

## **Town Clerk Report 01.11.22**

### **Recreation Ground, Lymington Road**

The repairs for the skate park are now complete and the ramps may need more attention next year according to the contractor but it will depend on how severe a winter we experience this year. The two floodlights that were not working are now fully operational and the timings for the winter are from 4pm until 10pm each evening. The multi play area is well used by local youths for football games all year.

### **Westgate NDP**

The Regulation 16 consultation is now complete and we are expecting an update from Thanet District Council soon about the independent examination that has been requested via the Neighbourhood Planning Independent Examiner Referral Service.

### **Memorial – B-24 Liberator Plaque**

A local contractor has now completed the installation on Sea Road and I want to personally thank Blaze Signs for manufacturing the memorial and ?? who has installed the memorial for free so the Town Council only needed to buy the materials for the task. After checking with the Planning team at Thanet District Council to ensure we did not require to apply for advertisement consent or planning permission before the Memorial was installed, I am pleased to advise that as this memorial is a replacement and was present for 10 years with no issue an application for consent will not be required.

### **Youth Council**

The Youth Council for Westgate is due to meet next week on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November and this is an exciting development for the Town Council. Following the success of the Youth Sessions and the engagement as a result I know that this is the opportunity to seek the views and opinions of the youth in our Town.

### **Town Council Magazine**

The next issue of the Town Council is due out in the next few weeks and as this is the last one for 2022 we have included a poster to say thank you to the organisations who have worked with and supported the Town Council during this year.

### **Christmas Lights**

The licence has now been granted by Kent County Council for permission to connect the Christmas lights to the lamp columns again this year. We have appointed a contractor to undertake the work and they are expected to be connected no later than the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November. We are working with the local businesses again this year to get the lights installed on the canopies, on shop fronts on Station Road and St Mildreds Road. Also lights will be proposed for Cambourne Avenue on two shop fronts.

**GOODBYES!**

**Lindsey our Administrator**

A huge thank you from myself to Lindsey who had her last day of employment with the Town Council on 27<sup>th</sup> October. She has made a significant impact in a relatively brief period of time and will be sorely missed by myself and Chloe.

### **St Saviours – Mother Karen**

It is also a fond farewell to Mother Karen who has been so supportive to the community during Covid 19 and the recent loss of HM the Queen. She conducted her last service on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October and we wish her well for her future venture.

### **Totally Locally – Fiver Fest**

I hope that you all took advantage of the recent Fiver Fest and that the local businesses were well supported. There will be more campaigns again next year.

### **REVS – Electric Van**

I travelled with Vic to Aylesford on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October and collected the Nissan electric van which we are loaning for free for a period of two months. It is proving useful for errands and Vic is gradually getting used to how quiet it is!

### **Neighbourhood Engagement Meeting**

The NEM will be held in Westgate for the first time to my knowledge tomorrow evening from 6pm at the Town Council office, this is an opportunity to meet officers from the Thanet Community Safety Partnership and raise any concerns or ask questions that you may have with the team.

### **KCC – ReferKent and Parish Seminar**

The KCC Parish Seminar took place online on 13<sup>th</sup> October and I attended to hear from the speakers on the subjects such as utility works in the highway and street works; highway soft landscaping and the environmental approach. The ReferKent is a great initiative which was launched earlier in October it will enable organisations to make referrals simply, easily and secure across Kent to help people who are at risk of or experiencing financial hardship. If anyone would like further details please do contact me.

### **Bowel Cancer Awareness with Social Enterprise Kent**

Social Enterprise Kent are doing a campaign for a year and raising awareness of bowel cancer in East Kent. They have booked two dates to use our Community Space to promote the facts and educate residents on the signs and what to look out for in the case of bowel cancer. There is also the opportunity to learn about testing and how straightforward the process is now. The two pop ups are here are on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December if Cllr O'Connor and Cllr Calcutt agree as this is the Meet the Councillor Surgery date as well?

### **Poppy Installation**

The Paint the Town Red poppy installation is taking place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November, meeting at the Town Council office at 10am.