

## **REPORT TO FAWKHAM PARISH COUNCIL AGM 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022**

I am delighted to be able to write a short report.

Firstly, I would like to pay tribute to Cllr Faye Parkin who passed away suddenly at the beginning of the year, Faye worked tirelessly for Fawkham and West Kingsdown Residents for nearly 20 years, it was her life. She was Chairman of the Parish Council for several years too. She fought hard for matters she was passionate about. We worked together on a number of local issues and sat on the same committees, she will be very much missed not only in Fawkham , West Kingsdown and at the District level too.

I continue to sit on Health and Housing committee, Housing liaison group, Finance and Governance Committees at the District Council. But more importantly locally I have been involved in helping residents in the past year with local planning matters, neighbour disputes, dog fouling, potholes and more. I have been contacted by residents regarding lawful planning and enforcement matters which I have helped to resolve or been able to put them in contact with the relevant officer. I have also been liaising with GP surgeries as residents struggle to get a face-to-face appointment with their doctor.

I have worked with KCC to help improve traffic speed and improve the road surfaces including the potholes which are constant, due to poor road surface patching and volume of traffic.

I continue to support to keep the greenbelt free from housing and maintain as much openness as possible, after all that is why residents move to the countryside, for its beauty and peace. With the District being 93% Greenbelt and is quite unique with such a high percentage Greenbelt. I will continue to work to keep any developments to a minimum in Fawkham.

Sadly, the Community Cupboard food bank is in higher demand than it has ever been since opening, and I continue to support this very much needed charity. Extension to their home base in West Kingsdown has started and that will enable them to support families, residents in Fawkham West Kingsdown and far wider. I was pleased to see they were recently received an award for their achievement and well deserved.

I have been active in litter picking and out and about picking up litter whilst enjoying the countryside not just bon the annual clean-up day. Also reporting fly tipping, which blights quiet our village lanes

We all need a little bit of help sometimes and in my role as a District Councillor I will work for the people I represent, raising matters with Officers at the District Council and with our MP Laura Trott. I will make sure I am involved with matters that concern Fawkham and represent your views.

As we are out of the pandemic restrictions, I have attended Fawkham Parish Council Meetings and look forward to being out and about more.

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