

REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL

May/June 2022

For 13th June 2022

Holford Parish Council

It's a pleasure to draft a report to the Parish Council having been elected to the Somerset County Council following the elections on 5th May 2022.

Generally I have been busy undertaking training which should prepare me for the next five years. I have also been appointed as Chair of Scrutiny for Policies, Adults and Health which should place me in a good position to examine problems that we are encountering in Somerset. As time progresses, I will keep you updated on this and the way we can bring issues to the attention of the County Council.

One of the training sessions I felt has been very useful is about the Local Government Reorganisation LGR and the way that this is being implemented. The actual process seems to be very well organised at the County End with plans as to how the different department are going to be brought together, and how it can be done without major loss of staffing, in fact they seem to be working well on reemploying people across the roles that will be needed. I already have a 'Buddy' helping me who is employed by Somerset West and Taunton. (I've yet to see how this works.)

The part that is shaping, with some areas piloting Local Community Networks, this won't be fully worked out until next year. I will be interested to hear if Holford has been included in this? I would also like to know if your clerk has been included in the Parish Council Conferences that a beireng set up?

We are having an Extraordinary Full County Council meeting next Wednesday where the salary of the new Chief Executive will be discussed/decided on. The existing Chief Executive has given three months' notice, so he is leaving to go to Harrow Council. (a challenging role).

I was interested to see some of the scare crows around the Village, at the Plantinum Jubilee, not wishing to pick out any but a certain royal was seen in the area hitch hiking – I didn't pick him up!

I hope to be with you on Monday at 7.00 pm and then I will need to leave to go on to Watchet Parish Council. I hope that before the Winter that myself and Councillor Davies can organise a sharing situation to make good use of having two of us in place. This will be especially important when we come to next year and April onwards when the 'Somerset Council' takes over.

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