.78 moving from £1,555.99 to £4,361.77. This is attributed to the variable timing and charging practices of the principal authority that provides the Christmas lights service, the figure of £4,361.77 seems consistent with current charging policy.
- **Community Transport** costs reduced by £52.98 moving from £1,532.14 to £1,479.16 reflecting minor changes in the demand for this service.
- **Community Security** costs reduced by £225.49 moving from £262.99 to £37.50 due to the cessation of the trial of a Police CSO service.

- **Municipal Cemetery** costs increased by £70.00 moving from £0.00 to £70.00. This is a new planned operating cost associated with maintain the cemetery and will rise significantly as the cemetery comes in to use.
- **Parish Plan** costs increased by £151.06 moving from £0.00 to £151.06. This is a new activity supported by a government grant and is expected to spend up to its budget limit of £6,000 within two years.
- **Village Initiatives** costs increased by £5,353.44 moving from £254.00 to £5,607.44. Work to support the community centre has previously been undertaken to a more regular pattern against this budget head across most years however this increase relates to delays over the past two years in agreeing the payment for landscape work and agreeing the chair type to be bought and gifted to the centre. The payment for centre landscaping was £2,500 and £2,480 for chairs. A graffiti removal specialist was employed as a one off exercise to deal with the bus shelter and toilets at £540.00.
- **Capital Purchases** costs increased by £12,050.83 moving from £984.00 to £13,034.83. Two major initiatives that have been delayed for some years have now become active. An area of land has been purchased for use as a cemetery at a cost of £9951.02 and the first phase of a children's playground has been opened at a cost to the council of £2,500 but supported by major community based fund raising activity.
- **VAT Input Tax** costs increased by £13,505.92 moving from £729.29 to £14,235.21. This is directly related to the substantial payments for VAT related products and services under Village Initiatives and Capital Purchases, in particular the fund raising for the playground equipment was undertaken in conjunction with a local community group (FLAG) and in conjunction with Groundwork Trust. The council exercised its rights as beneficiary of this project in accordance with VAT Notice 749 to pay and then recover the VAT sums noted here.

## 7) Balances carried forward

Balances carried forward are made up of identified reserves, contingency and cash in hand Cash in hand relates to identified but delayed projects and free unallocated cash. The details are given below.

Balances carried forward	Year ending £	
Description	31-Mar-05	31-Mar-06
Cash in hand	25,009.81	3,704.49
Contingency	5,000.00	5,000.00
Quality Reserve	8,500.00	8,500.00
Asset Reserve	6,000.00	8,000.00
Parish Plan Reserve	1,500.00	5,500.00
Employee Gratuity Reserve	0.00	563.42
Youth Reserve	0.00	1,912.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,009.81</b>	<b>33,180.79</b>

- **Cash in hand** The substantial cash in hand figure for year-end 31 March 2005 was largely attributable to number of initiatives that have been significantly delayed and invoice timing issues as shown in the following table that was presented with the 2004~05 accounts.

Cash in hand (Initiatives)	31 March 2005
Cemetery purchase	14,500
Community Centre	3,000
Playground	2,500
Village Improvements	2,000
Insurance (late invoice)	0
Christmas lights (late invoice)	3,000
Minor variations from budget	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,000</b>

During 2005~06 these initiatives became active and substantial components of the allocated funds have now been spent as noted elsewhere in this report.

There is outstanding work in relation to the Cemetery (footpaths) that will be undertaken in 2006~07 and this will be funded from the cash in hand figure of £3,704.49 plus an outstanding VAT recovery of £5,946.8.

- **Contingency.** Previous experience of serious year-end cash flow difficulties associated with the timing of invoices and the receipt of the precept payment has made the Council sensitive to the need for contingency funds. It was decided when the precept was set at £30,000 to run with a contingency equivalent to two months precept, experience has not indicated any reason to increase this although the precept has been increased to £33,000.
- **Reserves.** The Council is now established as Quality Parish Council and anticipates this will result in changes to service provision. As part of this enhancement of the role of the Council a number of initiatives are in hand including: preparation of a Parish Plan, the consideration of payment towards a Community Safety Officer and security CCTV, the setting up of a cemetery, the extension of the new children's playground and the possible establishment of a manned community access point. Given these activities the Council decided that it would be prudent to earmark funds to cover as yet unanticipated cost and cash flow needs of these proposals. These funds will be reviewed and released as required. The fund when implemented stood at £10,000 but £1,500 has now been allocated towards a Parish Plan (grant application for government funding has been successful).

The Council established an assets replacement reserve in 2004 to cover the eventual replacement of £24,000 of fixed assets. The agreed annual transfer to the fund is £2,000 but given the late initiation of the fund in relation to the age of the assets an additional £2,000 was transferred in 2004~05.

The Parish Plan reserve represents government funding of £4,500 plus a Parish Council match funding of £1,500 but reduced by £500 representing allocations for expenditures to date. The fund will be utilised on the Parish Plan during the next 24 months.

The employee gratuity reserve represents a sum accumulated in lieu of pension payments to the clerk to be paid in accordance with his terms and conditions. It is not included in the sum shown under staff costs as it is a reserve and has not been paid out.

The Youth Reserve is a sum granted from the Tarporley Youth Club following its cessation and designated to be spent on the development of facilities for the youth of the village.

- **Fund Management.** The values of these reserve balances are visible to the Council on its current monthly financial reports. All balances are cleared daily in to an interest earning reserve account. Once the many delayed and deferred activities have been completed and the funding situation is more stable the Council will review its strategy reserve fund management to ensure the level of return is acceptable (LGA 1972, Trustee Act 2000).

#### **8) Total cash & investments**

Total cash and investments is the same as the year-end balance and is represented by cash held as £100 in a current account and the rest in an interest earning reserve account.

#### **9) Total fixed assets and long-term assets**

The council's fixed assets consist of equipment, street furniture and buildings, land, playground equipment and office equipment. There has been a substantial increase in fixed assets in relation to the major initiatives mentioned above. Land for the cemetery at £7,500 and the play equipment for the children's playground at £38,187 are now included along with a bench seat and litter cart.

#### **10) Total borrowings**

The council has no borrowings.

#### Note

The Parish Council accounts are run on a receipt and payment cashbook basis.

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Mrs J Greenwood	Garden House,Arderne Park	730032
Mr T Hill(Chairman & VRBC)	Salterswell House	732804
Mr G Lees	3 Birch Heath Bank	733832
Mrs H Nickson	47 The High Street	730601
Mr K Parker	Hunters Close, Sapling Lane	732188
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