

## **Town Council Report – October**

### **Lawn Working Group**

Councillor Byron Woods and I have had an informal meeting with officers at Teignbridge, we will be reporting back to The Lawn Working Group shortly.

### **Litter and Dog Bin Policy**

I have had a lot of enquiries about dog bins and emptying of dog bins, I hope the following information from the Litter and Dog Bin Policy is of interest:

- Teignbridge District Council has no legal duty to provide litter and dog waste bins but it does have a duty to keep Council owned land and public highways clear of litter and refuse as far as is practicable.
- Once bins are installed the authority has a duty to ensure that the bins are emptied regularly and kept clean.
- There approximately 615 litter bins and 432 dog bins in varying condition across the District with a capital value of £166,000.
- All requests for new bins must be received from either Town or Parish Councils (form on the website). The request must demonstrate why there is the need for a bin and include: Plan of the location for the bin, type of bin required, and any financial assistance proposed by the Town or Parish Council.
- Bins will only be supplied, installed, maintained or emptied if they are on land for which TDC has responsibility.
- Bins will be emptied at a frequency to prevent them overflowing. This will be based on their locations and related to the intensity of use. The frequency may also vary according to the time of year and for special events. Monitoring will take place to ensure that these frequencies are enough.

The full policy is on the TDC website for any further information required.

### **Newton Abbot Civic Service**

I attended the Newton Abbot Civic Service with Cllr John Petherick as Teignbridge representative; it was a lovely Service and it was very well attended.

### **Local Planning Group and Greater Exeter Strategic Planning Group**

The Local Plan is under review and I am a member of both groups, I wanted to make sure that Dawlish has a voice in this process. I know we are tied by Government legislation, but we need to have input into the quantity and quality of the houses being built in the future, especially as climate change is now at the forefront of future developments.

I attend a lot of meetings in Teignbridge and Dawlish, I will report back to the council any outcomes that maybe of interest to my fellow Councillors.

Councillor Linda Petherick.