

## **Mildenhall Parish Council Annual Report 2010-2011**

During the course of this year there have been exciting, difficult, demanding, frustrating and inconvenient times for the parish council and anyone and everyone who lives and works in Mildenhall. The cause was the disruption resulting from the relocation of the Social Club and the building of the new supermarket and car park. The new Social Club was opened on time but unfortunately the new town car park was not. Originally scheduled to open in April, the build was delayed by archeology and the car park opened in July.

The store had originally been scheduled to open before Christmas 2010. Again archeology delayed work and March 2<sup>nd</sup> was the day the store finally opened. The larger store has a wider range of goods and is attracting new shoppers to the town. The store car park allows two hours free parking so people can take advantage of this for shopping in the store and throughout the town.

The new town car park remains free and has no time limit. Mildenhall is fortunate to be one of the few remaining towns that has short and long term free parking and this is a great benefit to both workers and visitors.

The parish council is aware of the hardship suffered by traders through this difficult period and it is a great tribute to them that they have come through and are now hopefully in a position to benefit from the increased footfall in the town.

The completion of the project brings with it an enormously exciting opportunity for the people of Mildenhall parish to contribute ideas for projects they would like to see the parish council undertake for the benefit of the whole parish. It is sometimes forgotten that both West Row and Isleham Marina are part of Mildenhall parish. The parish council has included the submission and discussion of ideas as a major part of the Annual Parish Meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup>. The Annual Parish meeting is not usually well attended by parishioners but this year the parish council hopes there will be good support for this important discussion.

Mildenhall Parish Council continues to work through its committees, Establishment & Policy, Recreational Management and General Purposes who meet quarterly and Planning which meets every three weeks. Remember all the committee meetings and the monthly full council meeting are open to the public and press. At all meetings there is always the opportunity for public participation and any parishioner may speak for three minutes on any item on the agenda. Agendas and minutes are posted onto the parish council notice boards and website at [www.mildenhall.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.mildenhall.suffolk.gov.uk). Names and contact details of all Councillors and forthcoming events at the Jubilee Centre will also be found on the site. Every month Councillors are available at "Meet your Councillor" and any member of the public can take the opportunity to raise any issue of concern. The sessions are held in West Row on the first Saturday of the month in the village hall and in Mildenhall town on the second Saturday of the month in the LEAP Centre.

Clubs and Organisations Day was held in September, once again in the precinct, as this venue proved so popular the previous year. Originally a bi-annual event, demand has shown the need for it to be held annually. The parish council has a considerable list of names and addresses for the event but if you, or anyone you know, runs a club or organisation that would like to raise its profile and seek new members then please contact the parish office and get your name on the list for September 2011.

A highlight of the Clubs and Organisations day in September was the presentation to the Chairman of Mildenhall Parish Council of the Quality Parish Status Certificate by the Chief Executive Officer of the Suffolk Association of Local Councils. This award is given to those councils who have demonstrated that all their affairs and actions are run to a specific standard. The accreditation is valid for four years after which further evidence has to be submitted to achieve re-accreditation.

Another successful event run by the parish council was the Civic Reception. The event was run for the first time in March 2010 and the second evening in March 2011 proved equally as useful in allowing Councillors to meet representatives from business, shops and organisations and to highlight some of the parish councils' responsibilities.

It has been an extremely busy year and 2011-2012 will no doubt be the same. There is to be an election on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2011 and so Mildenhall Parish Council may be working with old and new faces after that date.

We look forward to an exciting year and starting on some of the development funds projects that will bring further benefit and enjoyment to the residents and visitors of Mildenhall Parish.

#### Mildenhall Parish Council – Balance sheet 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010

2008-2009	<b>Current Assets</b>		2009-2010
7,916.82	VAT recoverable		00.00
2,166.14	Debtors		00.00
10,116.51	Payment in advance		7,437
275,458.12	Cash at Bank		715,527
295,657.59	Total current assets		773,020
	<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
34,488.77	Creditors		103,544
261,168.82	<b>Net Assets</b>		
	Represented by:		
165,898.82	General Fund		545,475
95,270.00	Earmarked Reserves		124,000

Extracts from 2009-2010 Budgets	£	Expenditure	£	Income
Administration		146,234		500,011
Allotments		7,535		2,487
Burials – Cemetery		13,994		7,551
Public Lighting		40,935		
Public Seating and Bus Shelters		3,494		
Jubilee Centre and Pavilion		96,457		57,757
Jubilee Fields		52,757		2,386
Memorials and signs		2,561		
Equipment & tractor maintenance		10,787		
Grants		5,825		