

Last Thursday (19th May 2022) was the first meeting of Godmanchester's new Town Council. We said farewell to Philip Round, Rashid Mahmood, Graham Wilson and, of course, our last Mayor Cliff Thomas who had done such sterling work for the town during his post-Covid year in office. Mike Grice, Karen Pauley, Emma Saunders and Susan Simpson were welcomed in their place.

Dick Taplin was elected as Mayor for 2022-23, with Colin Hyams continuing as the Deputy Mayor. As this was the start of a new 4-year term of office, the Council ratified its General Power of Competence – which allows it to spend monies etc – and its principal Standing Orders. As the new Council had not had an opportunity to meet in its Portfolio groups, the only new business presented was a number of planning applications, all of which were approved.

It was announced that the new 'SkyWorld' item of play equipment was now available on the Rec, and nominations were taken as to who would represent the town at the 40th Anniversary celebration of twinning in Wertheim in July. The Mayor announced a number of civic events to raise funds for his chosen charity which would be the Godmanchester Foodbank. The first of these would probably be a Car Boot Sale on 20 August – watch this space.