

Meeting of BLTC 06 June 2017

Reports to Council

Borough Council Matters of Interest Reports

Cllr Currall

Firstly I would like to say it is an honour to Represent Burton Latimer on the Borough Council. I will be dedicated to ensuring Burton Latimer is strongly represented working with Jan and Ruth. Derek will be a hard act to follow but i will give it 100%. I Do not have much to report this month but just to let you know I have been chosen to go on The monitoring and Audit Committee and the Licensing Committee.

Cllr R. Groome

1. Cllr Scott Edwards will continue for a further year as Mayor of Kettering, following the passing of Cllrs Alan Mills and Derek Zanger. Cllr James Burton is Deputy Mayor. David Cook will leave his role as Chief Executive this month after 17 years and Graham Soulsby has been appointed to take over David's responsibilities.
2. There have been reports of horses racing through Burton Latimer, unattended horses around the town and horses in a poor condition in the field near Bosworth's. This has been reported to the Police, with names of witnesses. The Police have followed this up. The condition of the horses has been reported to Environmental Health.
3. I have reported the effluent (sewage?) in the ditch near Yeomans Court Sheltered Housing the Environmental Health and Environment Agency.
4. Not specifically Borough Council, but I have been running Community Speedwatch – so far we have caught 8 speeding cars down Higham Road, none in either Kettering Road or Cranford Road. However, our presence has caused cars to slow down, and many residents have thanked us for being there. Thanks so far to Mick and Elaine Roche, Nigel Padget, Christopher Groome and Geoff Baynham for their help.
5. Farmers' Market – very good market on Saturday – good weather, and stallholders happy with the business. However, stall holders feel that business falls off at midday, and don't see any point in staying into the afternoon. The next Farmers' Market meeting will be on 13th June.
6. The next East of Kettering meeting will be on 22nd June and the next A6 Towns Forum meeting will be on 28th June. If anyone would like a lift I will be attending.

County Council Matters of Interest (Cllr C. Smith-Haynes)

Please accept the following as my first County Councillor Report to BLTC.

May I thank everyone on the Town Council for being so welcoming, and also thank especially Councillor Chris Groome for the service he has given to the town / division over the past eight years. I am honoured to succeed him, and intend to work just as hard for the people of Burton Latimer.

The first three weeks have been somewhat frustrating, as none of the newly elected councillors (including myself) have remote access to our e-mails yet (an IT problem). This means I can only read my e-mails when I'm at County Hall, so I may not respond to my e-mails straight away as I do not attend County Hall every day. I am happy for people to continue using my personal e-mail address, until this issue is resolved.

I am delighted to have been assigned to the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee, The Corporate Parenting Board and The Police and Crime Panel; all issues close to my heart. I have attended all induction training so far, and completed the induction e-learning courses.

I have exchanged several e-mails with the Highways department regarding various issues raised by Burton Latimer residents, and I look forward to having a face to face meeting with Debbie Taylor-Bond very soon.

Highways Report (Cllr Macdonald)

- 1) Footpath just north of entrance to the Hall has been resurfaced and slightly widened
- 2) Footway in area outside "Latimer Spice" has been resurfaced
- 3) Drainage gully at entrance to Civic Centre car park will be repaired on Saturday the 10th of June this will mean car park is closed for the day
- 4) Pot holes in the following have been repaired
 - a) Church St
 - b) Kettering Rd
 - c) Finedon Rd
 - d) Station Rd
- 5) Footpath UA7 is scheduled to be strimmed by county and community pay back depending on which section this will happen over the next 10 days
- 6) We are still awaiting the results of our concerns and/or the safety audit at junction 10
- 7) Footpath UA15 should revert to original line by October
- 8) Ground Work have removed all their belongings from youth room but we need to get the key returned
- 9) Toilets for the Duck race are being provided by Grace Homes free of charge. We need to send a letter of thanks

- 10) A meeting with representative from Kiers is scheduled for the 7th when main roads in the town will be carefully examined with a view of getting a gang in for 1 or 2 days to repair all pot holes identified from the inspection. Note this is a new approach and will be carefully monitored
- 11) The problem of the “flooding” in the alley way passing 27 Spencer St will be fully discussed at same meeting
- 12) The kerb and building lines have been sprayed by the County’s contractor within the last 10 days
- 13) A meeting of the small group looking at the updating of the web site advises that a new and flexible platform has been settled upon ensuring that screen display changes to suit viewing device and includes ease of use by the use of drop down menus and viewing tiles. The templates can be customised without restriction and the system can be updated by “non experts”with relative ease all access being password controlled. A number of residents have expressed a potential willingness to help once the system has reached an operational stage the Council will be invited to agree or other wise with this nearer the time We need a full list of all local social media sites and details of their administrators.

Everything is on schedule for completion prior to Christmas 2017

Town Councillor’s Reports to Council

Cllr C. Groome

As I’ve got into the habit of doing regular reports, I shall continue and hopefully more councillors will follow. Here is my report.

1. As Chairman of LANRAC (Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Rail Action Committee) I had a meeting with Sir Peter Soulsby, City Mayor of Leicester, and Adam Clark, his Transport Deputy, about the timetable problems on the Midland Main Line (MML), the delay to the MML upgrading and electrification and the likely adverse impact of HS2 on MML services south of the proposed poorly located East Midlands Hub at Toton. They are very much of one mind with us. We plan to meet with the new Administrations in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire to discuss the same agenda.
2. While canvassing for the election I heard two big concerns: the first was the need to get trucks servicing IVG White out of the town and the second was to get a grip on the Health Centre to increase its capacity and the quality of service. Councillor Macdonald and I had a very fruitful initial meeting with KBC’s Planning Policy Manager, Simon Richardson, about how this might be achieved. This was reported to the Planning Committee.
3. I was elected Chair of Planning and it is my intention that BLTC becomes more proactive in pursuing money for infrastructure and services to match the growth in population and to deliver the urban design framework. We should also take a higher profile role in getting the Kettering East mess sorted out as it has a big potential to cause problems for Burton residents travelling into Kettering and south through Finedon.
4. I attended the meeting with Warwick Hunt to discuss the web site and social media reported on separately.

Reports From Representatives on Outside Bodies

Patient’s Forum (Cllr Jerram)

REPORT ON THE PATIENTS FORUM GROUP HELD ON MONDAY 15th MAY 2017

- Lloyds Pharmacy have appointed yet another Area Manager who attended the meeting. Very pleasant lady but I told her I thought she was living in Cloud Cuckoo land as she said that there were hardly any complaints so things were good! She seems enthusiastic so we will see.. They have also appointed a regular pharmacist which is good and also an area coach slightly unsure of her role! The Area Manager said she was willing to be contacted with any problems: 07841 079895 e-mail: rachel.moket@lloydspharmacy.co.uk
- Discussion around how many T/C reps were needed/wanted. Traditionally there has always been only one, however when Fergus left the group it was assumed that he was a T/C rep but he was actually on the group as a patient so Jenny Davies was elected as well. The group unanimously agreed they only wanted one T/C rep but Jenny could apply to go on the group as a patient should she wish
- The Patients Forum are going to put a suggestion box on the reception
- The Action Plan after the survey in September has now been done so hopefully it should soon be made public
- A new system is now in place to remind patients of their appointment (by text) in an effort to reduce the number who don't turn up
- Good news is that the surgery have managed to recruit a new GP – Dr Robinson – who will be starting in June
- The Quality Care Commission is going to inspect the Surgery on Tuesday 23rd May. I hope to attend (if invited!)
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Twinning Association (Cllr Jerram)

REPORT OF THE TWINNING ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18th MAY 2017

- Grant to go to K BC Community Fund by 31st May for leaflets and Italian visit
- 12 children and 3 teacher/escorts from Italy are visiting from 9th to 17th July. Staying in London at start then in Woodcroft Scout quarters from 15th July. B/L Twinning to arrange a trip for them to either Stratford on Avon or the Space Centre in Leicester for Sun 16th July. Attempting to arrange a visit to Bishops Stopford School on the 17th before they fly home
- Italian adults are planning to visit us in October, possibly 12th to 14th. Awaiting confirmation of dates then will organise visits and accommodation for them
- Communication with our German twin town has improved slightly. The mandoline orchestra is still running, they now have a Russian conductor. Aiming to visit Germany next year
- Stall for publicity etc to be held at this year's Duck Race
- Chairman still awaiting reply from Kettering Twinning Group re sharing ideas.