## Deputy Mayor's Report

## Ilminster Town Council

## 19th July 2022

Compared to May/June, this has been a comparatively quiet period for the Mayor's stunt double and therefore a relatively short report.

Since our last meeting I have had the pleasure of attending, on behalf of the Mayor, two official functions.

- On the 5<sup>th</sup> of July, I attended the Annual Swanmead Community School, Celebration of Achievement Awards, prize-giving ceremony. Sadly, it was the last one before the school amalgamates with Greenfylde, to create the new Herne View Primary School in September. I had the honour and privilege of presenting the 'Ilminster Rotary Club Community Award' to young Johan Neville. Listening to his and the many citations being read out, it was encouraging to hear of the wonderful achievements attained by many of our young people in Ilminster. It bodes well for the town's future that such talent was nurtured in our community. But particular mention must go to the band 'X-Factory', who entertained us with ACDC's 'Back in Black' at the opening. A pleasant alternative to recorders I thought!
- On Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> June, both my wife and I had the pleasure of attending Taunton Town Football Club's (the Peacocks), Champions Dinner and Prize giving, at the County Ground. This was at the invitation of the Mayor of Taunton. It was a lovely evening spent in the company of some of the other civic leaders of Somerset, including the deputy Lord Lieutenant, the mayors of Minehead and Watchet, as well as the players, staff and supporters of the club. This event was a celebration of the club's recent promotion to the National League South. I wish them well in the new league. Although one of our Ilminster resident's grandson now plays for their arch-rivals Farnborough. Apparently, he was instrumental in Farnborough's promotion this year in winning the play-offs!

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