

## **PARISH REPORT JUNE 2017**

The elections County Council elections are complete and I'm honoured to have been re-elected as the councillor for the Woodstock division. I would like to thank everybody who voted for me and assure all residents I'll work hard over the coming 4 years for everybody. I will continue to hold regular surgeries and send out monthly reports to interested residents.

The Conservatives gained 3 and lost 3 divisions so were still 1 short of an overall majority, the Conservative Independent Alliance will continue to run the administration. I have been re-elected as Leader of the Council, something I'm proud of despite the challenges ahead. Below is a list of the new cabinet, full details of responsibilities can be found on the Oxfordshire County Council website: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/cabinet>

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| Deputy Leader of the Council                   | Judy Heathcoat        |
| Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care           | Lawrie Stratford      |
| Cabinet Member for Children & Family Services  | Steve Harrod          |
| Cabinet Member for Environment                 | Yvonne Constance      |
| Cabinet Member for Finance                     | David Bartholomew     |
| Cabinet Member for Local Communities           | Mark Gray             |
| Cabinet Member for Property, Cultural Services | Lorraine Lindsay-Gale |
| Cabinet Member for Public Health & Education   | Hilary Hibbert-Biles  |

Parish councils will be particularly interested in the creation of the new Cabinet post 'Local Communities'. One of the key tasks for the portfolio holder is to re-energise the 'Oxfordshire Together' campaign that promotes closer working between OCC and parish councils.

Whilst the County elections may be over the General Election continues at full pace, until a new Government is announced, with their policies, the full impact on local government will not be known. However the 2 key areas for me are the funding of Social care and Highways Infrastructure, I will continue to lobby for additional funding for these and other areas across the council.

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