

MAYOR'S DIARY
14 - 19 SEPTEMBER 2020

I was saddened to learn of the death of Past Town Mayor, Mike Mullany. He was Town Councillor 2011-2019 representing Watling Ward and Town Mayor 2010-2011. With a financial background he was a particular asset on the Finance and General Purposes Committee. A caring councillor and friend, he will be missed by family and many others. My condolences go to his wife, Jenny, and family.

Monday 14 September

- Drafted 'Mayor's Welcome' for the next Talk of the Town to be published in October
- Meeting to discuss what may be possible for Christmas events with Council officers and Rachel Phillips (Rector at Priory Church, Dunstable)
- Grounds and Environment – second Committee in the current cycle of committees - held via Teams platform. Discussion re Government consultation on Planning issues; up-dates on Creasey Park, Cemetery, allotments, recreation grounds, Grove House and Priory gardens and the Ranger Service

Tuesday 15 September

- Chaired a meeting to discuss funds available for those with learning difficulties and disabilities
- Welcomed the opportunity to take part in a small and dignified remembrance on Battle of Britain Day at the War Memorial in Priory Gardens. Attended by members of the local RAFA, socially distanced

Wednesday 16 September

- Meeting with Jack Adams-Rimmer, to discuss the Council's engagement during the pandemic with local charities as a precursor to putting forward a charity which has gone 'above and beyond' in the community, to the ASDA Foundation for support
- Meeting with Town Clerk and Ian Reed, Democratic Services Manager to finalise arrangements for Remembrance Sunday and marking Wednesday 11/11

Thursday 17 September

- Attended Friar's Lodge, Priory Road, for the presentation of their award for the best Wheelbarrow in the Dunstable in Bloom Wheelbarrow competition. Also presented another certificate for their wheelbarrow to Priory View.

- Meeting with Democratic Services Manager to finalise Golf Day.
- A dinner for the Friends of Priory House and Gardens was sadly cancelled. Pertinent to note that many events which would be raising money for charities and other community bodies has led to a downturn in funds for them all.

Friday 18 September

- Further meeting of the Trustees of the Bedford Charity on which I am a Trustee
- Drafted an 'application' for each of three local charities to present to local supermarket for their Christmas Giving event.

Saturday 19 September

- Maximum number of stalls at the Farmer's and Craft Market. The use of the Square is becoming a feature of the market. Now the lorries have effectively gone from the High Street, the Square is a natural space which also shows to passing traffic that 'something' is taking place. Stallholders were satisfied with their position.