



MAYOR'S NOVEMBER MESSAGE

The Council meeting on 18 November was to say the least lively, and I recommend you have a look at the Minutes on the Town Council website when they finally appear. Meantime I will outline some of the major issues that emerged

As many of you will be aware we have suffered a number of incidents of senseless destruction and damage at Judith's Field recently. These included a fire set in the new Disabled Toilet and the removal of some equipment from the Multi Wheel Fun Track (MWFT) worksite. This was used to damage the wooden cladding of the toilets. However, our CCTV system is highly effective day and night, and the police have already identified some of the culprits. Official action is ongoing.

The opening ceremony for the MWFT will take place at 10.30 on 27 November. Until then the area will remain fenced-off to allow the grass to take root and bed-in. We hope this need is respected so that everyone can enjoy a fully functional facility when it opens. If not, please smile for the cameras.

Talking of breaking and entering, some pigeons have managed to defeat the deterrent wire netting under the A1307 viaduct on Cambridge Road, The Environmental Health authorities are aware, and hopefully will be doing their stuff soon.

We are sorry that timing system for the Judith's Field lights continues to give problems. The car park should be permanently lit during dark hours and, when the timers are fixed, we plan to extend the period of Winter lights-on at the MUGA, Skate Park and MWFT to 8pm. The Town Clerk will post updates on our progress and full details on social media and on our website.

The Community Nursery in Park Lane continues its upward spiral, much due to the tireless efforts of our band of volunteers. The contract for the provision of a classroom/meeting hall and kitchen facility has been let, and work will now commence in January. Council has also selected a contractor to build an office and sales area. Do please support the facility whenever you can. It is our community asset and relies on us all.

Thank you to all who participated in our Civic Supper at the Black Bull, who hosted us superbly and helped us raise some invaluable funds for the Mayor's Charity. And we had a wonderful turn-out of old and young alike at the Town Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. Our Community Spirit was evident to all.

The Council Autumn Newsletter is almost ready to go to print and will be delivered to all households. Along with this there will be details of the Transport and Travel Survey and a Questionnaire so that you can have your say on where and how we might address issues that concern us all. With the services of professional consultants and your input, we hope to be able to produce a Transport Plan to improve safety, pollution and general living conditions in our Town.

Lastly, we are looking forward to the return of our Christmas Market event at School Hill. We are planning for this to take place on 3 December from 5 to 8 pm, when our festive street and Christmas Tree lights will be turned on, and a range of products and skills of some of our residents will be on show. Most importantly Father Christmas will be on hand to greet young and old. See you there.

Cllr Cliff Thomas

Mayor of Godmanchester