

LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2023

Due to submission deadlines for this magazine, the Council's report has been written before the Council's November meeting.

The Council congratulates the Friends of Lapworth Station group who were presented with the award for "Group of the Year" at the recent Chiltern Railways Community Conference 2023. The group was particularly praised for its community involvement shown by the number of volunteers in the group, the production of five excellent pieces of artwork by the school and the financial support from local businesses and individuals. The excellent planters and the newly installed bird boxes were also shown in presentations. Well-deserved recognition for the group's hard work and enthusiasm.

Warwickshire's Police and Crime Commissioner is asking for residents' views on funding policing and community safety - how it can be improved and what their priorities are for the future? The survey contains a short number of questions about residents' views on what is important to them and their experience of crime and anti-social behaviour in the last year. You can access the survey at www.warwickshire-pcc.gov.uk/yourviews/ If you have any queries or would like the questionnaire in an alternative format, please contact: opcc@warwickshire.police.uk. The survey closes 22nd December 2023.

Following the South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) Issues and Options public consultation and the accompanying Call for Sites earlier this year, both Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Council officers have been progressing work on the joint Local Plan. The current timetable for the preparation of the Plan was approved in March 2022 but since then, several factors have occurred which require a revision to this timetable. These factors include a delay to the publication of the 2021 Census data, changes to the administrations of both councils following this year's Local Elections and the uncertainty of potential changes to national planning policy and to the planning system, including the process for producing local plans.

The proposed revised timetable envisages a Preferred Options consultation in autumn 2024 followed by further stages of consultation and a public examination, with the final adoption of the Plan by 2027. Once approved, the revised timetable will be published on the SWLP website; if you would like to be kept informed with the progress of the South Warwickshire Local Plan please register for email updates: www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/latest-news.cfm/current/1/item/stay-in-touch.cfm

WCC's Councillor Grant Fund has reopened for applications from community and voluntary groups. The County Councillors' Grant Fund provides each of WCC's 57 Councillors with an allocated fund of £8,000 to support small-scale projects within their area that have a positive impact on the wider community. The fund is aimed at projects that build community capacity and support initiatives that improve access to services; financial capability; reduce loneliness and isolation; promote equality and inclusivity; enhance the physical environment; and reduce environmental impact. For more information and to apply visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cllrgrants>

The next meeting of Lapworth Parish Council will take place on Monday 11th December 2023 at 7:30pm.

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

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