



SWAVESEY PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2010



Welcome to this year's annual report.

Another year has gone by and I am pleased to be able report on a busy year of Parish Council activities. 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.

Parish Councillors are elected to the Parish Council for four years and the last Council-term ended in May 2010. At the end of March nominations were published for a new term, with 11 nominations being received for the 11 seats on the Council. These Councillors will now serve for the next four years. Two of the previous Council decided not to stand for re-election, Mr Peter Marriott and Mr Tim Parish, both of whom have served as Councillors for many years and I would like to thank them for their time and commitment. I would also like to welcome two new Councillors, Lisa Boyes and Hannah Parish, who I hope will enjoy their time with the Council.

Topics of discussion over the past year have included:

- Continuing discussions with the Environment Agency about flood risk concerns, riverbank and drain maintenance and proposals relating to Northstowe and Uttons Drove Sewage Treatment Works.
- The guided busway. Councillors have attended many meetings to discuss the flood risk issues, proposed bus services, access to the busway and rights of way across it. At time of printing unfortunately we still do not have an opening date.
- Discussions with Cambridgeshire ACRE about land within the village for affordable housing. Some potential sites have been identified and the appointed housing association is considering these. Due to the regulations involved with affordable housing development it does take time to identify suitable land at a sufficient size to make development possible, however discussions are still ongoing.
- Parking issues in and around Market St and the High St. Ways to try to improve safety for pedestrians and drivers and provide more parking spaces are being discussed. If you have any comments on this, we would be pleased to hear from you.

I would also like to thank the many volunteers in our community who help organise social and leisure activities, look after our ponds and wildlife areas and keep our village a safe and enjoyable place in which to live.

Martin Johnston
Chairman – Swavesey Parish Council

CURRENT PROJECTS

Some of the village projects supported by the Parish Council

Swavesey Parish Plan

The Parish Council is reviewing the actions identified within the plan and reports have been published in recent Meridian Magazines.



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 Sports Pavilion

The Parish Council has been involved in detailed discussions with the Community Sports Pavilion Committee about proposals to replace the pavilion on the recreation green with a larger, permanent village sports pavilion. A planning application has now been submitted, a detailed business plan has been put together and grant funding is actively being sought. The Parish Council is supporting the project by way of a large capital grant.

Memorial Hall – Main Hall Refurbishment



The Parish Council has provided a large capital grant towards this project and funding from South Cambs District Council has also been secured. The Trustees have applied to various other grant organisations for additional funding. The results of the applications should be known by July, with the intention of carrying out the work during August and September 2010.

SUMMARY RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2010

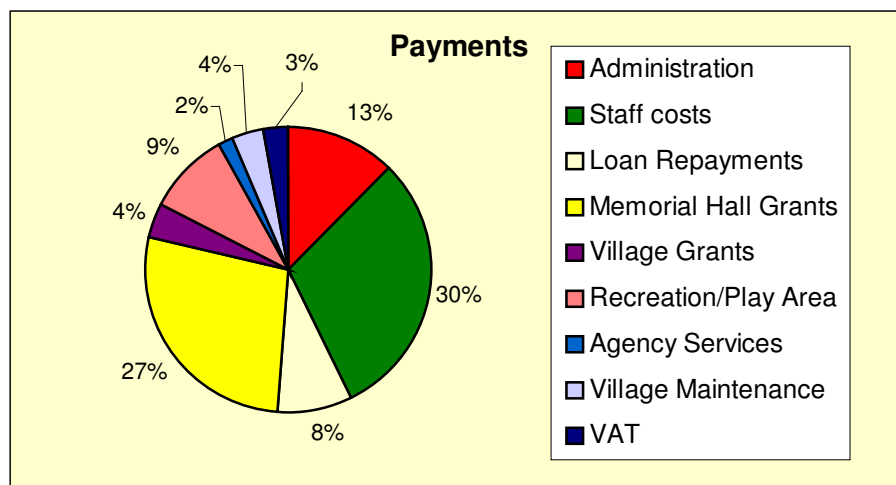
Year ended 31 March 2009		Year ended 31 March 2010
£	RECEIPTS	£
47,300.00	Precept	48,300.00
7,884.41	Agency Serv's Reimbursed (Verge cutting, P3 Scheme)	1,525.03
Nil	Loan/ Capital receipts	Nil
2,697.80	Interest on Investments	648.22
Nil	Sale of Assets	Nil
54.77	Tenancies (utility wayleaves)	56.35
4,300.00	Capital Grants	0.00
1,275.72	Village Maintenance – Grants	132.85
Nil	Parish Plan	Nil
47.25	Website	30.00
Nil	S.106 Commuted Sum	24,310.27
13,838.20	Memorial Hall (electricity bill reimbursed)	630.18
5,425.03	VAT Recovered	2,133.59
<u>82,823.18</u>	TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>77,766.49</u>
	PAYMENTS	
29,048.90	Gen Admin, Insurances, staff	31,088.23
500.00	S 137 Payments	Nil
14,335.59	Capital spending (asset purchase)	Nil
7,715.00	Agency Services	1,140.00
943.53	Other Payments	Nil
6,147.68	Loan Repayment	6,147.68
120.25	Advertising/publicity	133.25
11,963.63	Memorial Hall (electricity bill)	630.18
Nil	Memorial Hall Grants (refurb' funds transfer, running costs)	19,240.65
3,724.92	Recreation Green, Play area	6,904.04
4,363.87	Village Maintenance Work	2,615.54
2,552.00	Grants – Cemetery, Churchyard, Festival, NHW, SAY	2,922.00
1243.11	Parish Plan	Nil
Nil	Provision for doubtful debts	Nil
4,821.13	VAT on Payments	2,008.91
<u>87,479.61</u>	TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>72,830.48</u>
65,472.63	Balance as at 1 April 2009 >	60,816.20
82,823.18	Add Receipts	77,766.49
<u>148,295.81</u>		<u>138,582.69</u>
87,479.61	Deduct Payments	72,830.48
<u>60,816.20</u>	Balance as at 31 March 2010 >	<u>65,752.21</u>
	These cumulative funds are represented by:	
18,448.11	Current Account	14,081.30
	30 day notice account:	
23,598.81	Earmarked Reserves	13,178.66
42,368.08	General Funds	51,670.91
<u>60,816.20</u>	TOTAL:	<u>65,752.21</u>

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 2009/10 Precept of £48,300 represents just 48.5p per elector per week.

The Council has two part-time employees: the Clerk who carries out all of the administration, legal and advisory work for the Council, and the Village Handyman who helps to maintain the public open spaces and carries out village maintenance work throughout the village.

Administration costs include annual subscriptions, insurances, legal fees, training costs and general office admin costs.



WHAT WE DID 2009/10

- Grants were approved to the following organisations:
 - Swavesey Action For Youth
 - Neighbourhood Watch Scheme
 - Swavesey Non-Conformist Cemetery – towards annual maintenance costs
 - St Andrew's Parochial Church Council – towards churchyard maintenance costs
 - Swavesey Festival 2010
 - Swavesey Memorial Hall
- Gave responses to the following consultation documents:
 - Cambs & Peterborough Minerals and Waste Plan – A14 borrow pits
 - SCDC Gypsy & Traveller Sites - Options
 - Various District Council consultations
 - CCC Footpath/Cycleway, Buckingway Road
 - 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
- Consulted on 48 planning applications
- Work to clear overgrown vegetation around Moat Way pond plus reduction in the height of the Poplar Trees
- Grass cutting to all parish land including the recreation green, Market Street Green, Swan Pond green, Moat Way play area and other smaller grassed areas and hedge cutting to hedges around the recreation green
- Support for the Neighbourhood Policing Team by way of provision of facilities at the Memorial Hall for Police surgeries
- Established the Parish Plan Action working party to review and implement the actions arising from the Questionnaire and published plan
- Discussions with the Environment Agency regarding flood risk concerns, riverbank and drain maintenance and proposals relating to Northstowe and Uttons Drove Sewage Treatment Works
- Continued to support the voluntary groups who help to maintain Moat Way, Swan and School ponds
- Support for the volunteers maintaining Constable's Rood
- As part of the Parish Paths Partnership, maintenance work to Rights of Way
- Support for Swavesey Action for Youth
- Support of the Community Pavilion (Football Club) project to replace the old pavilion on the recreation green with a new purpose built community pavilion
- Liaison with Cambridgeshire ACRE and South Cambs District Council to investigate Affordable Housing Development

SWAVESEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council consists of 11 Councillors who are elected for 4 years and represent an electorate of 1,918.

Councillors:

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Council Agendas, Minutes and information on current topics can all be found on the Parish Council Webpage at: www.swavesey.org.uk

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
 - Three village ponds
 - 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
- Works with the District Council to provide and maintain dog-waste bins and litter bins around the village
- 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 Pavilion 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