

Parish Report for the Bungay and Saints' Division for the months of May and June 24 from
County Councillor Judy Cloke

A good deal has happened in the last two months, the most important for all of us being the General Election. I congratulate Adrian Ramsay MP on his election and I look forward to working with him in the future. I am of course deeply sorry Peter lost his Lowestoft seat, he was an excellent representative for us in this Division before boundary changes and worked really hard to ensure our little outpost was not forgotten – his championing of establishing a proper post office in Bungay and his efforts to improve our dental services being but two examples. He was also a driving force behind the Gull Wing bridge, which will improve Lowestoft's transportation links and prosperity.

The election moratorium period has necessitated a cut back in attendances at parish council meetings and the offering of Locality and Highways funding. I can assure you all is back to normal on all fronts now.

I was pleased earlier this year to be able to order a road closure for the Bungay Branch of the Royal British Legion, which enabled on 19 May a parade from Holmwood to the Castle, led by Norwich pipe band. This was to commemorate 100 years of Bungay branch RBL being in existence and followed a Variety show which had been held at the Fisher Theatre the previous evening.

I attended the Bungay annual parish meeting on 13 May and was delighted to see Clinton Gillet given an award – he does so much for the youngsters of this town and surrounding area.

The Stakeholder Group meeting on 4 June focused on the schools in the town and how they and the Group could work more closely together. It was a very rewarding meeting.

I was invited to attend a parking review meeting on 4 June at Bungay Riverside centre, the new officers at ESC have obviously been doing their homework and I am now trying to set up a meeting with Highways officers also to discuss in more depth what ideas they all have to improve the parking issues in Bungay.

On 8 June I attended a D Day event at Three Saints bus shelter, where I could see the footpath map I helped to fund in all its glory- well done Cllr Heather Hughes- Jones who has worked so hard on this project, launched at the event.

Matthew Hicks, Leader of SCC has undertaken a Cabinet reshuffle and I have been appointed Deputy Cabinet member for Flooding. This means a steep learning curve for me by way of briefing sessions and more meetings, thus far I am finding it very engaging.

I have no Suffolk wide report as yet.

Judy Cloke

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