

STAMFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Newsletter



A QUARTERLY UPDATE OF NEWS AND VIEWS FROM STAMFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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The Mayor of Stamford, Cllr. Jon Poznanski

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the first issue of The Stamford Town Council Newsletter, a new initiative to engage you, the people of Stamford, with your elected Town Council and inform you of the many activities and initiatives undertaken on behalf of yourselves and the many visitors to our ancient town. It is hoped, indeed encouraged, that through this medium you inform the councillors you have elected to represent you on your Wards how you wish them to speak and act on your behalf at the Town Council.

Stamford Town Council's decisions are the responsibility of the whole body, not that of individuals or political parties. The Town Council is empowered by Parliament to raise funds through local taxation, the precept, and through a range of accountable powers to spend those funds on your behalf. This may include the provision and maintenance of crime prevention measures; park, leisure and recreation grounds; allotments; cemeteries and public conveniences to name but some. The job of the Town Council is to represent the interests of the whole community in all its diversity.

All Town Council and Committee Meetings are open to the public and an opportunity is offered at every meeting for residents to voice their aspirations and concerns directly to the Council. Residents unable to attend such meetings are encouraged to contact their elected Ward Councillor who will address, and directly respond to, issues brought to their attention.

The Stamford Town Council web-site, which is under continuing review and development, also offers individual contact details for all Ward Councillors. Web-site details are included on the back page of this Newsletter, which you may wish to keep for future reference. We all look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Jon Poznanski

2007 Town Council Diary:

- 14 August – Planning
- 28 August – Full Town Council
- 4 September – Planning
- 11 September – Finance
- 18 September – Full Town Council
- 25 September – Planning
- 16 October – Planning
- 23 October – Cemetery, Allotments & Meadows
- 30 October -- Full Town Council
- 6 November – Planning
- 13 November -- Finance
- 20 November – Full Town Council
- 27 November – Planning

All above meetings are at the Town Hall and commence at 7pm. Members of the public are welcome.

SOME KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS OF YOUR MAYOR, COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS

The Mayor of Stamford, as Chairman of the Town Council, has a special position as the elected head of the Town Council. The Mayor / Chairman must preside at council meetings (unless absent when the **Deputy Mayor** should preside) and is responsible for ensuring that meetings are conducted properly, with the aim of producing intelligent decisions. He or she also has to represent the council to the local community and beyond.

There is a statutory duty for all councils to prepare an annual budget. The responsibility for preparing the budget rests primarily with the **Town Clerk** and **Town Treasurer**, after which it is considered for approval by the Finance Committee before a final version is recommended to the **Town Council** for ratification. Most council policy decisions have financial implications and these need to be considered carefully at the same time as policy.

The responsibility for policy implementation rests primarily with the **Town Clerk**; the council makes the decisions and the Town Clerk carries them out. However, councillors often have a role to play in policy implementation, for example, in the representation of the decisions of the council and / or the views of the community to others (e.g. as nominated or elected representatives of the council on other bodies, such as the **District Council** and on local voluntary organisations and similar).

Councillors, in addition to representing the views, aspirations and concerns of their electors, also have a role to play in suggesting new initiatives or the further development of existing policies; such as undertaking appraisals to establish what local people want for their community. Such appraisals should seek to include and involve the whole community at large with councillors taking a leading role. Councillors also have a duty to ensure that the views of the community are put to the relevant persons or bodies and that the special interests of the communities they represent are protected or promoted as appropriate.

The **Town Clerk** is the Town Council's chief executive officer and has the prime responsibility for the administration of the council and for carrying out the council's decisions. By analogy with the chief executive of a principal council, the Town Clerk also has the responsibility of advising the council before it takes a decision and warning it against proceeding with a course of action that is unlawful. The Town Clerk is also known as the "proper officer" of the council and has certain statutory duties to perform when the relevant legislation provides, such as to sign the summons for councillors to attend meetings.

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STAMFORD TOWN COUNCIL – WORKING TOWARDS QUALITY ACCREDITATION IN 2007



Why become a Quality Council and what are the benefits?

Since the launch of the Quality Parish and Town Council Scheme in March 2003, councils all over the country have been gradually acquiring Quality Status. Becoming a Quality Council will place your Council in the best position to influence principal authority decision-making processes and thus enable your Council to assume additional responsibilities in respect of local problem solving; without primary recourse to the principal authority.

How is Quality Status achieved?

Through a Council demonstrating to the County Accreditation Panel that national standards set by Government are fully met in terms of accountability to local communities, in transparency, representation, providing community leadership and functioning coherently as a professional and competent body.

STAMFORD TOWN COUNCIL
SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE AT 31 MARCH 2007

<u>31st March</u> <u>2006</u>		<u>31st March</u> <u>2007</u>	
	INCOME		
209654	Precept	218231	
	Agency Services Reimbursed		
	Capital Receipts		
	Interest/Dividends on		
4897	Investments	5358	
1164	Administration	1281	
16069	Town Hall lettings	15780	
1771	Civic Ceremonies	896	
7850	Allotment Rents	8166	
46509	Cemetery fees	40333	
6778	Meadows	10552	
4350	Playscheme	3957	
	Sensory Garden Grant		
	Sensory Garden Grant - LEAP		
	Christmas Festivities	275	
2083	Pride & Prejudice Calendars		
3500	Awards for All		
14428	Lottery Grant		
1480			
320533	TOTAL INCOME	304829	
	EXPENDITURE		
108085	General Administration	106293	
4243	S.137 Payments	6148	
	Capital Spending		
	Capital Spending - Equipment		
	Loan Interest		
	Loans Made		
	Running Costs:		
	Town		
38237	Hall	27623	
5878	Members Allowances	5741	
4477	Allotments	8282	
8346	Meadows	18540	
82470	Cemetery	114703	
324	Floodlighting		
7734	Playscheme	6803	
9626	Christmas Lights	9138	
	Provision for Doubtful Debts		
	Grants		
	Special Projects	1594	
	Stamford in Bloom	105	
4695	Misc	466	
3500	Stamford Town Market Week		
1730	Pride & Prejudice Calendars		
1784	Elections	2773	
281129	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	308209	
	GENERAL FUND		
114654	Balance at 1st April 2006		129315
	Add Total Income	304829	
	Less Total Expenditure	<u>308209</u>	
39404	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-3380	-3380
	(Increase)/Decrease in		
-24743	Reserves		-525
<u>129315</u>	Balance at 1st April 2007		125410

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the authority at 31st March 2007 and reflects its income and expenditure during the year.

**STAMFORD TOWN COUNCILLORS, SOUTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCILLORS
& LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLORS' WARD LIST FOR STAMFORD**
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David Brailsford	1 Carisbrook Grove, Stamford PE9 2GF	757242	
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Dr. Sam Jalili	68 Roman Bank, Stamford PE9 2ST	765655	SKDC Cllr.
Mrs. Maureen Riley	3 New St, Stamford PE9 1ES	755219	
Mrs. Susan Sandall	4 Forest Gardens, Stamford PE9 2FL	764399 / 757676	SKDC Cllr.

ST. GEORGE'S WARD		TELEPHONE No.	
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Jon Poznanski Town Mayor	Via - Town Hall		
Bob Sandall	4 Forest Gardens, Stamford PE9 2FL	764399 / 757676	SKDC Cllr
Bill Turner	16 Falkirk Close, Stamford PE9 2TU	766697	

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Mrs. Maureen Jalili - Deputy Mayor	68 Roman Bank, Stamford PE9 2ST	755955	SKDC Cllr
John Judge	8 Brooke Avenue, Stamford PE9 2RU	764757	
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ST. MARY'S WARD		TELEPHONE No.	
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Paul Rose	Willowbrook, 2nd Drift, Wothorpe, Stamford	754166	
Dr. Graham Wheatley	6 St. Peter's Hill, Stamford PE9 2PE	489154	

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Please ensure you NAME the Councillor for whom your email is intended.

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