

District Councillor Report June 2017

Since Hartlebury's last meeting, the highlight for me was to attend, with my wife Kirsten, the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, on the 23rd May. A very sunny afternoon and a great afternoon tea was enjoyed.

At Wychavon, we have welcomed a new Chairman of the Council, at the Annual Council meeting. The new chairman is Councillor Liz Eyre, District Councillor for Broadway.

Following May's meeting, the following day I had a long conversation with Jem Teal, Community Development Officer who was quite clear he can't wait to see Hartleburys Community project get off the ground as it has dragged on for so long now. I explained what went on at the meeting and the proposal put forward by David and Sandra. Jem said quite clearly to me that this is the way to go, in employing the services of a consultant/ architect (call it what you will), especially as this will take away any future disagreements of committee members in the future and the project moves forward in a clear structured way.

He also made the view that you will be wasting your time having a meeting with all Councillors in private to view all tenders - as there wasn't agreement last night with the proposal, how are you hoping to get agreement by viewing all tenders or whatever will happen at this meeting?

Finally, I met with Tara Lang, Enforcement Officer, at Torton Orchard. There are currently 4 caravans on site- one is empty and the other 3 occupied. A family member has returned to site with his pregnant wife so will be there for a few weeks. All other amenity buildings on site are allowed. A conversation took place about the family member remaining permanently on site and the Officer said that an application would be required to remove the empty caravan. The Officer did say to me that it would be highly unlikely for a planning application to be refused as the site is quite large. This other family member will be on site for a few weeks until his wife has had the baby. It was pointed out to me that the people in the caravans are allowed visitors – like anyone in a house can receive visitors- but in this instance, it means other caravans may appear for a temporary period. So, at this time there are no breaches taking place.

30th May 2017