

## **North Baddesley Ward Councillors Borough Annual Report**

North Baddesley is represented by Cllrs Celia Dowden, Simon Cross, and Alan Warnes the latter two have now been in their posts since May 2019. The team have representations on the following TVBC Committees; Council, Overview and Scrutiny, Southern Area Planning, Licensing, General Purposes and the Employment Appeals and Ethics, with an attendance rate of 93%. They have contributed to panels and workstreams on improving the Public's involvement and access to the Council, the Future of Health Provision , the Council Tax Support Scheme and supported the Armed Forces covenant.

As part of their roles they have listened and worked with the residents of North Baddesley to address their concerns about a number of wide ranging issues. Where planning is high on this list and due to good communications with householders issues have been resolved amicably with the support of TVBC planning department. However, not all issues have been resolved satisfactorily and there has been confusion between the residents, councillors and the TVBC Enforcement team. We honestly hope that these can come to a satisfactory conclusion in the near future. Work to enhance the village character by providing and help plant Spring bulbs and floral displays have been introduced in collaboration with the local school children to help give them pride in their village and a smile on residents faces as they walk by.

At full Council meetings, motions have been proposed, and accepted on representation of Ward Cllrs on the Planning Committees, The Climate Emergency and adoption of the Motor Neurone Disease Charter. They voted against a planned increase to the Councillors allowance, and also proposed an alternative Budget, that TVBC council tax should only be increased with inflation, to help residents at this difficult time while dealing with the COVID pandemic. The proposal was not accepted by the ruling group and the borough Council tax will increase by £2.50 for a band D property. They have also supported the local Library in their ongoing fight against closure. As well as helping secure grant funding for North Baddesley organisations and placed a bid for outdoor exercise equipment, to be placed around the village.

As part of their role on the TVBC Overview and Scrutiny Committee they now also have an input into the "Climate Emergency" and will be working with the Champion (Neil Gwynne) to ensure that pressure is maintained to help not just reach targets but to try and ensure they are reached before the target date of 2035.