

AMESTREY PARISH COUNCIL WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT JULY 2023

Firstly, I must apologise for being unable to attend the Quarry Liaison Meeting and for the first time ever the Aymestrey Fete where I had agreed to present the prize to the best dog in show. Unfortunately, I was unwell prior to, during and following my trip to Malta and was taken into hospital upon my return, not returning home until the afternoon of the Fete.

As mentioned at the last meeting I will have held a meet the planners' event the day before the parish council meeting for all Mortimer parish clerks and I hope this will build a better relationship and understanding between parish councils and planners.

My portfolio Adult, Health & Wellbeing is to have a CQC assessment shortly and so I am busy getting to grips with all I need to know. I have to say going to A & E on a Tuesday morning at 7.45 am to find the waiting time on average 15 hrs 34 mins did not fill me with pride. Fortunately, I did not have to wait any time but many elderly people had sat on plastic chairs for over 14 hours and that is not acceptable.

I sent the clerk an email advising that the Bishop of Bristol had got approval through the Commons for parish councils and local authorities to support their local churches. At present there is no detail and it may just mean regularising the cutting of the church yard but if it includes maintenance that could cause a problem for some parish councils.

You will have read that the Administration are considering turning a significant part of Shire Hall into a first class and permanent site for Hereford Library and Learning Centre rather than Maylord Shopping Centre. This as expected is causing some controversy for and against but no decision has been taken.

Pothole filling still seems to be an issue. I recently watched potholes being patched near Luston and in my opinion they will not last 5 minutes.

Finally, I apologise for my absence recently but I do keep in touch with the Clerk.