

## **Mayor's Report No 1 (18/06/2020)**

1. On taking up my role as Mayor, I have contacted each Councillor, to check that they are happy to help with the tasks they lay ahead in what will be a very busy and exciting year, and stressed the importance of all pulling together if we are to achieve this Council's objectives.
2. I have continued working with BECS undertaking 2 x 6-hour shifts per week and attending the weekly 'briefing' meetings.
3. I have been involved in various discussions with Councillors and volunteers, including Halesworth Volunteer Centre and Stuart Halsey of ESC in setting up the Good Neighbour Scheme for Bungay and the surrounding villages.
4. Liaised with Councillors, residents and police regarding ASB at the Staithe/Falcon Meadow and Trinity St. PC Steve Fisher responded quickly and most of the problems were resolved. However, I think that the Trinity St. incident may be ongoing. Our CCTV system has captured pictures of the suspects.
5. Whist walking with my partner along St John's Road a couple of weeks ago in early evening. I tried unsuccessfully to report the incident via the 101 number, so used 999. A policeman finally showed up at 11.00 pm. He came from Lowestoft - there were no police locally that evening. I have taken this up the line, so hopefully we will see some better coverage in Bungay. However, I ask that all Councillors and members of the public to keep alert and report every suspicious incident they see. It is the only way we can maintain an acceptable presence in the town.
6. I'm still involved with the NDP and have recently submitted an end of grant form and applied for a further grant to see us through to the Submission and Referendum stages. This has also involved a number of telephone conversations with the grant-giving organisations. Locality and Groundworks.
7. Liaised with Architectural Designer to provide estimates for reconfiguring Town Hall & Riverside Centre.
8. Made representation to ESC Planning Committee via Zoom regarding the ATM and permission was unanimously granted.
9. As part of the Employment Sub-committee, undertook interview for replacement Deputy Town Clerk.
10. Also participated in the Skate Park working party and ACT Youth Groups working party zoom meetings.

***Bob Prior***