

LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL REPORT – OCTOBER 2021

The Council met in the village hall at 7:30pm on Monday 11th October. At the start of the meeting, Rachel Bainbridge was unanimously appointed as a new Councillor and was welcomed onto the Council. The Council now has a full complement of 9 Councillors.

Councillor Cooke (WCC) reported that WCCs COVID-19 Mental Wellbeing and Resilience Fund has awarded £750k to support local community groups and businesses to develop solutions to help improve the mental health, wellbeing and resilience of the local community and workforce both during and in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

An event to mark the start of the official planting season for [The Queen's Green Canopy](https://queensgreencanopy.org/) (QGC) took place in Warwickshire this week, as Cllr Izzi Seccombe, Leader of Warwickshire County Council, Monica Fogarty, Chief Executive, Warwickshire County Council, and Tim Cox, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire planted a small-leaved lime tree at WCC's Staff Cricket Club grounds in Warwick. The QGC was launched earlier this year and encourages everyone to plant a tree for the Jubilee. With a focus on planting sustainably, QGC is a national project to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's 70 years on the throne, to benefit current and future generations. Everyone from individuals to organisations and community groups is being asked to plant a tree to mark the long and historic reign of The Queen. <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>

Cllr Illingworth (WDC) highlighted that the recent Hockley Hall Licensing application was refused by Stratford DC, but discussions continue with officers and relevant councillors about the number of outstanding planning issues in the Parish.

Cllr Hales (WDC) explained that Warwick and Stratford District Councils have awarded a joint new waste management contract to Biffa Waste Services Ltd. Starting in August 2022, the new South Warwickshire service will include the introduction of a 123+ system, with separate weekly food waste collections, fortnightly co-mingled dry recycling collections and three-weekly residual waste collections, with the aim of reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill. Green waste will continue to be collected fortnightly.

The annual safety inspection of the playground was reviewed. There were no high or medium areas of concern and the Council resolved to organise repairs for the minor issues. The public toilets will be closed at the end of October.

Cllr Henderson and Cllr Rees met this week with an engineer from WCC's Transport Planning and Road Safety Team to review the speeding hotspots in the village. There has been a positive response to the Council's invitation to the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner to visit Lapworth to discuss the speeding issues.

The recent Litter Pick was very successful with 18 volunteers collecting 16 large bags of rubbish; the Council would like to thank all those who volunteered to help, in particular to the 1st Lapworth Guides & Rangers who helped with clearing up the Brome Hall Lane car park and picnic site. Further litter picks will be arranged in 2022, dates to be confirmed. We would really appreciate your support in helping us keep Lapworth tidy.

We've been contacted by the charity VASA (www.vasa.org.uk) who provide community transport services across south Warwickshire and Rugby district. In the past year their volunteers have provided transport for over 1,000 Covid vaccine appointments, plus ferrying prescriptions to people's homes and being involved with delivering food parcels in collaboration with the Food Bank. They would like to recruit more volunteer drivers and volunteers on the phones to support their most vulnerable residents. Please contact Emma, VASA Communications Officer at emma@vasa.org.uk if you can offer any help or require further information.

The next meeting of Lapworth Parish Council is scheduled to take place on Monday 8th November at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall.

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