

LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2023

The Parish Council met on Tuesday 5th September 2023, the meeting was attended by six Councillors and eight members of the public.

The Council have received the welcome news that Moore UK (East Midlands) have completed their limited assurance review of the Council's financial accounts for year ending 31st March 2023 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 2022-23 on our website

Concerns were raised about the impact that the Government's plan to ban new oil boilers by 2026 will have on those rural communities not on the grid. It was agreed to write to Jeremy Wright MP to raise the Council's concerns and to request that sufficient thought is given to the practical/financial support that will be provided to help rural communities switch to renewable heating.

Warwickshire County Council officers have been in discussions with a range of transport providers and schools to find alternative transport options for all the young people affected by the withdrawal of the Green Bus service. Following discussions, WCC have announced that alternative travel provision has been secured for the 52 pupils eligible for school transport for whom the council has a statutory duty. In addition, to support those families who have paid The Green Bus for school transport, WCC is working with a range of local bus and train operators, including Ridleys who have stepped in and found capacity within their existing routes. As well as existing services, Ridleys will be releasing two additional routes out of south Birmingham which will provide for many of the children. Families who are looking to find alternative arrangements are advised to look at the Ridleys Facebook page for the latest availability. A WCC transport planner is also available to help families to plot journeys to school – visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/homepage/378/journey-planner

The next meeting of Lapworth Parish Council will take place on Monday 9th October 2023 at 7:30pm.

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