



TOWN COUNCIL OF FRINTON AND WALTON

TOWN MAYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2016/2017

COUNCILLOR JACK ROBERTSON

Introduction



Donation of £10000 to Essex Wildlife Trust to fund equipment for the new visitor centre

It has been a pleasure to serve the area for another year as the Town Mayor. I have enjoyed the many events that I have attended during the year and the many people that I have met who give their time freely to run these events and help others in many ways. We had two by-elections during the past year and welcome the new Members to the Town Council.

Crime and Disorder

The Town Council has continued to work with our local Police Force in keeping crime and particularly anti-social behaviour to a minimum in our area, through the funding of six PCSO's and also through the regular Crime and Disorder Meetings which are held at the Council House. The Town Council have achieved various initiatives to keep our crime very low in our towns and villages and many other areas within the County would be pleased to be able to report such low crime figures and good police liaison. We will continue to explore new initiatives to combat crime and antisocial behaviour in our Town Council area. The Town Council are convinced that in these days of constant police cuts that our local PCSO's are invaluable, and we will continue to work with the local police to ensure that our area remains a low crime place to live and visit.

Seafront Shelters



Crescent Gardens Shelter Maintenance

The Town Council has carried out maintenance to some of the Seafront Shelters and is currently looking at the refurbishing and repairing some of the other shelters. All seafront and bus shelters are cleaned monthly during the spring and summer months. If you see anyone vandalising the shelters please let the police know.

Columbine Centre

The Town Council is continuing to promote the Columbine Centre for local clubs to meet, a well-equipped theatre and an ideal wedding venue. Some very good and well attended events have taken place during the past year. Maintenance of the centre is an ongoing programme.

Financial Management

The Town Council received a clear audit as usual, this year. The value of our three-year rolling programme is also now apparent and, looking back, it is cheering to see that we have done most of what we said we would do and a bit more besides. The precept for this forth coming year is £417,363

Notice Boards and Public Seats

Notice boards and public seats are currently getting more attention and repairs are ongoing.

Allotments

We have short waiting lists at all sites, so if you would like to be considered for a plot then just enquire at the Town Council Offices to get your name on the list for one of the sites.

Website

Our website, hosted free of charge by the Essex County Council, is up to date with minutes and agendas uploaded regularly. The website address is: www.essexinfo.net/frinton-and-walton-town-council

There is a separate website address for the Columbine Centre and also one for the Walton Market which allows for interested stallholders to apply on line for a regular or occasional stall. This site also gives information on any extra days or events. Regular days are Thursdays year round and Mondays on Bank Holidays and every week from end of July to August Bank Holidays. There are some new stalls attending so why not pop along for some bargains and fresh produce.

Planning Applications

During the course of the year the Town Council has considered and made recommendations on 337 planning applications and Tree Preservation Orders. Of this number only 55 have been at variance with the decisions of the District Council. This percentage has remained fairly constant for a number of years.

Staffing

I would like to thank our staff for their work on your behalf during the past year. The Council House deals with many questions and queries from our residents on many matters not just Town Council issues. The office at the Triangle Shopping Centre is open from 9 am to 1 pm Monday to Friday.

Food Bank

I decided again this year rather than send out Christmas Cards to ask everyone at the Town Council to donate goods for the food bank. This was very successful once again and food bank organisers were very pleased with the collection just before Christmas.

Conclusion



Photo taken at Frinton-Walton Walk
Colchester & NE Essex Group MND Assoc.

I would like to thank Cllr Robert Bucke my Deputy Mayor this year and all other Members for their support.

Councillor J Robertson
Town Mayor