A message from your Borough Councillors

We have had a very busy first 2 months in role. It has all been made much easier due to the excellent training we have received from TBC. Luckily we know a good number of the Officers from years of involving ourselves in community projects. Our transition from candidates to Councillors has been quite smooth. Although I acknowledge that we still have much to learn.

TBC itself is going through change led by a relatively new Chief Executive. A number of appointments have been made in key roles. We are looking forward to exciting times ahead.

Training is tapering off now and we are actively engaged with our committees and working groups. We have completed our first round of briefings and meetings including two meetings of the full Council. Highlights have been a vote to extend the Climate Emergency to include the whole Borough, and a vote in favour of webcasting our meetings once the technology is in place. This means that residents will be able watch Council meetings in action. A boost for transparency an accountability. We have also joined our outside committees. Nigel is on the Cotswolds National Landscape Board, has attended the AGM and first board meeting and is looking forward to the working groups that he has been assigned to. Cheryl is the TBC representative on the Cleeve Common Trust and is very much looking forward to being involved.

One of the first things we did was to organise Parish Walkabouts in all three of the Ward Parishes. These have been well attended and popular. As requested, we will be doing more. As the Ward is a large unevenly shaped area we are going to be holding our Borough Councillor surgeries on the last Saturday of each month at Bishops Cleeve Library which is both central and accessible . These are in conjunction with Councillors from the other Bishops Cleeve Wards and allow for sharing expertise and experience.

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