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County Councillor's report as of 2nd September 2024

County News

As officers and staff take the opportunity in August to use annual leave many meetings are cancelled and therefore news tends to be light as decisions are held over to September.

Small works -

Gully Cleaning and potholes – Please ensure that all gullies that need cleaning and potholes that need repairing are recorded on the County website using the link mentioned below. In the case of potholes, if you record these through the Parish Clerk you will automatically receive a message when the repair has been carried out. This is a more efficient way of handling issues going forward as we have installed new software which is more dynamic in what it can do. Potholes should be reported through the directly on the WCC website <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4085/warwickshire-county-council-encourages-residents-to-report-road-issues>.

In addition, over the last few months I have asked whether a Parish Council could pay for the gulley cleaner and employ them to clear specified gullies and the answer is positive . The cost would be £1,000 per day plus an extra £500 per day if traffic management were required. Please let me know if you would like to take advantage of this and send me a list of the gullies that need to be jetted. I will then liaise with the team at County and ensure that the route needed to clear these would be feasible in the time allowed and whether traffic management would be required.

Let me know if you have any small roadworks, white lining, or Rights of Way issues I will investigate these for you and get a quote for any works that need to be conducted. _To report a Highway fault, use this link <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reportaproblem> .

I have also put the same idea to the subcommittee of the JPC, **known as Team A**, paying for additional gulley cleaning and highlighted the issue of limited resources within the County. The County have also reiterated that they are meeting their statutory responsibility and that work at the outfall and around Millfield Court is planned, along with camera inspections over the coming weeks. There has been a detailed response from County on what actions can be taken and when which has been shared with the JPC and with the Flood Team A

I resigned from that subcommittee on Flooding known as Team A so that they can discuss matters independently of me although I will continue to help them in any way I can to advance ideas and actions.

Traffic Speeds and parking issues – a separate subcommittee has approached me about the issues of disabled bays, red lines along the High Street, enforcement, the Croft car park (and charging) and funding amongst other issues. I raised this with County on the 14/8/2024, who responded to both me and the members of the subcommittee on the 18/08/2024, who subsequently advised on the 20/08/2024 that they will be analysing the response. I am not aware of any further developments on this. The JPC Clerk & RFO plus the Chair were copied into the exchanges to ensure that members of the Parish Council were kept informed of progress.

I haven't included my small works log this month as nothing has changed since last month.

Patient parking at Henley in Arden Medical centre – A meeting of all interested parties is taking place this week so hopefully we can either produce potential ideas and solutions to the lack of parking availability during weekdays and take them forward. In last month's report I highlighted a couple of solutions i.e. free parking for 90 minutes and/or additional medical centre spaces.

Station Road – Double Yellow lines –Further work may be necessary.

Concrete Planter – A suitable place for this on the High Street appears to be elusive although I believe that the senior officer now dealing with this issue is continuing the search for a suitable site. Suggestions would be welcome.

Tree planting funding

The application window for community groups to apply for funding to create new orchards and micro woods has been extended until the end of 2024.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5509/community-groups-given-longer-to-apply-for-tree-planting-funding-in-warwickshire>



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Free child car seat check events return across Warwickshire in September Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership is inviting all residents to attend free child car seat checking events being held throughout Warwickshire between 16 and 20 September. Warwickshire Road Safety. More details can be found using this link.
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5512/free-child-car-seat-check-events-return-across-warwickshire-in-september>

Other issues in nearby Parishes

Wall by the Church on South side of WW, south of the village centre – Repairs were due to start on the 1st of July and be completed by the 31/08/2024. There has been a robust challenge to the architects representing the Church by County and myself as the delay in commencing the repairs is unacceptable. Coupled with this the lights have caused issues by failing on several occasions. They are planning to phase the works so that the lights can be removed as soon as possible and have been told by county that they must keep the Parish Council and myself updated on progress. One issue may be that the Church do not have sufficient funds to repair this as extraordinarily little progress has been made. After complaining about the number of times that the lights fail the Church and its agents have agreed to have operatives in place during peak rush hour times to ensure that there is someone on hand to reset the lights should they fail. Unfortunately, the operatives have not been turning up on time and so additional sanctions may be necessary to ensure that there are operatives there during the agreed times. This is all at the Church's cost not the council taxpayer.

COVID-19

COVID-19 is still in circulation, so we are reminding you of the importance of washing your hands regularly with soap and water.

If soap and water are unavailable, use a hand sanitiser with at least 60% alcohol to clean your hands

As always feel free to contact me at any time to discuss any issues that you feel I can help with, and I will do my absolute best to help.

Other County Council News

Lung Cancer Screening

When lung cancer is caught early, it is easier to treatment. That's why the NHS is offering people who are GP registered, aged 55-74 and have ever smoked a lung check to make sure everything is ok.

Warwickshire Libraries What's On Guide

Warwickshire Libraries is celebrating one year of National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) status with Arts Council England, with the launch of the service's new What's on Guide for Summer 2024. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5339/warwickshire-libraries-launches-what-s-on-guide-as-service-celebrates-one-year-with-arts-council-england>



Take five steps to wellbeing

There is lots of useful information available about the benefits of spending time outdoors over the summer to improve your physical and mental wellbeing. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5498/take-five-steps-to-improve-your-wellbeing-this-summer>



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Heritage open days at Warwickshire libraries

Did you have school milk in little glass bottles or take your dinner money into school in a small brown envelope? From September 6, education is the theme of Heritage Open Days at Warwickshire libraries. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5506/local-history-education-displays-at-warwickshire-libraries>



Nature Recovery Strategy

Did you know England is widely considered to be one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world following historic and ongoing declines?

The natural world needs all our help to recover.

Complete the survey today: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/bi/nature-recovery/>



Cycle September 2024

Cycle September begins on Sunday, have you signed-up yet? Join the hundreds of cyclists across Warwickshire who are getting on their bikes, logging trips with the Love to Ride app to be in with a chance of winning fantastic prizes. Do it now: <https://www.lovetoride.net/warwickshire>



Chimney Fire Safety Week

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is backing this year's national Chimney Fire Safety Week, which runs from 2 to 8 September 2024 by encouraging residents with open fires and chimneys ensure that they are properly maintained. Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5503/get-ready-for-chimney-fire-safety-week>



Ticket fraud

🎫 Getting ready to buy those Oasis tickets? 🎫

If you're booking tickets for any gig or event, stay safe and only buy tickets from a venue's box office, official promoter/agent or well-known, reputable ticket site.

For more advice visit: http://star.org.uk/buy_safe

#SafeInWarwickshire



Counter Terrorism – Vigilance

Out and about today?

Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings. If you see anything that doesn't feel right report online in confidence at <http://gov.uk/ACT>

In an emergency always call 999.



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RSV vaccination in pregnancy

If you're 28 weeks pregnant you are eligible to have the respiratory syncytial virus #RSV vaccination to protect your unborn baby.

Babies are vulnerable as they have small airways and limited immunity against #RSV.

Please speak to your maternity service or GP surgery.



RSV vaccination for older people

From 1 September, people aged between 75 and 79, will be contacted by their GP surgery to book a slot for their respiratory syncytial virus #RSV vaccination.

Please wait to be contacted. Older people are vulnerable to the disease, which can lead to hospitalisation.