

# **MAYOR'S DIARY**

## **24 - 30 AUGUST**

### **Monday 24 August**

- Sad to learn that the work billed to start in High Street South to, in part, help relieve flooding, has been delayed.
- Charity meeting (outside and social distancing) in Clapham, Bedford

### **Tuesday 25 August**

- Notice of the next two rounds of Town Council Committee meetings (September and November/December) to be on Teams virtual platform, subject to any changes in the pandemic regulations
- Prepared draft list of invitees for Mayoral events
- Tree blown down in Church Street
- List of topics to be discussed at tomorrow's meeting with MP and immediate fellow councillors
- Pleased to note external painting on premises on corner of Ashton Square/High Street South. Will the owners of other premises along Middle row facing High Street South note and take some action to improve the appearance of their premises?!

### **Wednesday 26 August**

- Zoom meeting with MP and immediate fellow Councillors – topics included police matters, unemployment in the current circumstances, the Government paper on cycling and plans for part of High Street South, parking strategy and flooding in High Street South
- Papers received for a Zoom meeting of the Ashton Almshouse Committee to be held next week
- Meeting with Democratic Services Manager – long service awards, Mayor's Prize Draw, Mayor's charities
- The Town's response to the pandemic – my article printed in the Gazette
- Dinner at Chez Jerome – supporting local restaurant (and taking advantage of the £10 Government meal support)

### **Thursday 27 August**

- Next family business article sent to the Gazette

### **Friday 28 August**

- Pleased to receive an e-mail from HM Lord-Lieutenant recognising the article in the Gazette about the Certificate of Appreciation and the town's response to the pandemic
- Received weekly up-date from the Manager of Dial a Ride

### **Saturday 29 August**

- Additional Town market on Ashton Square and Middle Row. Again, many stalls and classic cars on the Square, music and stilt walkers.
- Received Minutes of the Monday Charity meeting

The Government's £10 off meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays in August ends on Monday 31st. However, we still need to give our support to local restaurants as well as other local businesses.

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> - Bank Holiday!