

Mayors Diary Boroughbridge - March 13th 2017

The week started badly with the Council having to foot the bill for mindless vandalism to the gent's toilets in the car park. Some individuals decided it would be a good idea to fill the gent's urinals up with sand. Firstly, causing a flood but more drastically blocking the whole drainage system up causing us to close the toilets. Tuesday morning we had the system jetted but the blockage is still not clear. It took some further rodding by one of the Cllrs before the system was cleared. Well at least we hope it is. So far this has cost our council (your money) close to £500. Not to mention lots of time spent by myself, Cllr Fuller and our Clerk. So who are these people? Having spent over 30 years as a youth worker it pains me to say this but, the young people of this town need something better to occupy their minds with. Someone must know who they are. We just hope that CCTV caught them on camera. Any information would be gratefully received by the Council or Police

A full Council Meeting on Tuesday welcomed two members of the public who were asking for an update on the HGV restrictions for the town. We were able to inform them that the plans were on schedule for April, but were dependent on the legal notices. Just a foot note, they must have thought that council meetings were becoming a lavish affair as the tables were decked out with lovely Polish fayre. It was Cllr Kaczmarczyk's birthday and was a lovely surprise, so thank you Monika.

The Council were a little surprised that residents in Minskip had received a notice informing them of further possible development of affordable homes at the rear of the newly erected houses on Roecliffe Drive. There is to be a consultation event on Monday 27th March between 3.30 pm and 7pm at Minskip Village Hall. Once again, an opportunity to have your say.

Some of you may have noticed that the Lych-gate at Aldborough Cemetery has had a makeover. Gutters cleaned out, ivy and moss removed from the roof and some minor repairs made to the gates. Many thanks to the 1322 club who undertook the work and did a brilliant job.

Last week I met with a representative from HBC and Yorkshire Water to discuss the recent sewage issues. I can report the meeting went well and was quite informative. I am just waiting for some written details before reporting further.

I would like to end this week's column by thanking all those who attended my Civic Service at Aldborough on Sunday. It was a pleasure to see so many community representatives, civic guests, fellow Cllrs, friends and family in such a wonderful church on a lovely spring like day. A big thank you to all who attended to make it such a wonderful afternoon.



