

City Councillors report for July 2022

Perins

Last Friday Russell was asked to act as judge for the Perins School 'First Give' competition. In this, eight teams of children select a charity, devise fund raising methods, prepare a graphics presentation and carry out a collectively argued case for their charity, including their reasons for its selection. One brave pupil worked completely solo! The competition develops skills for the individuals, such as public speaking, self-confidence, team working, and increased social awareness. It was evident that there was a huge amount of commitment by all the individuals. Some of the personal stories were very moving. The winning team were presented with a cheque for £1000 for their charity. It was great to be able to encourage such voluntary efforts and I hope the children enjoyed it as much as I did. It was good to see the audience of pupils cheer on all the teams. Two of our local police had volunteered to be judges too. First Give should be congratulated on their good organisation that moved the event along on a very hot afternoon.

Parking

A parking warden turned up 7.0 in Broad Street on 23rd June and gave out tickets to two cars parked in bays used for the market stalls. This illegal parking makes life problematic for the traders setting up. My thanks to the WCC Parking Manager for responding to my request to have warders out early on market days. The parking restriction signs have been ignored for a long time. Hopefully the message will spread that this is not going to be tolerated.

The Service Quality portfolio is extensive and covers almost all aspects of the Council's work. I have had some very useful briefings on these aspects with the various officers. We were able to usefully discuss their ideas and mine about improvements.

Community Speed Watch

You may have noticed that the two Speed Watch schemes in Alresford & Itchen Valley have ceased to operate. Margot has discussed with Hampshire Police if there would be merit in attempting to build a team to operate across the ward, which may give us the presence of at least two teams.

That would of course depend upon the willingness of the two parish councils who sponsored the equipment being willing for it to be used outside their parish. However, without enough volunteers those discussions would be pointless.

Would each of you please consider as a parish if you would like to promote the opportunity to volunteer.

I have volunteered for this myself and it is not onerous, and most are grateful that you are reminding them of the speed limit.

The most common complaint on the doorstep is speeding. This is a chance for those that complain to take part!

I attach, a poster, which could go on parish notice boards, and details of the scheme.

20's Plenty

Some months ago, we asked you to write to HCC regarding the potential for 20mph limits. I know that two parishes are taking this forward.

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