



Tarporley Parish Council

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1. INTRODUCTION

This is the Annual Report of the Tarporley Parish Council for the year April 2006 to March 2007. The report is based on presentations made at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 14th May 2007 that were subsequently received along with working group papers at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on the 14th May 2007

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Presented by Chairman T Hill).

Tarporley continues to be a vibrant village, delivering an excellent range of services to its residents and an increasing number of visitors. It remains the duty of the Parish Council to ensure that it does everything in its power to further improve the appearance of the village and present it in the best possible light to visitors and resident alike.

Numerous initiatives are ongoing to achieve this objective and the reports from the working groups confirm the work that has been done in the past year. Of particular note is the opening of the SPAR store and petrol station. This excellent facility, which received wholehearted support from the Parish Council, has improved competition on convenience store retailing and restores a fuel station to the village. It remains a condition of approval for this site that a fuel station would form a key part if the redevelopment. It is pleasing to note that this facility is extremely well used.

The Children's Play Area was finally completed during the year with the full support of the Parish Council. I have the greatest pleasure of recording the unstinting work of Cllr; Graham Lees who has been such a stalwart throughout the project. CCTV has been installed to monitor this areas and the refurbished Community Centre Car Park and it remains a key objective to keep this area free from vandalism and for it to remain a pleasurable facility for the enjoyment of the many children who now use it. Tarporley has an enviable record in the Best Kept Village Competition; it was therefore disappointing to note the poor performance in this years competition. The Parish Council led the protest when the hanging baskets were unexpectedly removed, apparently for safety reasons., in the early autumn. This protest, very strongly supported by a petition signed by nearly eight hundred and fifty people, has resulted in an agreement whereby hanging baskets, albeit with new approved fittings, will reappear on the lamp standards this summer. Fresh impetus will be given to the appearance of the village and an appeal to all residents and commercial premises, to play their part in the presentation of the village, in the coming year.

The Parish Council has now entered into a contract with the Cheshire Constabulary to employ a Police Community Support Officer for an initial period of two years. PCSO Emily Benson commenced her duties with effect from April 2007. The cost to the Council Tax payers of Tarporley is 11,000 per annum and this is the reason for the increase in the annual precept. It is hoped that Emily's appointment will improve security in the village and the information and support she is able to give to PC Chris McCourt will result in less acts of vandalism and misbehaviour that have been worrying residents over the last few years.

There have been some changes amongst Councillors during the year and everyone was saddened by the retirement of Cllr: Joan Foden. Joan was a long serving member and had given much of her time to serving the Tarporley community. She will be much missed on the Council. Councillors Jean Wall and Heidi Nickson leave the Council on the 3rd May and will also both be missed for their dedication to Tarporley and their key roles in the working groups concerned with the Best Kept Village Competition and the Highways Working Group. Heidi must be particularly

commended for safely producing a son, William, and in addition finding time to perform her Council duties. It is pleasing to note that we have such youthful members on the Parish Council.

Cllr; Dawn Joyce joined the Council on the retirement of Joan Foden and has now been elected as Councillor for the Tarporley and Oulton Ward, on my retirement. We wish her every success in the future, At the time of writing this report, it should be mentioned that we are in a period of consultation, initiated by the Government, on proposals for possible unitary Local Government. The Parish Council is sadly not being included in this consultation process but has some strong views on the subject and will make them known in the fullness of time.

Finally my personal thanks and those of everyone who serves on our Parish Council must go to our Clerk, John Macdonald. John works tirelessly on our behalf and deals effortlessly with the torrent of bureaucracy that pours in from every quarter. He remains a much-valued asset and greatly appreciated by the whole community.

4 TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS (by Councillor H Nickson)

In 2005/2006, Cheshire County Council put into place some much needed traffic control measures. This came about as a result of some close work between the Traffic & Highways Working Group and CCC. In summary this comprised of; 1) traffic speed calming road markings placed at the main entrances to the village; 2) further 30 MPH & 40 MPH speed restrictions – again predominantly on the main roads into the village; 3) The bus stop was moved from outside the chemist shop to its present location further down the high street.

In late 2006, Councillor Nickson became the spokesperson for the Traffic & Highways Working Group, and the group concentrated upon the following areas:

1) Removal of Yellow Lines from outside the chemist shop to the end of the GPO building. Removal of Yellow Lines from outside the old fire station chocolate shop. New double yellow lines next to playing field on Eaton Road. This work should have been carried out at the same time as the bus stop was removed (in order to free up valuable parking spaces). In September 2005, a site meeting was held with a Highways Officer from CCC, in order to resolve the matter. The traffic order was officially raised, and a request to the Vale Royal Joint Highways Committee was submitted in November 2005. However, the Working Group has recently been advised that at the VR Joint Highways Committee, it was decided that no further traffic orders were to be processed until the existing backlog of work for Vale Royal as a whole had been cleared. Furthermore, Cllr Nickson was told that any proposed new orders requiring to be legally processed, inclusive of these restrictions, would not be undertaken until the latter part of the next financial year (2007/8). Emergency powers are being taken by VRBC in order to get this traffic order prioritised.

2) Parking on the High Street.

An article was placed in the winter newsletter, and several residents have been kind enough to send in their thoughts regarding this matter. Generally residents are agreed that some form of parking time restriction would be a good idea. The main bone of contention seems to be that people who work in businesses up and down the high street need to be encouraged to use the parking which is available slightly outside the main thoroughfare – namely the spaces behind the community centre, behind the Rising Sun, at the British Legion and up Park Road and even Forest Road. This would then stop the clogging up of valuable car spaces on the High Street for drop in

shoppers. In general a waiting restriction of two hours seems favourable to most. This is a topic for the Working Group to consider and hopefully progress in 2007.

Together with the PCSOs, Cllr Nickson, Cllr Joyce & Cllr Greenwood walked the village high street at the end of March to ask local business owners and workers to park off the high street in the designated car parks. This was met with mixed reactions. It was respectfully asked that special effort should be made by all concerned for the month of April 2007.

3) School Buses

Almost everybody who lives in Tarporley has a view on this matter. At certain times of the day, it is considered very dangerous when the school buses come down the main high street on their way to the High School. Unfortunately, whilst the Parish Council has contacted the bus operators to ask them to avoid the High Street, as best they can, they point out that it is also dangerous for the buses to turn right out of Nantwich Road onto the A49. Whilst we are considering temporary traffic lights to overcome this problem, the funding for such an option is still a long way off. Other suggestions such as one way traffic are also currently in the melting pot.

5. QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL (By Councillor E Boynes)

The position of Tarporley as a Quality Parish Council is now established and recognised by other Town and Parish Councils, Cheshire County Council and Vale Royal District Council.

The Quality Town and Parish Council scheme was introduced with the aim of equipping local councils with the powers to exercise a stronger role in their respective local communities by being representative of their community and having the expertise to work more closely with partner organisations such as the police and the officers of local authorities in the provision of local services.

I have attended all the Quality Parish Council Forums, usually held at the headquarters of the Cheshire Fire Brigade at Winsford. The content of these meetings, taking into account that QPCs are a recent innovation, has mainly been presentations by various local government officers or associated agents, workshops, the establishment of Terms of Reference of the Forum together with the exchange of views on how QPCs can provide improved services to their communities without incurring double taxation.

In as far as Tarporley is concerned we have demonstrated our abilities by contracting with the police to provide a PCSO, making preparations to manage a cemetery, undertaking the maintenance of floral displays in the High Street, the creation of a Village Design Statement and shortly a Parish Plan, the provision of a children's playground and regular communication and discussion with officers of principal local authorities etc. etc.

There is much more to do, however, as the Parish Plan, when published, will reveal. To achieve our objectives of ensuring that Tarporley is a sustainable village, a pleasant place in which to live, establish an enhanced community spirit and to encourage principal local authorities to offer us greater opportunities for consultation and the delegation of functions the Parish Council will need to maintain a professional approach to identifying our objectives and subsequently achieving them.

6. PUBLICITY (By Councillor E Boynes)

There were four editions of the Parish Newsletter published in the year 2006/07. The newsletter seems to have been well received although feedback from the Parish Plan questionnaire indicated that there was a preference for a monthly, magazine type of publication, carrying not only news and information about Parish Council matters but having a much more varied content, including news of club and society events and happenings, quizzes competitions and general gossip. To fulfil such a preference would entail a much larger editorial team with the ability to work to a regular deadline.

Greater use has been made of the Community Section of the Chester Chronicle but much more could be included in the column if the clubs, societies and any other organisation in the parish who would like regular publicity would make contact with me. The column is published weekly and the Chronicle is distributed throughout west Cheshire, so if organisations wish for a wider distribution of their news and activities this is a good method - and it's for free!

Tarporley Talk has been very co-operative and allows the Parish Council the use of a page, free of charge, in which it is able to publicise news and details of Parish Council matters. It is conceivable that, because it is professionally produced and published monthly, the Parish Council could make greater use of Tarporley Talk in the future although this will, of course, require additional funding.

The Parish Council stall at the Carnival proved very successful. Not only were we able to demonstrate with posters and literature what matters were engaging councillors but we were able, by means of an informal survey and interviewing people, to obtain a reasonable idea of the wishes of the residents with regard to taking up the option of a P.C.S.O. The survey was overwhelmingly in favour and was important in guiding the Parish Council in making its decision.

7. AFFORDABLE HOUSING (By Councillor J Wall)

During this past year we have continued to maintain contact with the Planning Department of Vale Royal Borough Council. With a moratorium on market value house building within the village we had been hoping to identify opportunities to obtain some affordable housing. Unfortunately there have been three disappointments.

1. Brook Farm School. Since the closure of the school in 2001, we have been aware of the empty residential accommodation and had asked Cheshire County Council for its possible use as affordable housing. Until the County Council's current review on "Transforming Learning Communities" is complete and a final decision on the future of Brook Farm School is made the County Council has let the school site and buildings to the Storehouse Church for a peppercorn rent, who are now sub-letting the bungalows and flats to church members.
2. Working with Vale Royal land had been identified for the possibility of building a few smaller affordable houses, however the landowner decided not to proceed with this project.
3. The Former Police Station. We were very disappointed when a housing association lost in the bidding, at auction, for this building. There may have been an opportunity for conversion to flats on an affordable basis.

The Parish Council continues to prioritise affordable housing above other developments in the village and welcomes the valuable contribution the owners of the Chocolate Shop are making with conversion from offices to flats with modest rents, above their shop.

8. COMMUNITY SECURITY (By Councillor J Greenwood)

We now have our PCSO Emily Benson in post. She is very visible in the village and is making herself known in the area. She is concentrating on tackling the problem of illegal parking on the High Street. The problem of inappropriate double yellow lines is not helping her cause and we are still awaiting their removal.

The recent approach to retail and commercial businesses on the High Street requesting employees to use the designated car parks certainly made an immediate improvement, but the situation does seem to be reverting to the original congestion. Businesses are to be approached again in the near future to continue their effort. Unfortunately some are making rather less of an effort than others!

The Pubwatch initiative seems to be making a difference to the problem of under age drinking. The possibility of installing CCTV cameras along the High Street is being explored. Some licensed premises in the village have considered making a contribution towards the costs.

We were successful in receiving the Cheshire Constabulary Safety Award.

9. BEST KEPT VILLAGE (By Councillor D Joyce)

Tarporley came 6th out of 10 in the Best Kept Village competition in 2006. This was very disappointing in view of all the hard work undertaken by Parish Councillors and the contract staff employed by the Parish Council to maintain the village. However, the feedback form clearly showed that the difference between 6th and the top 3 places was very few points indeed and could be the result of different judges in the 1st and 2nd rounds. It did not identify any particular area that Tarporley needed to address.

Sites for new and replacement litterbins were identified during the year and some of these have been provided. However, there is still a long list of litterbins requested but not as yet provided.

It was with great disappointment that the hanging flower baskets were removed early last summer due to health and safety concerns over the weight of the baskets on lampposts that were not built to withstand such weight. After a huge response from the Parish Council in discussions with Cheshire County Council and Vale Royal Borough Council, together with a petition started by a local resident, Hannah Gregory, we are now delighted to be receiving new and lighter units attached to 21 lampposts. These will be supplied by VRBC during May/June, together with a new water bowser and financial support for the costs of watering the baskets during the summer months. However, from April 2008 it will be the responsibility of the Parish Council to finance the watering of the baskets.

A competition was held for the Tallest Sunflower in summer 2006. However, only 6 entries were received and it has been decided to hold a Best Kept Garden Competition and Best Kept Hanging Basket Competition during 2007 with Hollies Farm Shop being the judges and supplying the prizes.

10. CEMETERY (By Councillor E Boynes)

Preparations have, and continue to be made, to prepare the cemetery for use when burial is no longer available at St. Helen's Churchyard.

During the past year the entrance gate and path have been constructed and the grass is cut and the hedge trimmed on a regular basis.

At the January meeting of the Cemetery Working Group the layout, including a consecrated area, charges and rules were agreed.

The layout is conventional, allows for full and cremation interments and includes a garden for the deposit of ashes.

Charges will be based on 65% of Vale Royal Borough Council charges. These charges are intended to cover all running costs and provide for future maintenance.

Cemetery rules will be based on those applying at the Vale Royal cemetery at Wharton.

Subject to the approval of the Parish Council given at a full Parish Council meeting burial will be restricted to Tarporley residents unless, for exceptional circumstances, being otherwise agreed by the Cemetery Committee.

11. PLAYGROUND (By Councillor G Lees)

This year saw the FLAG playground scheme achieving completion with the following main events:

- July 2006: Installation of phase 2 of the play area – mainly for juniors.
- August 2006: On 19th of this month the play area was officially opened when Rhiannon Lees cut the ribbon during an open air party attended by many villagers and representatives from some of the funding authorities. The children were provided with free cakes donated by volunteers, together with sweets and refreshments kindly given by the SPAR shop. Drinks and burgers were arranged by Round Table and Rotary.
- Additional fencing was erected at the rear of the teen shelter. The planting of native shrubs reinforced this.
- Some additional trees were planted on the grass bank and some of the shrubs planted during phase 1 were replaced, as they had not survived.
- In March 2007 FLAG donated the residue of their funds to the Parish Council on the understanding that this money should be used to pay for signs and play markings.

The play area and part of the car park is now protected by good quality CCTV and images are stored electronically. This was partly funded by the Parish Council and part by SPAR.

12. PARISH PLAN (By Councillor R Brierley)

The sound progress reported at the end of last year has continued and writing of the document is now well advanced.

The results of the first household questionnaire and the primary school questionnaire were digested and presented in a display on the carnival field in July. Following from this a detailed questionnaire was compiled and distributed to those who had indicated that they would be prepared to take part. This was a more substantial document with six sections covering different aspects of community life and village infrastructure. Thanks are due to the 153 households that took part in this exercise. The results have now been processed and a draft action plan drawn up.

Unfortunately, the business survey was severely delayed by a combination of sickness and other pressures on the volunteers. However, it is now well in hand and is already yielding useful information, some of which has already been incorporated into the action plan.

The next key stage will be a public consultation to be held on May 19th at the Community Centre. This will take the form of an exhibition based round the draft action plan and comment and discussion will be invited. Relevant authorities and organisations will be invited to attend.

As reported last year, some initiatives had already commenced in response to needs identified early on in the project. The attempt to start a First Responders group in the village has not progressed further, pending re-organisation of the ambulance service. Once this is completed, it is hoped to resume the process. The group working on the improvement of sports facilities has worked hard during the year. One major objective was to create a sports field worthy of a village the size of Tarporley. Having failed to find land in the village, a suitable field was identified outside the parish and discussions with the owners was encouraging. However, a meeting with the appropriate planning authority met with a very negative response. Pending any further progress a number of alternatives are being pursued.

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	Variation
		31-Mar-06	31-Mar-07		
		£	£	£	As %
1	Balances brought forward	46,009	33,181	-12,828	-28
2	Annual precept	33,000	33,000	0	0
3	Total other receipts	16,880	17,914	1,034	6
4	Staff costs	8,850	9,095	245	3
5	Loan interest / capital repayments	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
6	Total other payments	53,858	49,737	-4,121	-8
7	Balances carried forward	33,181	25,263	-7,918	-24
8	Total cash & investments	33,181	25,263	-7,918	-24
9	Total fixed assets and long term assets	71,029	83,268	12,239	17
10	Total borrowings	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

This report is produced to the requirements of the auditor and any year-by-year variation that exceeds 10% and is greater than £250 is required to be explained along with the reasons for balances carried forward. It is also required to explain lesser variations when there should be significant reasons for doing so. The figures provided include such significant expenditures due to specific initiatives and causes and these are shown in the square bracketed text below.

1) Balances brought forward

The balances brought forward include allocated reserves and sums identified for specific projects that had not been completed. An analysis of the make up of the allocated reserves and balances is provided section 7. Project expenditure impacting on cash management includes the new cemetery and children's playground.

2) Annual precept

[The Council decided not to increase the precept and that cash in hand and contingency reserves carried from the previous year would be utilised to meet costs that exceeded income.]

3) Total other receipts

[The level of other receipts is well above the historic average of around £2,000~£3,000. This is due to a substantial VAT repayment of £13,292 (historically ~£1,000) and the receipt of the residual funds from the playground initiative of £2,950.]

4) Staff costs

[National annual pay review increase.]

5) Loan interest / capital repayments

The council has no loans.

6) Total other payments

[Although expenditure would seem to be consistent with the previous years and roughly in line with income this level is considerably above historic values due to specific initiatives. Expenditure is analysed below under the section heads that are used for budget and accounting purposes by the council and comments on the variations from historic or expected levels are provided.

- **Administration** costs increased from £5,016 to £5,493, the increases relate to increases in insurance costs of £633 because of the increased asset base and increases due to inflation countered by minor changes to the expenditure profile. Expenditure is at expected levels
- **Civic** increased from £175 to £350 due to the late payment of the Chairman's allowance from the earlier year resulted in an "additional" payment of £175.
- **Grants** the level of grants at £1,520 was consistent across years and historically
- **Village Maintenance** the costs reduced from £2,687 to £2,235 due to cemetery maintenance costs now being specially booked to that activity and to the unavailability of the handyman during part of the year due to illness. Historically expenditure at around these levels would be expected.
- **Footpath Maintenance** the costs increased substantially from £1,444 to £3,807 due to catching up from an unsatisfactory (cancelled and under-spent) contract situation the previous year, manual weeding (due to no COSHH certified contractor) and covering for illness of the village maintenance handyman. Historically an expenditure of around £2,000~£2,500 would be expected.
- **Maintenance Materials** increased from £24 to £153 are typical historically.
- **LGA 1972 S137 Resolutions** reduced from £4,111 to £ 4,075 and are at expected levels.
- **Christmas Events (Christmas lights)** costs reduced from £4,362 to £1,899 however this is entirely unrepresentative as it includes the unplanned purchase of replacement and repair items at an additional £1,023 and the invoice for install and removal of around £3,500 has yet to be received. This variable timing of the install remove invoice is a consistent practice of the principal authority that provides the Christmas lights service and a cause of some difficulty in cash flows at year end.
- **Community Transport** costs increased from £1,479 to £1,613 due to min or variations in demand and this is consistent with historic costing.
- **Community Security** costs reduced from £38 to £25.
- **Municipal Cemetery** costs increased from £70 to £1,018 due to the grounds being maintained for the full year and all costs now being allocated to this cost head.
- **Playground** Costs increased from £0 to £100 due to the introduction of this new resource and the need for inspection and maintenance.
- **Parish Plan** costs increased from £151 to £1,796 due to expected progress with this defined initiative with a total budget of £6,000.
- **Village Initiatives** costs reduced from £5,607 to £1,412 due to a planned reduction in spend. The primary expenditure being on a bench, notice boards and a P.A. donated to the Community Centre. This cost head is historically subject to a considerable variation in expenditure as it relates to individual initiatives that are part of the Council's programme however the figure for this year is more typical of the historic level of expenditure.

- **Capital Purchases** costs reduced from £13,035 to £9,946 and attributable to two major initiatives one delayed for some years was for £7,446 on the cemetery path and the other was £2,500 for CCTV at the Community Centre as part of a focused initiative on Community Security. This cost head is subject to a considerable variation in expenditure as it relates to individual initiatives that are part of the Council's programme however historic levels are typically low.
- **VAT Input Tax** costs reduce from £14,235 to £14,339 however this is substantially above the historic figure of around £1,000. These high levels are 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.

Three cheques to the total value of £531.28 remained un-cleared at year-end and are not shown in the above figures.]

7) Balances carried forward

Balances carried forward are made up of identified reserves, contingency and cash in hand Cash in hand relates to general funds for expenditure against budget, details are given below.

Balances carried forward	Year ending £	
Description	31-Mar-06	31-Mar-07
Cash in hand	3,704.49	0.0
Contingency	5,000.00	920.13
Quality Reserve	8,500.00	6,000.0
Asset Reserve	8,000.00	8,000.00
Parish Plan Reserve	5,500.00	4,053.08
Employee Gratuity Reserve	563.42	895.54
Youth Reserve	1,912.88	1,912.88
Play Area Reserve	0.0	2,950.09
Total	33,180.79	24,731.72

- **Cash in hand** The substantial reduction in cash in hand was due to the continued planned level of expenditure on initiatives, the council was aware that cash in hand and contingency would be deployed to meet the 2006/07 outturn.
- **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 at £30,000 to run with a contingency equivalent to two months precept (£5,000), experience has not indicated any reason to increase this although the precept has been increased to £33,000. The council was aware that cash in hand and contingency would be deployed to meet the 2006/07 outturn.

The major expenditures that impacted on cash in hand and contingency were:- the cemetery path at £7,446, a VAT reclaim of £6,994 was outstanding at year end being higher than that of the previous year end of £5,946, the Christmas lights install

remove charge of approximately £3,500 is still outstanding, the general level of expenditure has increases as identified under specific heads in "Total other expenditure" resulting in costs in excess of precept being funded from carried forward cash in hand and contingency balances.

- **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 been allocated towards a Parish Plan (grant application for government funding has been successful). During this year £2,500 was transferred to be used for the Community Centre CCTV.
- 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. Assets now stand at £83,268 however expenditure plans have precluded a transfer to the fund this year.
- The Parish Plan reserve represents government funding of £4,500 plus a Parish Council match funding of £1,500. The Plan Committee has expended £1,946 to date and the reduction represents planned spending during the year
- 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.
- The Play Area Reserve is the residual funds from the FLAG play area initiative that resulted in the Council acquiring a play facility adjacent to the Community Centre. The residual funds are designate to be spent on the play area.
- **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, CCTV and office equipment. There has been an increase in fixed assets in relation to the initiatives mentioned above. The cemetery path at £6,744, CCTV equipment at £2,700 computers at £1,000 are now included along with a bench seat.

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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*A From May 2007

*B Up to October 2006

*C From November 2006

*D Up to May 2007