

MAYORS REPORT

March 2019

Due to Purdah this report will be brief but the business of the council still continues.

21st February Cllr Bell and I met with the local police and The Cabin proprietors to discuss the **upcoming motorbike season**. This was very positive and partnership working and communication was agreed as the way forward. More work is required and a report and or proposals if required will come to council when the work is carried out. Thank you to everyone on behalf of BTC for attending this meeting – it took a long time to arrange, thanks for the coffee.

3rd March I attended, complete with chain, **Essex County Council's Civic Service** at Chelmsford Cathedral. There I spoke with Chairman John Jowers (lovely man). The Maldon District Council Chairman, Cllr Henry Bass and saw Councillor Pratt & Durham (in the cheap seats!)

The choir was fantastic and the service reflective.

6th March was the High Sheriff's Essex Community Foundation Awards. This was excellent and the winners deserved recognition for all their hard work. I feel we may be taking advice from some of these groups in the near future now our community is expanding significantly.

Sadly 7th March was **Jack Sheppard's funeral**. Cllrs Bell, Pratt & Neil Pudney also attended. The number of mourners was huge. RIP Jack you were a lovely man xx.

9th March Council surgery: I had a very good meeting with a valued resident and then I presented some special certificates for the younger members of our community who litter pick outside their homes and when they go the park in the holidays.

On Friday 15th March we had our own Civic Reception at Ormiston Rivers Academy. This was very well attended. Awards from the Mayor's Awards from Burnham Town Council went to:

- 1 **Stables Memorial Ride** – Ciera Battson & Grace Tredgold
- 2 **Parents' support in schools** – Claire McCormick & Angeline Groves
- 3 **Services to the Town** - Michael Head
- 4 **New Group Award** – *Harmony Choir*. Natalie Bettany, Musical Director & Joanne Richardson – both co-founders.
- 5 **Young Persons Award** – Miss Tyler May
- 6 **Reaching the community in sport** – Burnham Rugby Club, Niall Hornett & Dan Hull
- 7 **Lifetime Award** – Railway Bridge Task Force, Sheila & Chris Nutt
- 8 **Outstanding Services to the town Award** – Joan Costello.