

## **Report from Cllr Yolande Watson: Herefordshire Councillor for Kerne Bridge - June 2019**

### ***Goodrich and Welsh Bicknor Parish:***

- Met with Mr K. Gort and Mr L. Lowe to learn about the process and content of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)
- Met with the Clerk (Miss. A. Jones) to agree the content of the monthly reports and HCC information to be shared with parishioners
- Escalated the outstanding S106 payment issue to the Director of Economy and Place
- Attended Parish Council meeting and asked for a Noticeboard to be considered in/around Dean Swift Close to share Council information
- Continuing to work behind the scenes to find/activate a 'community-led advocacy/voluntary scheme' to enable vulnerable and isolated older residents to attend their GP appointments. This matter is involving members of the Adults and Communities Directorate, Cllr Elissa Swinglehurst (Chairperson of Adults and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee), a Whitchurch & Ganarew Parish Councillor and the Good Neighbourhood Scheme in Walford Parish

### ***Walford Parish:***

- Connected the newly elected Chair with the Chair of Whitchurch & Ganarew Parish Council
- Meeting with the Chair to gather intelligence about issues in the Walford Parish
- Introduced a member of the Walford NDP Steering Group with the NDP Teams in Goodrich & Welsh Bicknor + Whitchurch and Ganarew Parishes
- Whilst on holiday, a local resident in Hom Green expressed concern about road resurfacing via Facebook which was quickly resolved by Cllr Simeon Cole
- Maintaining contact with parishioners who I met whilst canvassing

### ***Whitchurch and Ganarew Parish:***

- Met with the Clerk (Mr. K. Shilston) and Chair (Mr R. Smith) to talk through key issues in the Parish as well as agree the content of the monthly reports, HCC information to be shared with parishioners and connecting isolated pensioners in Goodrich with activities in the Parish
- Met with Mr & Mrs Murphy, two members of the Symonds Yat Action Group (Mr J. Blows and Mr. A. Robinson) , Mr C. Hall (Acting Assistant Director Highways and Transport) and Ms Linzy Outtrim (Balfour Beatty) as regards the C1257 road closure

### **Herefordshire County Council**

- Attended all the HCC Mandatory Training throughout May and into June
- Attended my first Full Council on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May where I was elected onto two Committees: Planning & Regulatory + Audit & Governance
- Set up meetings with Director of Public Health and key Planning Officers to discuss particular issues in Kerne Bridge ward
- Commented on the aims/objectives of the Herefordshire Transport Alliance and asked them to consider transport links that extend beyond Hereford city and into/through the ward of Kerne Bridge – bringing to their attention the need for sustainable cycling/walking/buggy routes and the issues of car parking in the ward
- Organised a joint meeting of Councillors representing Ross West, Ross East, Ross North and Penyard to identify shared issues/concerns/potential solutions
- currently reading the legal documents of the HCC (Constitution and Corporate Plan)

In addition to my new roles within the HCC, over the next month, I look forward to meeting the Head Teachers in Goodrich, Walford & Whitchurch Primary Schools; and meeting those who organise and attend activities that are delivered in the Village Halls and Churches within the ward of Kerne Bridge.