



Welcome to this year's annual report. Your Parish Council has been working hard over the past year to improve services in the village and to put the interests of the village forward in many major consultations on changes that will directly affect this village. We notify you of all of these through our monthly meetings, notices on the village noticeboards, on our website and in the Meridian Magazine. There is a public forum at the start of every Parish Council meeting so please come along and put your views forward.

This year has seen two changes within the Parish Council, Mr James Tait and Mrs Sue Rogers have both left and I would like to thank them both for the time they gave to the Council. Mr John Jullien and Mr Nick Dennis have now joined the Council.

Some major topics of discussion over the past year have been:

- Detailed proposals for the improvements to the A14 were presented to the Parish Council during 2008. The interchange at the Swavesey/Boxworth junction will become a main interchange between the new A14 trunk road and dual-carriageway parallel road. The Highways Agency is including dedicated footpath/cycleway/bridleway routes around the junctions and will also be improving links to such routes either side of the new road as well.
- The guided busway and its affect on the area surrounding the village. Councillors attend regular meetings to discuss the flood risk issues, proposed bus services, access to the busway and rights of way across it.
- County Council consultation on proposals to provide a dual use cycleway/footpath between Boxworth End and Buckingham Business Park.
- The Parish Council has recently taken over the responsibility for the public open space areas within Moat Way and Chantry Close as well as the land to the back of the recreation green. The Council will now be looking at how this additional land can best be used for recreational and sports activities.

## **Martin Johnston**

Chairman – Swavesey Parish Council

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## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Some village projects supported by the Parish Council**

#### **Memorial Hall**

The Memorial Hall is now a registered charity and is managed by an elected Board of Management Trustees. The Parish Council continues to support the work of the hall with an annual running costs grant and support towards the continuing refurbishment programme. Replacement windows were provided during 2008 and internal refurbishment work to the main hall is now being organised.

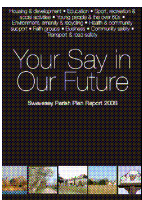


#### **Youth Activities**

Swavesey Action for Youth (**SAY**) continues to receive core funding from the Parish Council in order to help support youth activities for our young people.

#### **Swavesey Community Football Club**

Together with members of the village adult and junior football clubs and other potential sports users of the recreation green, the Parish Council is supporting a project to provide a new pavilion for the recreation green. Plans are being drawn up and funding investigated to provide more suitable facilities for all sporting activities taking place on the recreation green.



#### **Swavesey Parish Plan**

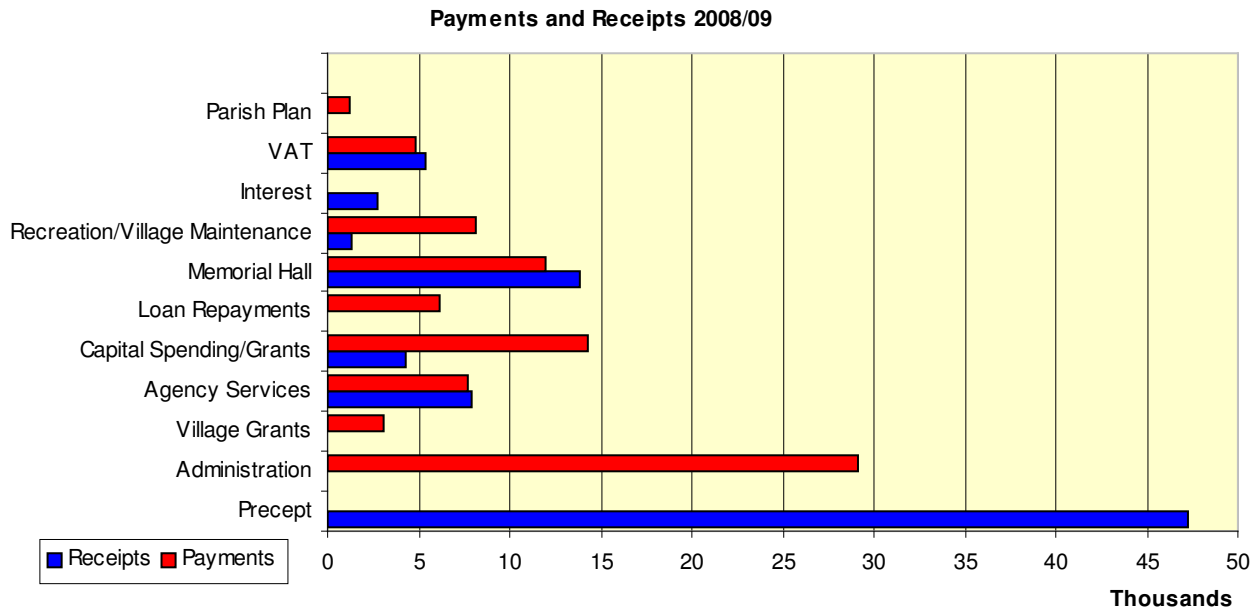
The Parish Plan was published at the end of 2008 and has been adopted by the Parish Council. The Parish Council will now be working on the actions identified within the plan with a view to implementing those projects you identified as important for this community.

**SUMMARY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2009**

Year ended 31 March 2008		Year ended 31 March 2009
£	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	£
46,350.00	Precept	47,300.00
1,566.99	Agency Serv's Reimbursed (Verge cutting,P3 Scheme)	7,884.41
Nil	Loan/ Capital receipts	Nil
2,574.40	Interest on Investments	2,697.80
Nil	Sale of Assets	Nil
53.05	Tenancies (utility wayleaves)	54.77
3,730.00	Capital Grants	4,300.00
1,068.39	Village Maintenance – Grants	1,275.72
Nil	Parish Plan	Nil
Nil	Recycling credits	Nil
52.24	Website	47.25
Nil	Other Income	Nil
10,065.41	Memorial Hall	13,838.20
Nil	Received on behalf of Village Events Committee	Nil
1,975.54	VAT Recovered	5,425.03
<b><u>67,436.02</u></b>	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>82,823.18</u></b>
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
25,624.30	Gen Admin, Insurances, staff	29,048.90
Nil	S 137 Payments	500.00
7,294.25	Capital spending (asset purchase)	14,335.59
908.03	Agency Services	7,715.00
Nil	Other Payments	943.53
6,147.70	Loan Repayment	6,147.68
221.00	Advertising/publicity	120.25
11,419.56	Memorial Hall	11,963.63
2,260.73	Recreation Green, Play area	3,724.92
2,941.42	Village Maintenance Work	4,363.87
1,531.00	Grants – Cemetery, Churchyard, Festival, SAY	2,552.00
Nil	Parish Plan	1,243.11
Nil	Provision for doubtful debts	Nil
2,663.52	VAT on Payments	4,821.13
<b><u>61,011.51</u></b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b><u>87,479.61</u></b>
59,048.12	Balance as at 1 April 2008 >	65,472.63
<u>67,436.02</u>	<b>Add Receipts</b>	<u>82,823.18</u>
126,484.14		148,295.81
61,011.51	<b>Deduct Payments</b>	<u>87,479.61</u>
<b><u>65,472.63</u></b>	<b>Balance as at 31 March 2009 &gt;</b>	<b><u>60,816.20</u></b>
	<b>These cumulative funds are represented by:</b>	
9,782.17	Current Account	18,448.12
	30 day notice account:	
25,252.62	Earmarked Reserves	23,598.81
55,690.46	30,437.84 General Funds	<u>42,368.08</u>
<b><u>65,472.63</u></b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b><u>60,816.20</u></b>

## HOW THE MONEY WAS SPENT

The Parish Council's main source of income is the Precept, which is collected through the Council Tax by South Cambridgeshire District Council. Swavesey's 2008/09 Precept of £47,300 represents just 48.5p per elector per week.



## WHAT WE DID 2008/09

- Grants were approved to the following organisations:
  - Swavesey Action For Youth
  - Swavesey Pre-School
  - Swavesey Non-Conformist Cemetery – towards annual maintenance costs
  - St Andrew's Parochial Church Council – towards churchyard maintenance costs
  - Swavesey Festival 2008
  - Swavesey Memorial Hall
- Grants were received for the following projects:
  - South Cambs District Council – Memorial Hall
  - Parish Paths Partnership – rights of way maintenance work
- Replacement of the windows in the Memorial Hall, which are now all double-glazed units
- Consulted on 44 planning applications
- Gave responses to the following consultation documents:
  - Northstowe new town planning
  - Guided Busway junction and bus stop design
  - Various District Council consultations
  - Removal of BT Telephone Kiosks
  - Post Office closures
  - NW Cambridge Area Action Plan
- Parish Councillor representation on joint liaison forums for: Cambridgeshire Guided Busway; A14 Improvement Plans; Joint Parishes Action Group for major development
- Completed underground drainage work to the children's play area on the recreation green
- Support for the Neighbourhood Policing Team by way of provision of facilities at the Memorial Hall for Police surgeries
- Establishment of the new Charity and Board of Managing Trustees for the Memorial Hall
- Campaigned to Stagecoach and the County Council following the change in the No.15 St Ives-Cambridge bus service, which resulted in a much longer journey for Swavesey residents to/from Cambridge. Unfortunately Stagecoach did not agreed to any changes to this new route, however the parish council continues to pass on complaints and comments from dissatisfied residents, many of whom now no longer use the bus service.
- Continued work with voluntary groups to maintain Swan and School ponds and Constable's Rood
- As part of the Parish Paths Partnership, maintenance work to Rights of Way
- Support for Swavesey Action for Youth
- Liaison with the County Council with regard to management of the County's Mare Fen Nature Reserve
- Liaison with Cambridgeshire ACRE and South Cambs District Council to investigate Affordable Housing Development

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### Parish Council

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## Work and Role of Swavesey Parish Council

The primary role is to represent you on issues affecting the community to District, County and Central Government. In addition, we carry out the following work within the parish:

- Maintenance of public open spaces at:
  - The Recreation Green
  - Market Street Green
  - Children's play area
  - Moat Way
  - Swan Pond
  - Constable's Rood
  - Carters Way/Priory Avenue
- On behalf of the County Council:
  - Rights of Way maintenance
  - Verge cutting
- Supports the work and management of the Memorial Hall
- Provides and maintains bus shelters, seats, plants tubs, parish noticeboards, dog-waste bins and litter bins at various locations
- Nominates representatives and trustees on the following village bodies:
  - Swavesey Fire Relief Charity (Frere Cottages)
  - The Thomas Galon Charity
  - The Swavesey Byways Committee
  - Meridian Magazine Committee
  - Swavesey Community Football Committee
  - Festival Steering Group
  - The Memorial Hall Charity
  - Swavesey Action for Youth Committee
- Supports the work of charitable groups and organisations within the village
- Comments on, but not decides on, all planning applications within the parish
- Implementation of the Parish Plan Action Plan



### What do you think?

We would very much appreciate your feedback on the information provided within this report and our Meridian Magazine reports, we will do our best act on it and take up issues with the relevant authorities. We would also be delighted to hear from you on any other topics raised, or other matters of concern.

Do remember also that all Parish Council meetings are open to the public.