

## **Gerrards Cross Parish Council**

### **Finance and General Purposes Report 2008 – 2009**

The Finance and General Purposes Committee monitors the spending of the Parish Council and prepares the budget for the following year. It also oversees the auditing of the accounts and ensures that proper financial records are maintained. All decisions are always ratified by a meeting of Full Council.

As in previous years the main areas of GXPC's expenditure include street lighting, maintenance of The Common, The Camp, the network of village footpaths, the play equipment on East Common, the ponds, benches and the Parish Newsletter, website and notice boards. WE also fund our Parish Office which is run very economically by our excellent Parish Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

We have also continued to support a number of worthwhile local charities and organisations which offer benefits to residents of Gerrards Cross, generally via one off donations or grants.

Once again it is pleasing to report that the Committee has not been presented with any surprises and that it has been able to budget and plan in a strategic way. This strategy has included the clearing and improvement of a number of our local footpaths, improving street lighting and to the benefit of our younger residents, some exciting new play equipment.

The Parish Council has continued with its general maintenance works around the village, including the regular battle against graffiti, the removal of which is funded and organised by the Parish Council and SBDC.

Overall we have continued to keep our funding within budget. The Parish Council is keen to continue to develop further projects for Gerrards Cross which will improve our environment and amenities as well as furthering a real sense of community for our village.