

## Agenda Item 7: Mayor's Report

Hadleigh Town Council, September 2019

- **Persimmon Homes, Hadleigh Phase 2** - I was one of a number of Councillors to attend a public exhibition at The Guildhall on 5th September, where Persimmon was displaying plans to submit a planning application for 250 houses from Tower Mill Road across the North of Frog Hall Lane, with the potential for further development to reach Pond Hall Road.
- This is in addition to Phase 1, which comprises 170 houses on the Weavers Meadow estate. Persimmon Homes has accepted an invitation from Hadleigh Town Council to present at a future Planning Advisory Group meeting. In the mean time, you can find out more and comment on the proposals at [www.hadleighphase2.co.uk](http://www.hadleighphase2.co.uk)
- **Hadleigh Steering Group** - I attended the Steering Group meeting on 9th September and provided an update on the Town Council. It was encouraging to see so many local groups represented and we received a presentation by Maureen Reynel MBE, the founder of FIND, which provides food, furniture and other support to those in need. [www.findipswich.org.uk](http://www.findipswich.org.uk)
- **Hadleigh High School** - I was invited to give a talk about my role to Hadleigh High School's business breakfast this month and it was helpful to hear from those in attendance how the Town Council could potentially support our young people and local businesses.
- **Hadleigh & District Probus Club** - I was invited to attend the September meeting of this local group which provides social opportunities for retired business people. We enjoyed lunch in The George and I was happy to answer questions following a brief talk about my role.
- **Visit Hadleigh** - Some of you may have noticed the pop-up Tourist Information Centre on the High Street (opposite the Kings Head). I was invited to take a look around it this month and speak with Stuart Service, who runs it alongside a volunteer team, including the Town Guides, in addition to running the website [www.visithadleighsuffolk.co.uk](http://www.visithadleighsuffolk.co.uk) which is intended to increase tourism and visitors to the town.
- **Suffolk Association of Local Councils** - in my role as the Council's representative for SALC, I attended their recent area forum at the Ansell Centre, alongside Councillor Lisa Gordon. SALC provides support to local councils to ensure they are compliant with their legal obligations and meeting the needs of local residents [www.salc.org.uk](http://www.salc.org.uk)
- **Hadleigh Vision** - I was pleased to hear the recent announcement by Babergh District Council that they will be supporting the development of a "vision for Hadleigh", which aims to engage with local residents to create a vision for Hadleigh's culture, business and economy. I'm in touch with those leading on the project and have invited them to consult the Town Council.
- Upcoming commitments for Deputy Mayor Carolyn Cammack and myself include attending the ground-breaking of the site of the new swimming pool at **Hadleigh & South Suffolk Leisure**, the opening of the **McCarthy & Stone** development, **Hadleigh Bowls Club Dinner** and **Hadleigh On Show** on 5th October and various **Remembrance events** in November.
- As ever, if you would like Carolyn or myself to attend your local event or pop in and see your group, then please don't hesitate to get in touch! <http://hadleigh.suffolk.cloud>

Steve Allman, Town Mayor