

Because of the sad death of Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, the Council meeting originally planned for 15 September was delayed until Tuesday 27 September. As a result of this change of date a number of the councillors were unable to be present.

I advised a number of civic events for the coming quarter, including:

- Civic Service on Sunday 9 October
- Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 13 November
- Civic Supper on Friday 25 November
- Christmas Market on Friday 2 December

The last two events will be in aid of the Mayor's Charity which – this year – is the Godmanchester Foodbank.

Cllr Alan Hooker ran the 800 Club Draw, and there are 5 lucky winners who will be financially better off!

Because of the postponement of meetings, a number of items could not be progressed within normal timescales, but we hope to catch up with these in the coming month. The Portfolio Chairs made their reports, the main elements of which are:

- Progress is being made with identifying an architect to refurbish the Town Hall to make it more useful for the community as a whole.
- Hearing loops have been installed in the large halls at both QES and Judith's Field Pavilion.
- New Christmas lights have been agreed for the Causeway.
- We have identified a contractor to install gates between Judith's Field and Roman Way (note that no public right of way exists over Judith's Field); this work should take place shortly.
- We have been asked to comment on the Huntingdon Town Masterplan (see <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/masterplans>).
- We are dealing with speeding concerns by using our MVAS display in various locations, and the Speedwatch Group has been restarted.
- Now that we have 'Skyworld' on the Rec, we will be proceeding with removing Logworld, which is at the end of its useful life, and would require extensive repairs.

It was a rapid but productive meeting. I would remind you all that the majority of our work is open to the public, and you are most welcome to come and observe our deliberations. The next Town Council Meeting is at 19.00 on Thursday 20 October. Please come and join us.

Dick Taplin

Mayor