

## **Borough Council Report from Councillors Joyce Crooks, Mark Sheppard-Bools & Robin Webber-Jones**

### **Purdah**

Due to the elections to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> May all meetings have been suspended. The only meeting still to go ahead currently is Planning on 28<sup>th</sup> April. This means that we have extraordinarily little to report at the moment.

### **Appeals**

The owner of the former public house 'The Swan' in Newbold Verdon has put in an appeal against the Council's refusal of the application for change of use, currently this is to be a written appeal.

The appeal against refusal of 120 Houses (Ashfield Farm Kirkby Road Desford) will now be heard in June.

We expect an appeal to be submitted any day against refusal for 4 large Warehouses off Peckleton Lane in Desford as this application was refused at the last planning committee. It was refused on Highway's design and layout.

### **General**

As lockdown eases during the next month, some meetings are being scheduled face to face in May, so we expect that Mayor Making will be held in the chamber at the Hinckley Hub this year. The Leisure Centre is open again as from today and nonessential shops, Hairdressers etc can trade.

We are sure that everyone will welcome this easing of restrictions, but we hope that our residents will still be cautious and adhere to social distancing.

We continue to take up our ward work, for example, contacting the enforcement team at HBBC regarding out of hours working on the new development off Bosworth Lane and the amount of dust being blown about as the dampening machine was not being utilised. Reported broken Stiles on local footpaths and blocked drains. Reported litter bins overflowing.

Several residents have now volunteered to Litter Pick around the village, and we are extremely grateful to them for helping to keep our village tidy.

