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District & County Councillors report as of 8th January 2024

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General –

Happy New Year to everyone. My priorities are:

- **To keep the pressure on the County with regards to Flooding issues**
- **Ensure that the potholes and road repairs are carried out in a timely manner.**
- **Look at installing more Electric Vehicle charging points in Parishes.**
- **Use the data from the speed strips to develop a plan for speed reduction where needed and where it is supported by the data.**

Ullenhall Specific

Ullenhall Specific Speed monitoring – This is a reminder that I am currently paying for 32 sets of speed monitoring lines around my County Council Division, and I am happy to pay for up to another 4 sets around Ullenhall, if you want them. You will need to give me the locations, preferably using what3words and I will get them ordered. The lines are placed across the whole road for two weeks and will give traffic speed, volume, and classification i.e., hgv, car or motorcycle. There is a lot of data and whilst it will come to me I am asking each parish to analyse the data, summarise it and come up with conclusions and possible remedies/solutions to reduce speed which we can then discuss and possibly take forward to County as a project. Let me know if you want to take me up on this.

Flooding issues

Whilst not specifically an Ullenhall issue I thought that you might be interested in the following:

The latest storm on New Years Day onwards brought heavy rains and whilst the area to the north of Henley witnessed pooling north of Johnson's Place to the ex-Finest Catch the High Street remained relatively dry. Whilst it is clear that some of the drains/gullies need work to improve the flow, the jetting carried out after the storm in October may have improved the situation. Further down the High Street by the Market Cross through Back Lane, where water caused flooding to properties, in October, the Flood teams are looking at how excess water can be diverted back into the river avoiding properties and reducing the risk of flood.

To the North of the town a meeting of the Environment Agency, Severn Trent, the County Council, and other stakeholders (including myself) is being set up to explore options to prevent the river topping its banks and improving drainage.

District Council

Council meeting December 2023

Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Full Council approves 'Growing Opportunities Plan 2023-2025' Councillors from Stratford-on-Avon District Council have approved the adoption of the 'Growing Opportunities Plan 2023-2025' for Stratford-on-Avon District at its Full Council meeting on Monday 11 December. The new Plan was constructed in response to the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act 2023 and alongside the Social Inclusion Partnership and Warwickshire County Council, focusing on Stratford-on-Avon District its communities, places and the people who face the greatest challenges. The next step is the creation of an Action Plan to be considered by the District Council's Cabinet in January 2024, which will detail the areas of focus and the specific actions to be delivered under the headings:



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- Reducing rural inequalities
- Improving health and wellbeing
- Empowering and strengthening local communities
- Improving education and skills and increasing financial resilience

Motion for a Declaration of an Ecological Emergency

The National Biodiversity Network 2023 State of Nature report, concluded that since 1970 more than half of our flowering plants, mosses and their relatives have been lost from areas where they used to thrive. The July 2022 statement of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) Sustainable Use Assessment provides compelling evidence that humans are over-exploiting wild species and habitats, and the government’s Chief Scientific Advisor made it clear that we need to change if we are to survive. We request that the Council lobby the government to meet its own international commitments on biodiversity, but we want to do our bit locally as well!

We call for an increase in areas considered rich in habitats by initiating the development of council policy and practices on biodiversity and ensuring sustainable and significant biodiversity gain from new developments and call for new biodiversity sites to be included as part of the next local plan.

Planning Enforcement monthly update for October 2023 to December 2023

Reference	Site	Breach of Planning	Type of Notice issued/ Action taken	Date of Notice/ decision
23/00166/DESB0C	Manor Court, Ettington	Non compliance with Condition 4 of 16/03972/FUL relating to soft landscaping	Breach of Condition Notice	1 December 2023
23/00009/DESB0C	Plegstow House Stratford Road Wootton Wawen	Non-compliance with condition 4 of 18/03556/REM relating to hard and soft landscaping	Breach of Condition Notice	17 November 2023
23/00416/DESCOU & 23/00123/SIGOP	Fir Tree Farm, Bascote, Southam	To prevent further activity on land without planning permission and to secure removal of unauthorised development in the event that planning permission is refused or appeal dismissed	Injunction Order granted by High Court	23 October 2023

For further information on Stratford District Council’s Planning Enforcement and for the Register of Notices please visit: www.stratford.gov.uk/planning/enforcement.cfm



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Fire stations – There is a public consultation on the future of several Fire stations, and it includes Henley Fire Station which the proposals indicate would become a “surge” station i.e., the tender would only be used if other stations cannot respond to an emergency. There is an issue with availability of the teams in some stations, but Henley has a good availability and response rate in comparison to others and it has the added responsibility of covering the motorways and neighbouring local authorities.

If you have an opinion that you want to share, then the consultation process allows this, and it is open until 10th March so please take part in the survey whether you are for keeping Henley Fire Station as it is or support the proposal.

There is a link further down to the Resourcing to Risk survey.

WW Small works - 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. 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>

As reported last month Rishi Sunak announced an **£8.3 billion boost for roads** – enough to **resurface over 5,000 miles of road** and the largest ever funding increase for the improvement of local roads. Well-maintained road surfaces save drivers up to **£440 each** in vehicle repairs. For **Warwickshire County Council** this funding package includes **£2,056,000** in additional road repair funding next year and at least **£120 million** over the next decade.

Ref	Date	Parish/Town	C or D	Issue	Action 1	Action 2
24	15/08/2022	Ullenhall	C	Speed limit of 20mph through village plus white lining around the war memorial (see log 48 now combined with this one)	Clerk says the following: the first one was reduction of speed to 20 miles through the village covering primarily Henley Road and Ullenhall Street. A scheme is already been drawn up by Graham Stanley following site visits from County with John, John Clayton - chair - of Ullenhall Parish Council and myself. Graham Stanley has confirmed that money has been	19/06/2023 close to completing the drawings - 3 weeks from advert ..on track for autumn 18/07/2023 GS will update John Clayton-plans....lighting may be an issue
100	25/04/2023	Ullenhall	C	HGVsign down at junction of a4189 and Ullenhall Rd	02/05/2023 GS/DW notified	19/06/2023 & 18/07/2023 GS looking into this 17/08/2023 DW raised a job for this 10/10/2023 DW - Job issued and requested to be prioritised 13/11/2023 closed 13/12/2023 reopened as the sign has been knocked down again
102	07/06/2023	Ullenhall	C	St Mary's close - various - tree to be removed (see ref 67), resident requesting another oak removed, conversion of green space into car park for residents		31/08/2023 Note sent to GS now ownership is confirmed as WCC. Need to check whether the cut has been carried out 31/08/2023 Angela Lloyd asked to confirm that this was now on the mowing list 13/11/2023 DW job raised
106	02/06/2023	Ullenhall		Road repair Blunts Green	06/07/2023 note sent to Gary asking if this has been done. Need more detail.	01/08/2023 The What3 words reference is \\trails.headstone.chemistry Note sent to both DW & Rebecca 17/08/2023 - Flooding issue look at by Sean, job on, grips.gullies road will need to be closed to do this. 10/10/2023 Dw job raised 13/11/2023 DW - new financial year
130	04/07/2023	Ullenhall		Dog bin needs installing at White Pump Lane - can Streetscene arrange this - plus contract to empty	01/08/2023 - Streetscene requested	06/10/2023 grass cut by SDC now on schedule but hedges need to be cut by WCC
195	09/11/2023	Ullenhall		North of the village there is a hole left by the ST in the verge next to a manhole cover	Note sent to Stehania Cawley at the ST to ask about getting this sorted.	
218	06/12/2023	Ullenhall		Can the junction at Watery Lane/Perr Mill Lane be reconfigured so each side becomes one way only		

Police report

The nearest incident to Ullenhall is below. There are reports of incidents in Alcester, Earlswood, Studley and Bidford (amongst others) and if you haven't been advised of these and want more details just let me know.



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HENLEY • Attempt Burglary. Prince Harry Road. Glass in rear door smashed by unknown offender(s). This alerted the occupier who found the broken glass. Nothing believed stolen at the time. 9.20pm Friday 5th January. 0321 05/01/2024

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 wide news



Resourcing to Risk Consultation

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue is looking at its service delivery model as part of the Resourcing to Risk approach. Please read about the need for change and comment on the proposals at:

<https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/wfrs-r2r/>

This issue could have a major effect on Henley and surrounding parishes that re served by Henley Fire Station.



Winter Vigilance Campaign

Heading out for New Year fun? You can play your part in keeping people safe. Stay alert to anything that doesn't feel right.

Tell a member of staff, security or police, or report online at www.gov.uk/ACT.

You won't be wasting anyone's time.



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Warm Welcome Hubs

Check out the Warwickshire Rural Community Council directory of Warm Hubs to find a local, warm, safe, inclusive place where you can expect a friendly welcome.

Find out more: www.wrccrural.org.uk/services/wrcc-warm-hubs/warm-hubs-network/



Household Waste Recycling Centre Survey

Warwickshire County Council want to know what you think about their Household Waste Recycling Centres and the services that are offered at them.

Have your say here: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/recycling-centre-2023/>



Kind Communities - Kind Food Grant Fund

Do you know of a food-related community project in Warwickshire that would benefit from a funding boost?

Apply to the new Kind Communities - Kind Food Grant fund, and empower your community to make more affordable, healthy, and sustainable food choices:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4793/county-council-launches-kind-communities-kind-food-grant-to-support-local-community-food-projects



SEND newsletter (Twitter and Facebook)

Why not use the lull over Twixmas to explore Warwickshire's SEND Local Offer website?

It's packed with information and advice for families with children and young people aged 0 to 25 with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

Find more here: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send>



Investing in Education in 2023

Find out more about the significant investment in education that Warwickshire County Council has made throughout 2023:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4889/investing-in-education-2023-was-the-year-for-new-schools-enhanced-facilities-and-expanding-opportunities>



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Domestic Abuse support

The festive season can be a daunting time for those who have or are experiencing domestic abuse.

Help is available from Warwickshire County Council and partners.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4895/warwickshire-county-council-highlights-domestic-abuse-support-this-festive-season>



Caring Together Warwickshire

Warwickshire County Council is reminding all those with a caring responsibility to register as a carer to access the latest support over the Christmas period.

Read more here: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4896/warwickshire-county-council-signposts-residents-with-a-caring-responsibility-to-support-from-local-services>



Parents have less than two weeks to apply for their child's 2024 Reception or Junior School place.

More details can be found using this link.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4908/parents-have-less-than-two-weeks-to-apply-for-their-child-s-2024-reception-or-junior-school-place>