

Mayors Report for 2019-2020

Welcome to all those present at what is the fifth meeting of electors in our mammoth term of 6 years.

This last year, as ever, has been a busy one and one in which we have seen some changes. We have been delighted to welcome our new Councilor D Dawson to the fold.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan and the issues related thereto continues to take up much of the time for all Councilors who this year have also been working on the housing needs survey. The new revised Neighbourhood Plan has been started with support and contributions from the steering committee.

Tickhill Town Council wishes to ensure the residents of Tickhill, get what they need, not simply accept what DMBC or any developer propose.

Finance

Prudent control has continued to be exercised over the Council's finances with small savings made in many areas of budgeted expenditure. The Car park remains free as expressed in the wishes of the Neighbourhood Plan, but still has to be maintained with the varying costs involved. Tickhill Town Council rigorously scrutinise every aspect of the budget plan for the year but even so we have to recognise a depletion in reserves Your Council is very much aware that all necessary expenditure has an inevitable cost to the electorate. This year the Pavilion will have to invest in a New Boiler for the heating system full costings not yet completed.

Lettings have stabilised at the Pavilion and we hope to continue to have regular bookings.

The Council's existing finances are no longer sufficient to meet current and future commitments, and therefore it has been necessary to make a modest increase the precept in real terms

Floods 2019 – 2020

Some areas in Tickhill were hit badly by the floods of 2019 and 2020 TTC have had meetings and discussions with DMBC officers to ensure that Tickhill residents are receiving the information and support required to get through this tough and emotional time.

STAFFING

This year we have two new members of staff at the Pavilion we have welcomed Jane White as Pavilion Administrator and Steve Redman as a Lengthman. We wish them both well for the future.

Neighbourhood Management Team.

Richard Marshall is now replaced by Steve Racjan in areas when required. Neighbourhood management is hands on within the community, something Tickhill has been able to achieve. A big thank you is to be extended to Steve for his continued hard work and dedication. We will endeavor on our part to keep up communications and work with the very much, although reduced, successful and committed team. We give them our full support.

Traffic and Parking

We have now seen that DMBC have implemented new parking restrictions in Tickhill Town Centre, also new road signage has been put in place, we will keep pushing for improvement. Parking on pavements and grass verges is a problem and we continually seek a solution.

Christmas

As usual our Christmas festivities in the Town were a huge success and late night shopping proved to be its usual hit! Our annual Carol service was well attended with numbers increasing; we hope it will continue to go from strength to strength.

Planning

Planning can be contentious, but our Neighbourhood plan continues to play an important part in our considerations. This enabling legislation has given us the power to decide the destiny of our own small Town but still needs the consent of DMBC who are however obliged to take our views into account!

Members of the Public are reminded of the opportunity to attend council meetings and inform the council of any developments which they may not approve of or even wish to support.

Events

Tfest was back this year and very successful at the Cricket Field. A big thank you is to be extended to all the organisers who have given up their time and effort to stage this wonderful event.

The Scarecrow festival and the 1940's Day a big success as usual

The Gala Day was well attended.

A big thank you to all involved.

Website

Seven years ago, we introduced our first ever website. This has now been replaced with a newer much versatile website many thanks to Councilor I. Smith for all his time and efforts in taking this important project forward

Tickhill in Bloom

The Tickhill in Bloom Group continue to give us delightful flower beds throughout the year and we must give a special thanks to the group. It is hoped they can continue with their sterling work. Thank you, Gillian, Margaret M and all the dedicated team you keep our Town looking lovely!

Litter Picker

The Volunteer Litter Picker has now been picking litter for almost 7 years.

Councilor Cannings is now ready to take things a little easier and will be looking to relinquish the role in the near future.

Thank you to Councilor Cannings for all his hard work and his continued dedication to the "Cause".

Our new Lengsthman Steve Redman works alongside Councilor Cannings learning the ropes.

Awards

This year the Community Award was received by Margaret Cannings-Clough and Nigel Cannings as a Joint Award for their hard work, and many tireless unpaid hours at the Pavilion, and the true passion they have for the Community

A special Mayor's award was given to, Ms. Faith Bartram particularly for her kindness and spirit shown to the community, and her time given to collect for various local charities.

A very well-deserved award.

Well done all, your achievements and dedication are very much appreciated.

Thanks

I must thank all my Councillor colleagues and our Clerk and R.F.O for their advice, expertise and continued commitment to the community over the last year. We could not possibly exist without them. All Councillors carry out their duties to their fullest potential and without remuneration or expenses, so thank you all.

We also thank our Borough Councilors for their continued commitment to our community.

Our staff at the Pavilion, as ever, have played a major role this year with their hard work and co-operation. It is not the easiest of work but fulfills a vital role in the community. Huge thanks to Jane, Gillian and Steve.

Finally, I would also like to thank all residents who support the Council in so many different ways - particularly the members of the Advisory Committee – and to all those who contribute to our many meetings and surveys.

