

LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2022

It was with great sadness that the Parish Council learnt of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Council gives thanks for the seventy years of public service and devotion that Her Majesty provided our Country and extends sincerest condolences to the Royal Family.

The Council's scheduled September meeting was cancelled as it fell during the period of National Mourning. The planned visit from the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner Mr Philip Seccombe will be re-arranged as soon as possible.

The Council have heard that the public exhibition day for the proposed Aylesbury Road development has been postponed – we will advertise the new date for this event once confirmed.

We are happy to report that a good number of our Speed Watch volunteers have received their Speed Watch training and the group have already carried out several speed-monitoring sessions around the village. You may well have seen groups in high-vis jackets, brandishing the hand-held speed cameras at various times over the last few weeks.

Speed Watch activity is not about interfering with the rights of motorists, but more about the safety and quality of life aspects of local residents. With that in mind, motorists who are caught speeding will initially receive a letter from the Police explaining the potential risks and consequences of their speeding behaviour. Further offences recorded anywhere in the county will trigger a visit from the Police and the most serious breaches may lead to enforcement and prosecution.

We hope that residents will support this initiative and welcome efforts to reduce speeding in our village. If you would be interested in volunteering with the Speed Watch group, please contact the Clerk.

Warwickshire County Council's fostering service is looking for foster carers to care for young people in a crisis. Emergency duty carers are part of a dedicated team providing support and stability to young people at very short notice. They provide emergency cover outside of office hours for children and young people who need a home for the night but are unable to stay with friends or relatives. The young people in need can be any age, from new born babies up to 18 years old. At least one carer needs to be at home full time to support any child or young person placed there, and there must be no-one under 18 living in the household.

Becoming an emergency duty carer allows you to make a regular short term commitment to fostering, whilst still having time for yourself and your family when not on duty. You will receive support from a dedicated Fostering Social Worker, monthly support groups and specialist training programmes along with a retainer of £376.53 per week when on the ED rota, plus a resting rate of £91.70 per week. There are also additional allowances available when young people are placed with you. The rota works on a two week on, two weeks off basis. If you are interested in finding out more please visit: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fostering.

The next meeting of Lapworth Parish Council will take place at the village hall on Monday 10th October 2022, 7:30pm.

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

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