

## County Councillor Annual Report for 2018/19 “Allen Walker”

A Personal verbatim overview of my work for last year to all 11 Parishes for Deanshanger Div. representing: -

Alderton, Ashton, Cosgrove, Deanshanger, Grafton Regis, Old Stratford, Paulerspury, Potterspury, Wicken, Whittlebury and Yardley Gobion.

**(What good news there might have been has been wiped out by the circumstances surrounding NCC and the Budget) This was my Headline from last Year!!!**

**NCC will be abolished by 2020. So, this may well be my last report to you as your (County Councillor)**

So, since October 18 until March 19 this year we have had a new CXO as well as 2 Government Commissioners overseeing our performance and preparing for a new Unitary Authority (West Northants).

We have achieved a balanced budget, having to find £41M. This has been covered by an agreement from Government to use Capital Receipts to pay this off....In the current year there was an overspend by June of £30M this has now been recovered and we are on Course for a balanced budget for 2018/19 and the Government have allowed us to increase Council Tax by an extra 2% over the capped 2.9%. (As an aside we are not the only council in this position, in fact most are suffering budget controls and it would appear Government want to abolish all County Councils in the not too distant future).

As I said last year “this as you can imagine had major effects on you my local constituents. To achieve a Balanced Budget all these things were put into the melting pot as well as most if not all reserves to achieve a Legal Budget. “To not vote for a Legal Budget would have had repercussions on not only the County Council but the Districts, Borough and Parish Councils not being able to raise a precept”.

**So where are we now.** Services have continued as normally as possible and I have intentionally taken a back seat at County, due to all the back stabbing and accusations regarding my involvement previously. Most of this has been Media Hype and people not understanding the complexities of running a County Council with over a £1B budget.

I am not able to put into just one report all that has occurred except to say there is now better Financial control and more Scrutiny of the monies than ever before.

Personally, I will still be representing you as your County Councillor until future elections are to be held in possibly May 2020. This I will continue with in my most forthright and indomitable manner. Which is the least you would expect of me. I will also ensure all of you are kept up to date with the ongoing situation through your Parish Councils.

The Library Services have virtually been resolved and at great effort from me and the good offices of Jon Ellerby we have set in motion a new Bus Service (Britannia) with a new timetable coming out on the 8<sup>th</sup> April.

My personal thanks go to the Clerk, PC Councillors and you the Residents for maintaining your support in me throughout another difficult year.

I can still be contacted on:- [allenwalker14@outlook.com](mailto:allenwalker14@outlook.com)  
[awalker@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:awalker@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

And telephone: - 01908-260302