

Borough Councillor's Report for June 2021

From Councillors Joyce Crooks, Mark Sheppard -Bools, & Robin Webber-Jones

Councillor met for face to face for the first time in over a year at the Annual Borough Council Meeting on the 17th of May which was held at Hinckley Rugby Club so member and the public could attend in safety due to Covid restrictions being relaxed. This annual meeting is the occasion when the current Mayor retires, and a new Mayor is installed. The retiring Mayor Councillor Linda Hodgkins served for two years due to council not being able to hold face to face meetings, and we thank Linda for agreeing to continue in the role. Our new Mayor is Councillor Ted Hollick who represents Groby ward on the council, and we wish him and his wife a happy and fulfilling year.

The next face to face meeting was the Planning Committee which was held in the De Montfort Suite at the Hinckley Hub. The meeting was allowed under Covid Rules, but all councillors were spaced well apart and when moving around the chamber had to wear masks.

All meetings that do not require the attendance of the public will continue to be held on Zoom.

As we enter the new civic year most committees are made up of the same Councillors as in the previous year except for the mayor, his committee places are now covered by the ex-Mayor Councillor Linda Hodgkins.

Councillor Mark Sheppard-Bools is Chair of Licensing and is also a member of Finance & Audit, lead member for Health, and a member for the Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Robin Webber-Jones is Chair of the Ethical Governance Committee, he is also on the Finance and Audit committee and Scrutiny Committee.

Joyce is Chair of the Planning Committee, a member of the Appels Panel and a member on the Scrutiny Committee.

All three councillors have been busy with ward work and have been working to improving communications with residents. We have taken up many issues reported to us, and we continue to push the County Council for improvements to the road network, Speeding issues and especially the parking problems outside the Primary School.

We are happy to answer any questions you may have regarding Borough Issues.

Regards

Joyce, Mark & Robin