

LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK'S REPORT OCTOBER 2022

The Parish Council met on Monday 10th October 2022 at 7:30pm in the village hall.

There is a Councillor vacancy at present due to the resignation of Mr Jonathan Child: the Council would like to thank Jonathan for his many years of service to the Council. If you are interested in local issues and would like to help make a difference to your community then the Council want to hear from you; speak to one of our Councillors or contact the Clerk for further information about the role, or to express an interest. The Council hopes to fill this position at the next meeting on 14th November 2022.

The Council have received the welcome news that PKF Littlejohn LLP have completed their limited assurance review of the Council's financial accounts for year ending 31st March 2022 and have no matters of concern to report. You can view the External Auditor Report and Certificate along with the Councils' Annual Governance & Accountability Return for 2021-22 on our website.

Following recommendations from a local parent, the Council are planning to install an inclusive swing seat at the play area. Councillors will also be carrying out an audit to identify actions that could be taken in future to improve accessible play provision at the play area; it is a well-loved park and the Council's aim is to ensure that there is opportunity for play for children of all abilities.

The Council would like to remind residents that under the provisions of the Highways Act 1980 , it is an offence to block, obstruct or damage road verges with items such as rocks, posts, fencing etc. Unless otherwise specified in your deeds, the 'public highway' will usually include the road, pavement and grass verges between a boundary fence and the road. If someone is injured or damages their vehicle on such items, legal action could be taken against you as the homeowner if you have placed these items on the verges, please remove them before such an incident arises.

We'd also like to remind property owners that now the nesting season is over, any hedges and trees in your garden that have grown over pavements and public footpaths should be cut back.

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging people to take steps to prevent accidental fires and carbon monoxide poisoning as they look to keep warm and cut energy use this winter. The call comes following concerns from the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) that the cost of living rise will mean people turn to alternative ways of heating and lighting their homes. Warwickshire Fire and Rescue is encouraging people to complete an online home fire safety check for themselves or their loved ones. By answering a few simple questions, it will provide fire safety advice specific to you and tips on how to keep you and your household safe from fire - www.ohfsc.co.uk. For those most at risk of fire, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue can visit the home to provide help and advice.

The next meeting of Lapworth Parish Council will take place at the village hall on Monday 14th November 2022, 7:30pm.

Minutes and Agendas for meetings are on the Parish Council website www.lapworthpc.org.uk

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