

Mayors Diary Boroughbridge March 12<sup>th</sup> 2018

I'm sorry it has been a few weeks since I last wrote but the snowy weather brought most functions to a standstill. It has been a long time since we have experienced such a large amount of snow. On the whole I think Boroughbridge came away quite well with our highways department doing a good job keeping main roads and town centre paths clear. Our two PCSO's were also busy checking on the elderly making sure they were OK. So a big thank you to all those who helped the people of Boroughbridge through what I hope has been the worst of the weather for this year.

For those who have any sentimental attachment to the Water Rats Club building, take a last look as it is scheduled for demolition in April. Once again a reminder for those who park their vehicles on council land where it clearly says "no parking", not to park there in the future.

Some of you have been asking about the HGV restrictions; well I am reliably informed that we are just waiting for the signs to be erected. There have also been one or two questions asked about some of the details in the restrictions. We shall be responding to those questions once we have a definitive answer.

The council have been approached by Barclays Bank to inform us that they wish to hold a presentation to businesses in the area about cyber crime and fraud. We thought the Chamber of Trade were best placed to co-ordinate this event and hope they can oblige. The Nationwide Building Society are looking in to the possibility of establishing a pop up banking facility in the town, good news as high street banks are disappearing fast. On a different note we have objected to the suggestions made by Harrogate Borough Council for road names on Linden Homes's new development, Riverside Saw Mills. As this site was a very renowned timber merchant we have strongly suggested, Oak, Elm, Willow, Chestnut, Sycamore, and Beech be used in the street names. The lane down to the development will be called Marina Lane. Other development news is that the Motorway Services planned for Kirby Hill still meets great opposition, and we all have a duty to keep an eye on planning applications as they come in. Your views and comments are vital as they will shape the community in which we live.

At our council meeting last week Cllr Geoff Haldenby was nominated as our Mayor Elect for our next civic term. The council were unanimous in their support.

There has been a great response to our CCTV survey over the past few weeks. Cllrs have been busy delivering the survey sheets to as many as doors possible, but have been held back slightly by the snow. If you have not yet received one I apologise, but please feel free to visit the town council website where you can find the survey there. It will only take a minute or so to complete. We are also looking in to the possibility of having the CCTV footage connected to a police monitoring service, should we decide to go ahead.

Finally, I am looking forward to my Civic Service to be held at St James Church on Sunday March 18th. During my service I shall be presenting my Community awards that have been kindly sponsored by Rabbit Hill Business Park. These awards are for those individuals and organisations that contribute to our community.

**Picture** - Water Rats Building - Our Blot on the landscape finally about to be demolished

