

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY MAY 4TH 2021

Item 5. County and District Councillors Reports

County Cllr. Edwards Heron

No written report received

District Cllr. Diane Andrews

Cllr. Edward Heron is the newly elected Leader of NFDC, once he took the position he set about a Cabinet reshuffle. Two new Cllr's joined the Cabinet which made the cabinet more geographically representative of the District. Cllr. Heron also made changes to the title and content of the Portfolios. You may remember that previously I held the Portfolio for Community Affairs, I am now Portfolio Holder for Planning, Regeneration and Infrastructure.

It has been rather strange to immediately leave all the committees that I previously worked on for instance, Police and Crime Commissioner, Safer New Forest and Health and Adult Social Care.

It will take time for me to adjust to my new Portfolio but I am looking forward to the challenge ahead.

The council too is responding to the changes of the Portfolios and more immediately the change away from virtual meetings. Many councils and parish councils are moving their meetings to meet the deadline of 6th May to satisfy their legal obligation and delay the move to Public meetings until June.

Tomorrow will be the first Cabinet meeting of the new Cabinet, two agenda items come under my portfolio to be approved:-

Adoption of the Mitigation for Recreational Impacts on New Forest European sites: Supplementary Planning Document

The projects that are delivered by the Strategy ensure that residents have attractive green space in close proximity to their homes, avoiding the need to travel to more sensitive parts of the National Park. These projects (attractive green spaces) not only protect the most sensitive parts of our natural environment but make a positive contribution to the health and well being of our residents and create a sense of local community and place.

The Local Plan Review Part Two and Supporting Work.

Amongst other items, the report sets out priority work areas and highlights the emphasis on work around climate change and working towards a zero-carbon economy that will promote a green recovery, the protection and enhancement of green infrastructure to promote nature recovery and biodiversity and to deliver green growth. At a national and a local level the pandemic has accelerated the rate of change in our town centres and the proposed work on Local Plan Part 2, together with other work set out in the report, will direct and assist in delivering change in our town centres to ensure that they continue to play a vital role as centres of our community. The report sets out other complimentary work.

District Cllr. Joe Reilly

No written report received

District Cllr. Derek Tipp

No written report received