

Annual Electors Meeting 2023

Minutes of the Electors Meeting of Stirchley and Brookside Parish held on Tuesday 16th May 2023, commencing at 7:00pm at The Sambrook Centre, Stirchley.

Chair: Cllr S Vaughan-Hodkinson (in absence of Cllr L Powers)

In attendance: C Maclean (Locum Clerk/RFO), N Lane (Clerk Support)

Public 13 members

1 WELCOME.

In the absence of the Chair of the Council for 2022/23 Cllr S Vaughan-Hodkinson, Vice-Chair of the Council, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from Ms L Powers.

3 MINUTES.

The meeting received the Minutes of the previous meeting. Proposed by Mr G Sinclair, seconded by Mr C Turley and it was agreed that these be approved and signed by the Chair.

4 CHAIR'S REPORT

The meeting noted the following key events and service deliveries for 2022/23:

- Environmental services comprising (i) seasonal gardening service; (ii) allotment site maintenance; (iii) St James churchyard maintenance; (iv) play areas checks and maintenance; (v) bus stop checks continued at a high level. Mr J Creed was thanked for his services to the community.
- Youth provision through FunZone continues to go from strength to strength with increasing numbers attending each of the sessions on offer. Recognising that The Sambrook Centre is visited by a number of pupils from Telford Park School each mid-afternoon consideration was being given to providing youth club sessions to meet the needs of the community. Grants from Telford & Wrekin Council's Happy Healthy Active Holiday Fund have assisted in increasing the provision of youth services including in term breaks. The FunZone team were thanked for their continued hard work.
- Events continued to be well received including (i) Family Fun Day at the skatepark; (ii) Christmas Cracker within The Sambrook Centre; (iii) Coronation Celebration; (iv) Pensioners Christmas lunch; (v) Kids Panto Trip to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre.
- Personnel changes including departure of previous Clerk. The recruitment of a new Clerk is ongoing.

5 ANNUAL REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Reports from Borough Councillors for the Parish were received from Cllr C Turley, Cllr ARH England and JG Loveridge. Attached in the Appendices.

6 **PLANS FOR 2023/24**

It was noted that a Strategic Plan covering the period 2023 to 2026 had been adopted by the Parish Council. Efforts would be undertaken to monitor this and advise on progress.

7 **ELECTORS' COMMENTS.**

Mrs J Sinclair commented on the two groups that she had been involved with introducing to The Sambrook Centre. Some of the members were first-time visitors and it was felt the signage on the building could be better. However, within the building, visitors were impressed with the facilities.

It was noted that the mobile signal within the building appears poor. Details of the extra router that had been installed would be made available within the Centre.

Meeting ended at 8.15pm

Chair

Date 28 May 2024

APPENDIX 1: ANNUAL REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR ARH ENGLAND

My thanks to the electorate for re-electing me to the Parish and Borough Councils, for the Brookside ward.

Jim Loveridge have been your Borough Cllrs for the past year, carrying out surgeries and casework as it arose.

Following the re-organisation of ward Boundaries, the Brookside Borough seat is now a single person seat. I will continue as before, but I anticipate Parish Cllrs for the ward will continue to support myself and the community.

Much of my work has been dealing with resident's issues, ranging from a lack of parking, Anti-Social Behaviour and housing issues. Fly tipping remains a problem.

I have worked closely with the Police and recently met on site to try to alleviate the motor bike menace, particularly near the lake.

I am currently Deputy Mayor for the Borough and expect to take on the role of Mayor later this month.

APPENDIX 2: ANNUAL REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR JG LOVERIDGE

After losing Jackie in January 22 being elected to continue her work with the Borough and Community has had its moments.

Taking on Jackie's position as Ward Councillor has been an emotional and rewarding position. I feel I have fulfilled her wishes within the Community. Also completed the post in BOTH our aspirations for the Ward and Community.

There have been many cases of resident needs which Arnold and I have dealt together. We had continued the teamwork both Jackie and Arnold had. I wish Arnold well after his election to the Ward. I had no intention to stand again at this time.

Since February the loss of Jacke has hit me hard (delayed reaction). However I feel I've come to terms with the passing of my beloved Jackie.

Being elected to the Parish again was a great upliftment and I look forward to working with you all.

APPENDIX 3: ANNUAL REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR C TURLEY

Councillor Chris Turley, The Nedge Ward from January 2022

Monday 3rd January. A quiet post-Christmas and New Year week. On Tuesday attended the Friends of Hollinswood & Randlay Valley volunteer day, spending time cutting up a large fallen tree in the meadow. On Wednesday evening attended a Stirchley and Brookside extra ordinary council meeting.

Monday 10th January. On Monday afternoon, in my role as Telford & Wrekin Council's Armed Forces Champion, attended the launch of a 'Calm Café' at Randle House an annex of Dawley Town Hall. A Calm Café is where service veterans can come along have a chat, warm drink etc. Also, in attendance were staff from Telford Mind and two serving military officers. In the evening attended a training session on how to use 'My Telford App' a very useful tool to go about one's council and civic reporting duties. On Tuesday morning attended, via Microsoft Teams, a Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership Strategy and Performance Committee meeting. Early evening attended a 'Keep in Touch' Communities Scrutiny update via Teams which was followed by another Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council's extra ordinary meeting. On Wednesday evening attended, via Teams, a Severn Gorge Countryside Personnel Committee meeting. On Friday evening attended Telford & Wrekin Council's Full Council meeting at The Place in Oakengates with a reduced number of Councillors as per Covid guidelines. On Friday lunch time attended a Ground and Cleansing walkabout in Stirchley with an Officer from Telford & Wrekin Council and two local residents. On Saturday morning attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council's 'Meet Your Councillor' session at the Hollinswood local shopping centre. Other Councillors were at the Randlay local shopping centre. Both sites were joined by members of the Local Policing Team during the session. On Sunday attended a 'Labour Away Day' in Oakengates.

Monday 17th January. Overall, a quiet week with a Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Full Council meeting in the evening. On Tuesday morning off to Great Dawley Town Council for a photo shoot and in the evening attended a Telford & Wrekin Council Scrutiny Chairs meeting. On Thursday off for a bit of Rest and Recouperation via train to Aberystwyth for a breath of sea air and good fish and chips with Sister-in-Law. Finally, please note that Randlay Community Centre has a Community Fridge which is open to all residents – if one is able to leave a donation – very much appreciated – if not it is fully understood. The Community Fridge being open to all prevents food going to 'land fill'.

Monday 24th January. On Monday afternoon I attended the Calm Café at Dawley House, set up for military veterans to come along and have a chat with other veterans enjoying a warm drink and biscuits. Also in attendance were staff from Telford Mind and current serving military personnel. On this occasion Midlands TV were also present. In the evening chaired Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Councils Asset & Property meeting. On Wednesday evening attended via Microsoft Teams, Severn Gorge Countryside Trusts, Personnel Committee meeting. On Thursday off to Attingham Park with Sister-in-Law to see how the snowdrops are doing – another couple of weeks they should be in full bloom. On Friday, apart from collecting grandchildren from school for the weekend off to another gathering at Dawley Town Hall. On

Saturday morning met up with fellow Nedge Ward Councillors to plan the way forward for the next 12 months or so.

Monday 31st January. Monday 31st January was the closing day for submitting Councillors Ward Pride Fund Applications. Each Borough Councillor was allocated a sum of 5k to allocate to worthy causes. I am pleased to say, I allocated all my Pride Fund to the following:

Hollinswood and Randlay:

- Signs on the Holiday Inn Island, relating to Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council.
- Youth Provision
- Youth Shelter
- Provision of a shed for Randlay Allotment holders
- Provision of Interpretation Boards for Randlay Valley
- Chit Chat Club
- Wednesday Wizards
- Redeeming Our Communities

Stirchley:

- Independent Scout Group
- Community Groups using the Sambrook Centre
- Stay and Play
- Provision of a Community Orchard – Stirchley Allotments
- Provision of a Community Orchard – Holmer Lake

In the evening attended, via Zoom, Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Councils, Human Resources Working Group. On Tuesday morning attended the Friends of Hollinswood & Randlay Valley, volunteer day. On Wednesday, highlight of the week, as I had my ears syringed, allowing me to hear properly again. In the evening attended, via Microsoft Teams, to go through the 'Safer Stronger Communities proposals within The Nedge Ward. Thursday morning attended a Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council, Personnel Sub-Committee meeting which was followed by a Microsoft Teams meeting with Telford & Wrekin Officers and users, to discuss the issues with the Stirchley Playing Fields. On Saturday morning met up with my fellow Nedge Ward Councillors for a Ward Walk around Hollinswood.

Monday 7th February. On Monday morning met up with a colleague from the Friends of Hollinswood & Randlay Valley along with Telford & Wrekin Councils Ecologist to pay a site visit to the dew pond within the valley. Said pond will be much improved late February or early March to become a Great Crested Newt District Licensed habitat – great news. On Tuesday afternoon off to local hospital to have an annual diabetic blood check. Wednesday morning off to Attingham Park with sister-in-law for a long walk and fresh air. Albeit mid-week the place was packed. On Friday morning attended the opening of Randle House next to Dawley's Town Hall. The naming of the building is in honour of Malcolm Randle who was a councillor for Great Dawley and who served as Mayor. He is sadly missed. In the afternoon off to Wolverhampton to collect two grandchildren for the weekend. On Saturday Morning attended a site visit to Stirchley Playing Fields to see the state of the area as regards to drainage and condition of the playing pitches with an Officer from Telford & Wrekin Council and members of the Randlay Colts Football Club. Finally, now that Covid restrictions are being lifted I am restarting my static surgeries:

First Monday of every month at the Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre 1000 to 1100 hours

Third Monday of every month at the Randlay Community Centre 1000 to 1100 hours

Third Tuesday of every month at the Sambrook Centre, Stirchley 1000 to 1100 hours

Monday 14th February. Monday afternoon attended Calm Café at Dawley House. Calm Café is a venue where veterans can meet up with other veterans to have a chat and refreshments etc. In attendance are staff from Telford Mind and other supporting organisations. On Tuesday morning held a surgery in the Sambrook Centre 10-1100hrs and in the afternoon attended Stirchley and Brookside Parish Councils Audit Sub-Committee meeting. In the evening chaired Telford and Wrekin Councils Communities Scrutiny

Committee meeting. On Wednesday off to Ludlow for a walk around Ludlow and along the River Teme. On Thursday morning attended an extra volunteer day in Randlay Valley to clear fallen trees on the Bridleway. In the afternoon back to Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council to continue with the Audit. On Friday evening attended a GMB Union meeting at Dawley Social Club. Sadly the Love Telford event in the Town Park was postponed due to the weather but is planned to go ahead in March. On Sunday afternoon went to Brookside Community Centre for an Allotment Association Committee meeting only to find the Centre closed. Committee members present held a quick meeting outside the Centre.

Monday 21st February. Monday morning held a static surgery in the Randlay Community Centre 10-1100hrs and in the afternoon had a blood pressure check at the Doctors – all OK this time. In the evening attended Great Dawley Town Council's Executive Committee meeting and this was followed by a Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council, Full Council meeting.

Tuesday 22nd February. Subject an invitation, I attended the Shropshire Yeomanry Lunch at The Royal Yeomanry site in Overdale, Telford. This was a fabulous opportunity to see and meet some of the Squadron at their home base and also, an opportunity for the West Midland Reserve Forces & Cadet Association and Defence Relationship Management to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all those businesses and organisations who continue to show their support for the Armed Forces community, by signing the Armed Forces Covenant. After an initial briefing we broke up into groups to tour the site and be introduced to various activities and this was followed by lunch prepared and cooked in the 'cook house' and within a 'field kitchen'. Post lunch we had a presentation to highlight the 'changes' the Army has gone through over the years.

In the evening attended a Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council, Policy and Resources Committee meeting. Wednesday's excitement was attending the local hospital for a blood test. On Thursday evening attended a Communities Scrutiny, Keep in Touch session and this was followed by a Labour Group meeting. On Saturday morning carried out a Ward Walk around Hollinswood with Councillor Vanessa Holt and on return visited 'Seedy Saturday' being held in the Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre. An event were one can exchanged or collect seeds etc by giving a donation.

Monday 28th February. Monday afternoon attended the Veterans Calm Café in Dawley House and in the evening attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Councils, Asset & Property meeting which I chaired, which was followed by Finance and Audit committee meeting. On Tuesday morning off to Randlay Valley for our volunteer day, another enjoyable session with much achieved. Wednesday afternoon attended Chairs briefing via Microsoft Teams subject Telford & Wrekin Councils Strategic Armed Forces Covenant Partnership Board meeting, which was followed by a discussion subject the Royal British Legions report, Unpaid Carers in the Armed Forces also via Microsoft Teams. On Thursday afternoon Chaired the Strategic Armed Forces Covenant Partnership Board meeting and this was followed in the evening with Telford & Wrekin Councils, Full Council meeting held at The Place, Oakengates – which was lively to say the least. On Saturday morning attended the Labour Groups Away Day and Annual General Meeting.

Monday 7th March. Monday morning held a surgery at the Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre 10-1100hrs and in the afternoon went on a Ward Walk within Stirchley, with Councillor Vanessa Holt and Officers from Telford & Wrekin Council. On Tuesday off to National Trust property, Eddrigg with sister-in-law for fresh air and exercise. Rest of the week had no Council activity. On Saturday morning went leaflet delivering around Brookside for the forthcoming Borough Election due to the sad loss recently of Councillor Jackie Loveridge. In the afternoon attended the Mental Health and Calm Café event held in Meeting Point House in Southwater, which was very well attended. On Sunday helped with the planting of saplings and trees on the Muddy in Hollinswood. Thank you to Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council, Councillors and volunteers.

Monday 14th March. Early Monday morning met up with a staff member of Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council and two representatives from Idverde to visit Randlay Valley to revisit work we had

requested late 2021 as some of the work had been completed by the Friends. Awaiting a requote. In the afternoon and at short notice was unable to attend the Calm Café session at Dawley House but able to attend the evening Great Dawley Town Councils Ordinary Committee Council meeting. On Tuesday morning held a surgery in the Sambrook Centre in Stirchley 10-1100hrs. In the afternoon spent time in Randlay Valley sorting fallen trees out – loved every minute and in the evening attended a Telford & Wrekin Council License Committee meeting. On Wednesday attended the Stirchley & Brookside Working Lunch in the Sambrook Centre which was well attended and in the evening attended via Microsoft Teams a Severn Gorge Countryside Trust Committee of Management meeting. On Thursday afternoon attended a Stirchley and Brookside Personnel Sub Committee meeting. On Saturday morning attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Councils ‘Meet Your Councillors’ outside the Randlay Local Centre and in the afternoon attended Telford & Wrekin Councils ‘Love Telford’ event held in Southwater and Chelsea Gardens. On Sunday off to the allotment to which I spent most of the day thanks to the lovely weather.

Monday 21st March. First, I would like to reiterate the following: ‘I do not refer to the term ‘Politician’, I prefer ‘Representative’ as my remit is to represent all residents within The Nedge Ward, whatever their colour, creed, sexual orientation or political persuasion or not as the case may be. I continue to hold regular Surgeries at Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre, Hollinswood; Randlay Community Centre, Randlay and the Sambrook Centre in Stirchley, along with Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Councils external ‘Meet Your Councillors’ quarterly. Concerns etc. brought to my attention remains confidential. If any action is required I will pass on details to the relevant Officer(s) and / or Stakeholders and request feedback to inform resident(s) of the outcome(s) and any future actions.

Monday morning held a surgery in the Randlay Community Centre 10-1100hours and in the evening attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Councils Full Council meeting. Early Tuesday morning off to Craven Arms for the Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership meeting at Craven Arms Community Centre and in the evening attended Stirchley & Brookside Parish Councils Full Council meeting. On Wednesday morning met up with the Treasure of the Shropshire Trades Council to audit their yearly accounts. On Thursday morning had my Covid Spring Booster vaccination – a few aches and pains in the evening but all ok the following morning. On Saturday morning attended Great Dawley Town Councils ‘Away Day’ in Dawley Town Hall agreeing positions of Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chair of Council etc. This was followed by visiting Randle House adjacent to Dawley Town Hall then a walk along Dawley High Street to view the new venue for the Councils Office’s now in the centre of the High Street by the Bandstand and then to Dawley House at the top of the High Street. During the walk chatted to residents. On return to Dawley Town Hall a light lunch and a discussion to highlight three strategy points to embrace in the coming months.

Monday 28th March. Monday morning off to Lymington for the week with sister-in-law to visit family returning on Friday. Weather very mixed but managed a couple of walks. On Saturday attended The Nedge Safer and Stronger Communities launch at the Sambrook Centre, Stirchley. The event was very well attended.

Monday 4th April. Monday morning held a surgery in the Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre 10-1100hrs and in the evening chaired the Friends of Hollinswood and Randlay Valley’s AGM meeting. On Tuesday morning attended the Friends volunteer day in Randlay Valley – a big thank you to the volunteers and team from Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council. In the evening attended a Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council’s Extraordinary Full Council meeting. On Thursday had planned to help with the Brookside By Election but received a message on my phone on 31st March to attend New Cross in Wolverhampton to review the possibility of having an Ablation (heart) which was considered in 2020 but the pandemic put paid to that. After some tests and a long discussion with the Consultant and more tests the outcome was good news in that not now required but it was stressed that I must remain active, continuing with walking, cycling, allotment etc. and not become a ‘couch potato’. On Friday afternoon met up with Officers from Telford & Wrekin Council and fellow Ward member to view a piece of land that has been neglected over the years in Stirchley with a view to turn into an attractive area with wildflowers and appropriate trees.

However, it turned out that the land does not belong to Telford & Wrekin – Officers will endeavour to trace the ownership.

Monday 11th April. Monday afternoon attended the Calm Café session at Dawley House, Dawley, hosted by Telford Mind. A venue where Veterans can come along have a chat and refreshments. On Tuesday evening attended and Chaired the Communities Scrutiny Committee meeting. On Wednesday morning attended the SSAFA Shropshire Branch, Annual Meeting / Caseworker Seminar at Meeting Point House, Telford, where I gave a presentation on Telford & Wrekin Council's Armed Forces Covenant which was well received. Other presentations included: Regional Office update, Veterans UK, Shropshire Council Armed Forces Covenant and Outreach, Long Service Awards, Teamwork in the RAF with a break for Buffet Lunch. In the evening two grandchildren dropped off for a few days.

Monday 18th April. A quiet week overall. Met up with family from London in Birmingham on Tuesday and on Wednesday spent the morning and early afternoon in Shrewsbury having my SMART car serviced. On Thursday morning attended the Randlay Blitz, a joint project with Idverde, Telford & Wrekin Council and Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council. On Friday attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council's Fish & Chip supper and Bingo evening which I really enjoyed. On Saturday Morning visited the St George's Day event in Telford Town Park.

Monday 25th April. On Monday morning met with the Chair of Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council and in the afternoon attended the Calm Café veterans event in Dawley House and in the evening attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council's, Annual Parish Meeting. On Tuesday evening attended Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council's Policy & Resources committee meeting. On Thursday morning attended a Licensing Sub-Committee meeting in Derby House and in the afternoon attended a meeting in the Sambrook Centre with the Chair of Council and Chair of the Policy & Resources committee. On Friday afternoon off to Wolverhampton to collect two grandchildren from school to stay with me for the weekend.

Monday 2nd May. Monday being a bank holiday, I cancelled in advance my surgery in the Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre. On Tuesday morning off to Randlay Valley to undertake some grass cutting along with other volunteers doing clearing and litter picking. On Thursday morning attended a Pavement License Panel and in the evening attended a Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council's ExOrd Policy and Resources meeting. On Saturday off to the Malvern Spring Show.

Monday 9th May. On Monday did not make the Veteran's Calm Café session at Dawley House as British Gas was servicing my boiler and central heating system. In the evening attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting. On Saturday morning attended Great Dawley Town Council's Covid Memorial Dedication at the Jubilee Woods in Dawley Bank.

Monday 16th May. On Monday morning held a surgery at the Randlay Community Centre 10-1100hrs and in the evening attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Councils Annual General Meeting along with Full Council. On Tuesday morning off to Church Stretton for Shropshire Hills AONB meeting at 0930hrs. In the evening attended Stirchley & Brookside Parish Councils Annual General Meeting. On Wednesday attended Stirchley & Brookside Parish Councils Working Lunch at the Sambrook Centre. On Thursday and as a committee member attended a Pavement License decision meeting in Addenbrooke House at 1300hrs and in the evening attended Telford & Wrekin Councils Special Meeting at 1800 hrs to celebrate the making of Honorary Aldermen of the Borough and Honorary Freemen of the Borough. This was followed by Full Council at 1900hrs. On Saturday morning held a 'Meet Your Councillor' outside the Hollinswood Local Centre 10-1130hrs and on Sunday afternoon attended the Severn Gorge Countryside Trust's Open Day at the Anstice building in Madeley.

Monday 23rd May. Monday afternoon attended the Falklands 40th Anniversary Memorial Service in Dawley Town Park and laid a Wreath on behalf of the Armed Forces Covenant and then attended the Calm

Café session for Veterans in Dawley House along with other dignitaries who attended the Service. In the evening attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Councils Asset & Property meeting where I was elected Chair and this was followed by Finance & Audit committee meeting. On Tuesday evening attended a Communities Scrutiny 'Keep In Touch' meeting to which I am Chair and this was followed by a Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council's Electors meeting which was held in Brookside Community Centre. On Thursday spent the day in Ludlow catching up old friends and on Saturday went to the WW2 event in Dale End Park, Ironbridge and on Sunday morning attended the Stirchley Allotment Committee meeting.

Monday 30th May. My previous blog above should have read Monday 23rd May and not 30th May – will republish. Monday morning 30th May went to Great Dawley Town Council to record a speech and then invited to join the Breakfast Club in Dawley Town Hall where I undertook colouring in of Jubilee materials along with the children having their breakfast. In the evening attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council's Human Resources meeting which was followed by an Events meeting. On Tuesday morning joined the Team from Telford & Wrekin Council, Idverde, Enforcement and Parish Council members and staff to undertake the Hollinswood Blitz which ran from 10-1500hrs. On Friday morning at 1100hrs attended Great Dawley Town Councils Platinum Jubilee Street Party event but left after the opening ceremony to attend and help out at Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council's Queen's Jubilee event on the Pavilion Field from 12-1600hrs, both turned out to be a great success. On Saturday morning was due to attend the Platinum Jubilee Service in Telford Town Park hosted by Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council but due to my water storage tank in the loft overflowing via the overflow pipe had arranged for the brass ballcock etc. which was covered in lime scale to be changed to a plastic one.

Monday 6th June. Monday morning held a static surgery in the Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre 10-1100hrs and in the afternoon off to Randlay Valley to do some more mowing. Tuesday morning was the Volunteer Day for the Friends of Hollinswood & Randlay Valley so off again with the mower. In the evening attended Stirchley & Brookside Parish Councils Policy & Resources Committee meeting. Wednesday evening attended Telford & Wrekin Councils Scrutiny Management Board meeting. On Thursday afternoon attended Stirchley & Brookside Parish Councils Personnel Sub Committee meeting. Saturday morning was an extra Volunteer Day in Randlay Valley, more mowing achieved. On Sunday spent the day at the RAF Cosford Air Show with the grandchildren.

Monday 13th June. Monday afternoon attended the Calm Café session at Dawley House 14-1600hrs and in the evening attended Great Dawley Town Councils Ordinary meeting. Tuesday spent most of the day on the allotment. Wednesday morning met up with Officers from Telford & Wrekin Council along with the Clerk to Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council to walk Randlay Valley to look at possible future projects and was taken aback of the amount of Ash Die Back which in due course will have to be managed. Post the walk met with representative from the Special Needs Activity Centre to discuss future walks within Randlay Valley. Thursday, spent reflecting of the passing of Mrs T four years ago, but in the evening attended Telford & Wrekin Councils Scrutiny Assembly meeting. Friday morning assembled on the roof of Addenbrooke House to raise the Armed Forces Flag. On Saturday attended Dawley Day in Dawley Park and the Jubilee Event in the Sambrook Centre, Stirchley.

Monday 20th June. On Monday morning held a static surgery in the Randlay Community Centre 10-1100 hours and in the evening attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Councils Full Council meeting. On Tuesday morning held a static surgery in the Sambrook Centre 10-1100 hours and late afternoon attended an Armed Forces Covenant drop-in session in Sutton Hill followed by a Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council Full Council meeting. On Wednesday morning attended the Chit Chat Club session in Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre along with the Deputy Mayor who gave a short talk and I followed with a talk about the Armed Forces Covenant. On Saturday morning attended the opening of the Armed Forces Day at Broadoaks, Donnington where I followed the opening speech by the Mayor of Telford as the Armed Forces

Champion for Shropshire Telford & Wrekin, thanking all those who have signed up to the Armed Forces Covenant and to those organisations etc attending the Armed Forces Day.

Monday 27th June. On Tuesday evening attended a Communities Scrutiny briefing followed by a Communities Scrutiny meeting chaired by myself and this was followed by a Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council, Full Council meeting. On Thursday morning met up with Officer from Telford & Wrekin Council to undertake a catch-up meeting with issues around Stirchley. On Friday morning attended the launch of a Calm Café in Jubilee House in Madeley. Sad day on Sunday July 3rd as it was four years since laying to rest the late Mrs T.

Monday 4th July. I would like to reiterate the following: 'I do not use the term 'Politician', I prefer 'Representative' as my remit is to represent all residents within The Nedge Ward, whatever their colour, creed, disability, sexual orientation or political persuasion or not as the case may be. I continue to hold regular Surgeries at Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre, Hollinswood; Randlay Community Centre, Randlay and the Sambrook Centre in Stirchley, this also includes Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Councils by-monthly 'Meet Your Councillors' held outside the local centres. Monday morning held a surgery within the Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre 10-1100 hours and in the evening attended a Communities Scrutiny, Keep In Touch (KIT) meeting via Microsoft Teams. On Tuesday morning attended the Friends of Hollinswood & Randlay Valley volunteer day, 10-1200 hours, to do some grass cutting. Other Friends present undertook litter picking and cutting back. On Wednesday morning chaired a License Sub Committee meeting in Addenbrooke House and in the afternoon met up with Officer from Telford and Wrekin Council to pay a site visit to Stirchley playing Fields to meet with resident from Brookfield to look at raising the fence to stop footballs going into the garden. On Thursday morning met with Enforcement Officers from Telford & Wrekin Council, Safe Neighbourhood Team along with Parish Council staff to visit the Hollinswood Flats. In the afternoon visited Randlay Valley with Cabinet member for Green Spaces to show what we have and what the Friends are trying to achieve. In the evening attended a Labour Group meeting via Microsoft Teams. On Sunday attended the Stirchley Allotment holders meeting.

Monday 11th July. Monday afternoon attended the Calm Café' at Dawley House, Dawley. On Tuesday morning off to Norbury Village Hall for a Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership meeting and in the evening attended a briefing about the CSE Enquiry which was followed by a Stirchley & Brookside Full Council meeting. On Wednesday off to Powis Castle for the day. Thursday evening attended Telford & Wrekin Councils Full Council meeting. On Saturday morning attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Councils 'Meet Your Councillors', 10-1130 hours outside Hollinswood Local Centre.

Monday 18th July. On Monday held a static surgery within the Randlay Community Centre 10-1100 hours and in the evening attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Councils Full Council meeting. On Tuesday morning was due to hold a static surgery in the Sambrook Centre, Stirchley but centre was closed due to the hot weather which also affected a Union meeting in the evening. On Wednesday attended Stirchley & Brookside Parish Councils 'working lunch' in the Sambrook Centre. On Thursday afternoon attended Stirchley & Brookside Parish Councils Audit Committee meeting.

Monday 25th July. Monday afternoon attended the Veteran's Calm Café session at Dawley House, Dawley also present were staff from Telford Mind. In the evening attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Councils, Asset & Property Committee meeting which I Chair, and this was followed by a Finance & Audit Committee meeting. On Tuesday morning off to Craven Arms for a Shropshire Hills AONB Summer Forum, with speakers and informal networking with people supporting the Shropshire Hills. This was followed at midday with optional field visits were I opted to visit Hopton Castle to hear about the work being undertaken by volunteers to introduce wild flowers. This was followed by a visit to the Bushmoor Verges project to witness the groundwork to encourage wildflower flora along the verges leading to the village. In the evening attended Stirchley & Brookside Parish Councils Policy & Resources Committee meeting which

had to be adjourned to allow for additional information to be sought. The Committee reconvened Thursday lunchtime to receive the additional information to enable a decision to be made. On Thursday evening attended a Severn Gorge Countryside Trust Personnel meeting via Microsoft Teams. On Saturday morning attended Great Dawley Town Councils High Street Surgery.

Monday 1st August. Monday morning held a surgery at the Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre 10-1100 hours. On Tuesday morning it was the Friends of Hollinswood & Randlay Valley volunteer morning 10-1200 hours where I carried out some grass cutting to the edges of paths. In addition litter picking took place. On Thursday morning attended the Malinslee Big Picnic as a councillor for Great Dawley Town Council which was very well attended and the weather was fantastic. In the afternoon attended Stirchley & Brookside Parish Councils Personnel Sub Committee meeting.

I will be out of the country from 10th to 26th August therefore I will not be holding my surgery in the Randlay Community Centre on Monday 15th August and likewise in the Sambrook Centre, Stirchley on 16th August.

Monday 29th August. Enjoyable time in North Cyprus with family, just glad the Villa had a swimming pool. On Monday visited the Regatta in Ironbridge. On Tuesday, back down to earth with a Licensing Sub Committee meeting in the morning. On Wednesday afternoon met up with Officers from Telford and Wrekin Council and the Parish Council to walk the main paths within Randlay Valley to assess Ash Die Back and as a rough estimate 70k was muted. In the evening attended a Severn Gorge Countryside Trust Personnel Committee meeting. On Thursday morning attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council to undertake an Audit – all in good order. On another note, from Friday to Sunday along with two grandchildren off to Wales for a taste of wild camping in the forest with the landowner's permission. Now back on track to undertake Surgeries:

Future Surgeries with Councillor Chris Turley

First Monday of every month at the Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre 1000 to 1100 hours

Third Monday of every month at the Randlay Community Centre 1000 to 1100 hours

Third Tuesday of every month at the Sambrook Centre, Stirchley 1000 to 1100 hours

“Meet Your Councillor’s” Surgery outside the Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre and Randlay Community Centre 1000 to 1130 hours on

Saturday 15th January, Saturday 19th March, Saturday 21st May, Saturday 16th July, Saturday 17th September and Saturday 19th November

Monday 5th September. Monday morning held a surgery within the Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre 10-1100 hours and in the evening attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council's Asset & Property Committee to which I Chair. On Tuesday morning off to Randlay Valley for our volunteer morning. Tuesday afternoon attended via Microsoft Teams, my Chairs Briefing for the Strategic Armed Forces Covenant Partnership meeting and in the evening attended Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council's Community & Environment Committee meeting followed by a Full Council meeting. On Wednesday evening attended a Randlay Allotment event hosted by Hollinswood & Randlay Parish to a talk about Bees – very interesting. Thursday afternoon attended and Chaired Telford & Wrekin Councils, Strategic Armed Forces Covenant Partnership Board Meeting via Microsoft Teams where we were informed that Her Majesty was not well, and Family had been 'summoned'. It was post meeting that the announcement was made that Her Majesty had passed away. God Bless Her Majesty – RIP.

On Sunday afternoon at 1530 hours, I attended Telford & Wrekin Council's Local Proclamation at The Bandstand in Telford Town Park at the invitation of The High Sheriff of Shropshire. This was followed by a Local Proclamation in Dawley Town Park at 1700 hours led by the Mayor of Great Dawley Town Council.

Monday 12th September. A week of reflection and mourning for Queen Elizabeth II and Proclamation for King Charles III.

Monday 19th September. Farewell to her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. On Tuesday morning off to a Shropshire Hills AONB Meeting at Acton Scott Historic Farm and in the evening had a Communities Scrutiny 'Keep in Touch' meeting via Microsoft Teams. On Wednesday evening attended a Severn Gorge Countryside Trust Committee of Management meeting at the SGCT HQ in Coalbrookdale. On Thursday afternoon attended a Granville LNR Steering Group meeting in Donnington. On Saturday morning attended Great Dawley Town Council's surgery in Dawley High Street. Early Saturday afternoon off to TELDOC Malinslee to have my Covid Booster and had a flu jab at the same time. Arms like lead weights later but all ok on Sunday.

Monday 26th September. Monday morning met with Staff from Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council to finalise a work programme for volunteer staff from Fujitsu to carry out work within Randlay Valley on Wednesday & Thursday with assistance from Officer from Telford & Wrekin Council. Mid-afternoon had knock back issue subject my Covid booster and flu jab I received on the previous Saturday which result in having to send my apologies for the Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Councils, Full Council meeting in the evening. On Tuesday feeling much better and was able to attend Stirchley & Brookside Parish Councils, Full Council meeting. On Wednesday morning met up with the Fujitsu volunteers who turned out to be senior management. We spent nearly four and a half hours in the valley carrying out various tasks. One of the Environmental Officers also took them on a walk around part of the valley to see some of the work our volunteers had undertaken and to show them meadows and woodland. Same again on Thursday but with different volunteers from Fujitsu. Big thank to all who partook including staff from Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council. On Sunday morning attended the Stirchley Allotment Association Committee meeting.

Monday 3rd October. Monday morning held a static surgery in the Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre 10-1100 hours. In the evening attended the Severn Gorge Countryside Trust Public Meeting in the role as a Trustee, attend by over 100 residents of Coalbrookdale, to hear about proposed tree works within Dale Coppice. Tuesday morning back in Randlay Valley for our volunteer morning were we carried out coppicing of a small wooded area at the top of the Dingy Skipper field. On Tuesday afternoon met up with Officers from Telford & Wrekin Council and staff from Parish Council to discuss the issue of Ash Die Back within Randlay Valley and the 'way forward'. On Thursday, a very long day, as a Trustee of Severn Gorge Countryside Trust, I had been asked to sit on the panel to interview candidates for the position of CEO as the current incumbent is soon to retire (and be sadly missed). Thankfully, late afternoon we all came to selecting a suitable candidate. On Saturday attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Councils 'Strategy Day', which took place 10-1500 hours.

Monday 10th October. On Monday evening due to attend a Licensing Committee meeting but at short notice had to take my sister-in-law to Princess Royal Hospital – a short notice appointment. On Tuesday evening chaired a Communities Scrutiny Committee meeting. Mid-morning Thursday attended an Award Ceremony at Dawley Town Hall where our Deputy Mayor won an award.

Monday 17th October. A week of R&R spent in Lymington visiting my elder son and family along with walks within the New Forest.

Monday 24th October. Monday morning issued Senior Christmas Lunch tickets to residents of Hollinswood in the Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre and in the afternoon attended the Calm Café session for Veterans at Dawley House in Dawley. Tuesday Morning back again to Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre to issue more tickets. On Saturday morning attended a Great Dawley Town Council surgery in the High Street and on Sunday attended a Stirchley Allotment Association Committee meeting. On Sunday evening attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Councils, Happy Halloween event within Randlay Valley which was very well attended.

Monday 31st October. On Monday morning attended a Licensing Sub-Committee meeting and in the evening attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Councils Human Resources Committee meeting. On Tuesday morning met with Staff from the Parish Council along with Hollinswood & Randlay Valley

volunteers to discuss the provision of 'Walking for Health' routes within Randlay Valley in conjunction with the Ramblers Association. All agreed to participate. On Wednesday morning off to New Cross Hospital to be fitted with a heart monitor for 48 hours. In the evening due to attend a Microsoft Teams meeting with Severn Gorge Countryside Trust but not the first time this week had another power cut which lasted 3 hours – so no access to the internet. On Friday morning back to New Cross to return the heart monitor and in due course receive the results.

Monday 7th November. Monday morning 09-1100hrs, attended a Surgery and Coffee Morning in the Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre, Hollinswood. Also in attendance individuals from; Chit Chat Club, Redeeming Our Communities, Parish Council Staff, Craft and Natter, Special Needs Activity Centre, Staff from Telford and Wrekin Council, Hollinswood Primary School and Friends of Hollinswood & Randlay Valley. In the afternoon I undertook a Ward Walk around Hollinswood. In the evening attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Councils, Finance & Audit and Asset & Property Committee meetings. On Tuesday morning off to Craven Arms for a Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership meeting. On Wednesday morning met up with the local Coordinator and Trainer from the Ramblers Association and walked around parts of Randlay Valley with a view to hold monthly walks on behalf of the Ramblers Association. Outcome: the first walk will take place on the last Wednesday in January 2023 meeting at the Hollinswood Pavilion at 1030 hours. On Thursday morning attended the Remembrance Parade at the Malinslee Shop which involved the local school children. In the evening attended Telford & Wrekin Council, Full Council meeting. On Friday morning off to the Dawley Rest Room Fellowship, Service of Remembrance in Dawley House. On Sunday morning attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Councils with Telford Minister, Act of Remembrance in Telford Town Park where I read 'The Exhortation' and 'Dedication'. In the evening attended Telford & Wrekin Councils, Festival of Remembrance at Telford Theatre.

Monday 14th November. Monday morning attended the 'Remembering Our Veterans Event' in Dawley House, Dawley which ran from 1230 to 1400 hours and was followed by our bimonthly 'Calm Café' session 14-1600 hours. In the evening attended Great Dawley Town Councils, Executive Committee meeting. On Tuesday morning held a surgery in the Sambrook Centre, Stirchley, 10-110 hours and in the evening Chaired the Communities, Scrutiny Committee meeting. On Wednesday lunchtime attended Stirchley & Brookside Parish Councils, Working Lunch in the Sambrook Centre. On Thursday afternoon attended a Granville LNR Committees walkabout around Granville. On Friday morning went to Severn Hospice, Apley to present a cheque on behalf of Stirchley Allotment Association with other committee members. On Saturday morning off to Wolverhampton to collect a grandchild for a few hours and later in the afternoon attended Dawley's Christmas Light Switch On.

Monday 21st November. Monday morning held a surgery in the Randlay Community Centre, Randlay, 10-1100 hours and in the evening attended Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Councils, Full Council meeting. On Tuesday evening had a 'KIT' (Keep in Touch) Microsoft Teams meeting with Officers from Telford & Wrekin Council. This was followed by a Stirchley & Brookside Parish Councils, Full Council meeting. On Wednesday evening attended a Severn Gorge Countryside Trust Annual General Meeting followed by a Committee of Management Meeting. On Friday evening after collecting grandchildren from school in Wolverhampton for the weekend attended the Malinslee Christmas Light switch on hosted by Great Dawley Town Council. On Saturday morning attended Great Dawley Town Councils, High Street Surgery and in the afternoon attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Councils Xmas Fayre and Christmas lights switch on.

Monday 28th November. Monday afternoon attended the Veteran's Calm Café fortnightly session at Great Dawley House, Dawley, 14-1600 hours. On Tuesday spent the day in Birmingham with family visiting the Christmas Market and having lunch together. On Wednesday morning attended Dawley Christian Centre, Dawley to help unload and incredible donation of food items for the Dawley Food Bank. In the afternoon attended via Microsoft Teams a Personnel Committee meeting with Severn Gorge Countryside Trust. On Thursday evening attended Telford and Wrekin Council's, Civic Carol Service at Telford Theatre – a joy to

behold. On Friday attended Great Dawley Town Council's Christmas Party in Dawley Town Hall – very enjoyable. On Saturday afternoon attended Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council's Christmas Event in Randlay.

Monday 5th December. On Monday morning attended a Coffee morning at Hollinswood Primary School which was followed by visiting a Warm Café in the Randlay Community centre. In the evening attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council's Finance and Audit Committee meeting. On Tuesday morning attended via Microsoft Teams my chair's briefing for the forthcoming, Telford & Wrekin Strategic Armed Forces Covenant Partnership Board meeting. This was followed by the Hollinswood and Randlay Valley volunteer morning where we managed to sort two fallen trees on the 'bridleway'. Mid-afternoon, I presented a substantial 'hamper' purchased by myself, to the Redeeming Our Communities session held in the Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre, Hollinswood, under the 'title', Reverse Advent Calendar with the hamper and I hope from others for distribution to those who attend the group every Tuesday some who go without over Christmas. On Wednesday attended the Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council's, over 60's Christmas Party at the Holiday Inn. In the evening attended Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council's Full Council meeting. Thursday afternoon chaired the T&W Strategic Armed Forces Covenant Partnership Board meeting which was an extended meeting as we received a presentation from Brigadier (Retd) Dr Robin Simpson, Chair RCGP Midlands Faculty, RCGP Veterans Champion and Professor of Military Primary Healthcare and Veterans Health at the University of Chester which was very well received. On Saturday attended the Stirchley Allotment Association's Christmas Dinner.

Monday 12th December. Monday morning attended the Warm Welcome Hub held in the Randlay Community Centre and in the afternoon attended the Calm Café session in Dawley House, Dawley. On Tuesday morning attended a Warm Welcome Hub in the Sambrook Centre, Stirchley and in the afternoon visited the Redeeming Our Communities session held in the Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre, Hollinswood. Wednesday morning visited the Chit Chat Clubs Xmas buffet (by invitation) and this was followed by attending the Farewell to the CEO of Severn Gorge Countryside Trust to wish Russell well on his retirement. In the evening attended a Labour Group Hustings to select a candidate to represent Telford & Wrekin at the next General Election. On Thursday evening attended the Calm Café session in Jubilee House, Madeley with my 'Armed Forces Covenant' hat on. On Friday evening attended my Union meeting at Dawley Social Club, Dawley.

Monday 19th December. First morning event was to PRH to have bloods taken for testing, an annual event. This was followed by attending the Warm Welcome Hub held in the Randlay Community Centre, Randlay. In the afternoon attended a Presentation by Lord Lieutenant to Allsports Coaches Coaching Academy in Addenbrooke House, wearing my hat as the 'Armed Forces Champion for Telford & Wrekin'. In the evening attended a Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Councils, Full Council meeting. On Wednesday morning off to Randlay Valley with a member of staff from the Parish Council to identify work projects within the Valley. Late afternoon, went for a walk around Chelsea Gardens to see the 'light' show and then made my way to the balcony at SW1 to view the Drone Spectacular – a fantastic display.

At the beginning of 2022 Telford & Wrekin Councillors were awarded a 10k Ward Pride Fund. Prior to Christmas I had awarded all of my Ward Pride Fund to the following:

Ward Pride Fund Covering, Hollinswood, Randlay & Stirchley Matrix 2022-23

Ward: Hollinswood & Randlay	Project	Amount	Submitted	Outcome	Total So Far for Each Parish
H&RPC & T&WC	CCTV Column	£400	£400	Awarded	
AGE Concern	Grant	£600	£600	Awarded	
Chit Chat Club	Grant	£600	£600	Awarded	

H&RPC	Disabled Allotment	£400	£400	Awarded	
FoH&RV	Table bench	£600	£600	Awarded	£2,600
Ward: Stirchley	Project	Amount	Submitted	Outcome	
Grange Park School	Learning books	£4,000	£4,000	Awarded	
S&BPC	Seaside Family Trip	£200	£200	Awarded	
Holmer Lake School	Reading	£800	£800	Awarded	£5,000
The Nedge Wide					
Interfaith	Food Parcels	£250	£250	Awarded	
Sign Language	Classes	£150	£150	Awarded	
Telford Chin Woo	Licenses	£250	£250	Awarded	
Telford Crisis Support	Support Centre	£1750	£1750	Awarded	£2,400
					£10,000

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy, Peaceful and Healthy New Year.

Monday 2nd January 2023. On Tuesday attended the Friends of Hollinswood & Randlay Valley volunteer morning 10-1200hrs where we spent time cutting back along one of the paths to make it more accessible to walkers. In addition a litter pick was undertaken. On Thursday afternoon attended a 'Pavement License Panel' via Microsoft Teams.

Monday 9th January 2023. Before my report, I wish to announce that I have been selected to stand for The Nedge Ward on 4th May 2023 along with Nathan England and Leanne Powers. As a result of the Boundary Commission, The Nedge Ward will include the whole of Stirchley and remain a three-member ward. I would like to reiterate the following, in that if elected I will continue to represent all residents within The Nedge Ward, whatever their colour, creed, sexual orientation, political persuasion, religion / faith, or not as the case may be.

Monday morning attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Councils 'Warm Welcome Hub' in the Randlay Community Centre. In the afternoon attended the Veterans Calm Café at Dawley House, Dawley. Tuesday evening attended Great Dawley Town Councils, Ordinary meeting in Dawley Town Hall which was followed by Stirchley & Brookside Parish Councils, Full Council meeting. On Thursday morning attended a Licensing update via Microsoft Teams with lead Officers. In the afternoon attended a Budget Engagement Session in Meeting Point House, Southwater. In the evening attended a Pre-Council Labour Group meeting. On Sunday morning attended a 'Labour Group Away Day'.

Monday 16th January 2023. Monday morning held a surgery and attended the Warm Welcome Hub in the Randlay Community Centre, Randlay. In the evening attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Councils Asset & Property meeting to which I chair followed by the Finance & Audit meeting. On Tuesday morning held a surgery in the Sambrook Centre, Stirchley which also held a Warm Welcome Hub. Mid Tuesday afternoon held a Microsoft Teams meeting with Officers from Telford & Wrekin Council to discuss Shropshire Wildlife Trust's involvement within the Granville Local Nature Reserve. Thursday morning off to Church Stretton to attend a Shropshire Hills AONB meeting and in the evening attended Telford & Wrekin Councils Full Council meeting. Friday evening attended a GMB Union meeting in Dawley Social Club.

Monday 23rd January. Monday afternoon off to the 'Veterans Calm Café' at Dawley House 14 to 1600hrs, hosted by Telford Mind— great turnout. In the evening attended Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Councils, Full Council meeting. On Tuesday morning undertook a 'risk assessment' walk around Randlay Valley for

the forthcoming Ramblers monthly walk on 25th January. In the evening attended Stirchley & Brookside Parish Councils, Full Council meeting. On Wednesday morning attended the visit of the Shadow Cabinets 'Armed Forces Minister', Luke Pollard MP, to the Veterans Calm Café at Dawley House, Dawley. The Ramblers walk was led by a member of Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Councils staff member. On Thursday morning attended the High Street Task Force – Unlocking Your Place Potential – at Dawley Town Hall 10 to 1300hrs. Attendee by Officers from Telford & Wrekin Council, High Street business owners, Town Councillors and Town Council staff. On Sunday morning had to ring 111 subject extreme pain in my left leg. Thankfully a slot was booked to attend ShropDoc at 1200hrs. Outcome 'knackered arthritic knee'. Prescribed 100 prescription Co-Codamol tablets and to contact Doctors for further investigation.

Monday 30th January. Managed to get a 'face to face' Doctors appointment at 1415 hrs. Examination took place – continue to take prescribed medication and arrangement made to have physio in due course and if that does not resolve then an MRI scan. Late afternoon had a Communities Scrutiny 'Keep in Touch' Microsoft teams meeting at 1700hrs. At 1900hrs was due to attend the Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Councils, Human Resources meeting but sent apologies as I was dozing off due to the medication. On Wednesday evening was able to attend a Severn Gorge Countryside Trust Personnel Committee meeting at the Trusts HQ. On Friday evening was due to attend an evening with 'Lisa Nandy MP' at Dawley Town Hall. Managed to pop-in to buy some raffle tickets but had to give my apologies as I was becoming drowsy. After taking medication, I am able to walk slowly for a short while, so have undertaken 'at a slow pace' election leaflets within The Nedge.

Monday 6th February. 'Free day'. Tuesday was the Friends of Randlay Valley volunteer morning which consisted of a walk to observe the undergoing works within the valley. On Friday went on a Police Ward Walk around Stirchley.

Monday 13th February. Went on a Ward Walk around Stirchley with a member of Idverde and in the evening attended Great Dawley Town Councils Executive Meeting. On Thursday afternoon went on a Ward Walk around Randlay.

Monday 20th February. Held a surgery in the Randlay Community Centre Monday morning and in the evening attended the Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Councils, Full Council meeting. On Tuesday morning held a Surgery in the Sambrook Centre, Stirchley followed by a recce walk around Randlay Valley and in the afternoon attended a photo session outside the Calcott shops, Stirchley. On Wednesday morning took individuals from the Ramblers on a walk around Randlay Valley in conjunction with the Parish Council and in the evening attended a Pre-Council Labour Group meeting. On Thursday afternoon attended a photo shoot at the Bracebridge Care Group construction at the Randlay Centre. On Friday morning went on a litter pick around Hollinswood with volunteers and Parish Council staff.

Monday 27th February. On Monday morning had a walk around Hollinswood with Parish Staff and Idverde and in the evening attended Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Councils, Asset & Property meeting which I am Chair followed by Finance and Audit meeting. On Tuesday evening attended Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council, Full Council meeting. On Thursday afternoon attended the Telford Mind Event at Dawley House in the presence of the Shadow Cabinets Veterans Minister and in the evening attended Telford and Wrekin Councils, Full Council meeting.

Monday 6th March. Off to Lymington for the week to visit elder Son and family -never seen so much rain.

Monday 13th March. Monday afternoon off to Dawley Park for a photo shoot. On Tuesday evening attended, as Chair, the Friends of Hollinswood & Randlay Valley AGM. On Wednesday morning off for another walk around Randlay Valley to see the completed works. The great news is that Randlay Valley is now a registered Local Nature Reserve protect from building which it was earmarked for by Telford Development Corporation.

Monday 20th March. Today Purdah commences, so this is the last of my Councillor Blogs. Just to confirm, I have been selected to stand again for The Nedge, Great Dawley Town Council, Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council and Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council with the outcome being determined on the 4th May. Finally, thank you to all of you who have supported me during the last four years. I look forward to, hopefully, supporting you for the next four years.

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