

Fenny Compton Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at the Village Hall, Fenny Compton on Monday 20th September 2021 At 7.45pm

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Jon Dutton in the Chair, Emma Briscoe, Sam Parkes, Derek Carless, David Johnson and Alan Payne

IN ATTENDANCE: Parish Clerk Lydia Cox and Councillor Chris Kettle (Warwickshire County Council)

1 Apologies

Parish Councillor Roly Whear and Councillor Nigel Rock (District Council) and were **agreed**

2 Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 19th July 2021 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed** (Proposed by Councillor Parkes and seconded by Councillor Briscoe)

3 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Payne declared an interest in any discussions around HS2 due to employment

Councillor Dutton declared a personal interest in the Grant form submitted from the Violin School

4 Requests for Dispensation

None

5 Open Forum

Jude Meaney attended to talk about the updates to the play area and new equipment. Jude met with Cllr Parkes at the park to discuss various points, including fundraising for new equipment, grant fundraising, can the footprint of the play area be changed and how to advertise the work via Facebook.

Jude has spoken to various people around the village who are enthusiastic about helping on a committee and agree that changes are needed

Discussed that the entire playing field area needs to be included within the plan

Next steps – Agree a date to meet and get additional people involved

Jude Meaney left the meeting

6 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

(i) Playing Fields/ New play area equipment/ teen shelter – To be covered within update section

(ii) Speed limit change request Wharf Road/ Station Road – Councillor Kettle will provide an update at the next meeting

Councillor Payne joined the meeting at 20.00

(iii) Managed Wildlife Areas – Originally talked about including sub-station land near the surgery but SDC want a legal agreement drawn up at a cost to the parish council so putting this aside for the foreseeable. Fieldgate Lane planting will go ahead on 3rd October with help from scouts. Clerk to ask Mick Jones to prepare the land beforehand. 'Landowners Agreement' between the Parish Council and Warwickshire Wildlife Trust was signed by Chair, Clerk to send proof of land ownership to WWT

(iv) Cricket Club memorial bench – Club has agreed to pay for the fixings and Clerk will speak to Mick Jones regarding fitting the bench

(v) Damage caused to The Green by contractors – No update

(vi) New Bin – Has been installed opposite the coop

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Councillor Kettle joined the meeting at 20.15

7 District Councillor and County Councillor Reports

Councillor Rock submitted a report which can be found in Appendix C

Councillor Kettle submitted a report which can be found in Appendix D

8 Correspondence

The meeting noted the following correspondence:

- Residents correspondence
 - Play Area & Cricket Score Hut – Various correspondence regarding deliberate damage to hopscotch area, litter and broken glass at the play area and sports field, wasp nest and inappropriate behaviour
Will be covered within Updates. Wasp nest has already been removed
 - Tree on Green – One of the new trees has died
The tree is not owned by the Parish Council so we will raise it with the resident that planted it
 - BT Openreach works on The Green
Parish Council believe that the grass has been put back to a good standard and just need time to let the grass grow back
 - Memorial Road brook – Signage required to deter residents from building dams and putting debris in the watercourse?
The Parish Council don't believe that putting signage up will help. Comment will be added to the Aqueous update that is being published
 - Light a beacon for Queen's Platinum Jubilee
 - Local councils have been asked to play a part in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by lighting beacons on 2 June 2022. A resident has asked whether FCPC would take part
Parish Council discussed and decided not to partake but the Clerk will contact Burton Dasset to see if they are
- Consultation on Proposed South Warwickshire Council
 - Local Government is facing a very uncertain time. Funding for the sector especially District Council's has been significantly reduced and following the impact of COVID pandemic it is estimated that there once more could be further reductions. At the same time the cost of delivering valued services is increasing, this is particularly the case in relation to the refuse and recycling service
 - Faced with these pressures the elected members of both Councils agreed earlier this year to explore the principle of Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Warwick District Council to formally merged, and agreed the following vision:
 - "To create a single statutory South Warwickshire Council covering all of the activities currently carried out by Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Warwick District Council by 1 April 2024."
 - In order to achieve this vision by April 2024, a formal submission to request a merger has to be made to the government by the end of the year. In making any submission the Councils will need to demonstrate that the proposals address the following:
 - improve the area's local government;
 - command local support, in particular that the merger is proposed by all councils which are to be merged and there is evidence of a good deal of local support; and

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- the area is a credible geography, consisting of two or more existing local government areas that are adjacent, and which, if established, would not pose an obstacle to locally-led proposals for authorities to combine to serve their communities better and would facilitate joint working between local authorities.
 - A full consultation exercise was launched on Monday 6 September 2021 and this will run until 24 October 2021. A dedicated website has been established for the consultation is <https://www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/>
Councillor Payne to review and write a response
- Consultation on draft recommendations for ward boundaries in Stratford-on-Avon
 - The draft recommendations have been published for new wards, ward boundaries, and ward names for SDC
 - A consultation is now open and closes on 08 November 2021
Councillor Dutton to prepare a response
- Bus Service Improvement Plan – Public Engagement Survey
 - Warwickshire County Council is working closely with bus operators to develop an Improvement Plan aimed at encouraging more people to travel by bus
 - WCC want to find out what improvements are needed for local bus services and what would make you use local buses more
 - To find out more and complete the online survey please click on this link or visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask
 - This survey closes on 19 September
- Warwickshire Road Safety
 - Partners in Warwickshire are showing their commitment to reducing the numbers of people killed or seriously injured on our roads by joining together to launch a new Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership (WRSP)
 - New branding and a new WRSP website have been launched to help the public easily find road safety related information in the county. The website can be found here www.warksroadsafety.org and content includes the latest statistics and road safety news and campaigns as well as information to support different road users, education and training for children and adults and information on enforcement such as the 'fatal 4', speed cameras and how to report offences
 - WRSP asks public for views on new road safety Strategy to 2030
 - Key partners, including Warwickshire Police, Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire and Highways England are developing the strategy together with external consultant Agilysis and now need the public's input
 - To take part in the public consultation please visit www.warksroadsafety.org
 - The consultation closes on 15 September and the final WRSP 'Strategy to 2030' will be published in October 2021
 - WRSP announces the results of anti-speeding campaign
 - WRSP has revealed that a total of 3,907 drivers were caught speeding in the county during an anti-speeding campaign that took place in July and August
 - In just a two week period, 161 drivers were stopped for speeding in 147 cars, 11 vans and 3 motorcycles
 - WRSP issues road safety advice for drivers and cyclists who #ShareTheSpace on Warwickshire's roads

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- With increasing numbers of cyclists using the county's roads, WRSP is asking all road users to please #ShareTheSpace and to leave plenty of room when overtaking cyclists on the county's roads.
- Cycling UK have produced a Too Close for Comfort video to show drivers what it's like to be close passed so non cyclists can understand it from a cyclist's perspective <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kgPt-INYGY>
- Click here for tips and advice for both drivers and cyclists from RoSPA <https://www.rospa.com/rospaweb/docs/advice-services/road-safety/cyclists/sharing-the-road.pdf>

9 Planning

(i) The following applications have been received for consideration since the last meeting:

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Consultation Expiry Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
21/02185/FUL	10 Aug 2021	Manor Lodge , Northend Road, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YY	Demolition of existing conservatory and extension to provide new garage, open porch and extension to re-modelled kitchen
21/02349/TREE	11 Aug 2021	5 High Street, Fenny Compton, Southam, CV47 2XT	T1 - willow - Remove
21/02213/FUL	17 Aug 2021	Bayards , Bridge Street, Fenny Compton, CV47 2XY	Installation of solar pv panel ground array within paddock
21/02605/TREE	3 Sep 2021	Kits Close, Avon Dassett Road, Fenny Compton, Southam CV47 2XX	G1 - leylandii x2 - Fell
21/02639/FUL	17 Sep 2021	The Grange, The Slade, Fenny Compton, Southam CV47 2YB	Proposed north extension to the Farmhouse
21/02635/FUL	17 Sep 2021	The Grange, The Slade, Fenny Compton, Southam CV47 2YB	Proposed single storey kitchen extension
21/02695/TREE	22 Sep 2021	The Woad House , Bridge Street, Fenny Compton, CV47 2XY	T1 and T2 - black cherry plum - Both have an infection of Phellinus pomaceus. Reduce both trees by 2metres overhanging the highway
21/02685/FUL & 21/02686/LBC	22 Sep 2021	Old Toft, Bridge Street, Fenny Compton, Southam CV47 2XY	Proposed single storey rear extension, replacement windows and door, retrospective electric vehicle charge point with associated internal and external works.

Between meetings Councillors agreed to respond with 'no representation' to 21/02185/FUL, 21/02349/TREE, 21/02213/FUL, 21/02605/TREE, 21/02639/FUL and 21/02635/FUL

Councillors agreed to respond with 'no representation' to 21/02695/TREE and 21/02685/FUL

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(i) The following decisions have been received since the last meeting:

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Decision Date</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
21/01020/FUL	19 July 2021	Permission Granted	Close Cottage , Church Street, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YE	Block existing doorway with brick / blocks and finish with render to match existing finish of house
21_01589_FUL & 21_01590_LBC	17 Aug 2021	Permission Granted	Bayards, Bridge Street, Fenny Compton, Southam CV47 2XY	Reinstatement of slot opening to front elevation, installation of air source heat pumps to rear of property
21/02349/TREE	31 Aug 2021	No objection	5 High Street, Fenny Compton, Southam, CV47 2XT	T1 willow - Remove, or alternatively undertake a high pollard to create a scaffold framework
21/01812/FUL	31 Aug 2021	Permission Granted	Rose Cottage, The Tunnel, Farnborough, OX17 1EH	Replacement House
21/02605/TREE	6 Sep 2021	No objection	Kits Close, Avon Dassett Road, Fenny Compton, Southam, CV47 2XX	G1, Leyland cypress x2no. - Fell
21/01856/FUL	10 Sep 2021	Permission Granted	12 Northend Road, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YZ	Proposed Single Storey Side Extension with associated works including roof light to north west elevation
21/02185/FUL	15 Sep 2021	Permission Granted	Manor Lodge , Northend Road, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YY	Demolition of existing conservatory and extension to provide new garage, open porch and extension to re-modelled kitchen

(ii) Updates on applications yet to be determined:

- 21/00568/FUL, Proposed two storey front and side extensions at The Grange, The Slade, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YB has been withdrawn
- 21/02185/FUL, Demolition of existing conservatory and extension to provide new garage, open porch and extension to re-modelled kitchen at Manor Lodge, Northend Road has been amended

Councillor Kettle 20.50

10 Financial Administration

(i) Councillors **approved** the following payments (Proposed by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Payne):

AUG_21_1_SO	Lydia Cox (Salary and Expenses August)	£ 440.85
AUG_21_2_SO	SDC (August Pension Contribution)	£ 110.16
AUG_21_3 *	So, Sew & Make (Grant)	£ 400.00
AUG_21_4_DD	Utility Warehouse (Sports Pavilion Electricity)	£ 8.01
AUG_21_5_DD	E.ON (Street lighting)	£ 184.55
AUG_21_6 *	Andrew Saunders (Tree works)	£ 1,800.00
AUG_21_7	Reimburse R Whear (Play area maintenance)	£ 44.70
AUG_21_8	Mick Jones (Village grass cut)	£ 920.00
AUG_21_9	Trevor Gill (Internal Audit)	£ 310.00
AUG_21_10	Michael Mann (Playing Field Grass Cut)	£ 347.40
SEP_21_1_SO	Lydia Cox (Salary and Expenses September)	£ 327.50
SEP_21_2_SO	SDC (September Pension Contribution)	£ 102.24
SEP_21_3	WCC (Street Light Repairs)	£ 387.11
SEP_21_4_DD	Utility Warehouse (Sports Pavilion Electricity)	£ TBC
SEP_21_5_DD	E.ON (Street lighting)	£ 184.55
SEP_21_6	PKF Little John (External Audit)	£ 240.00

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SEP_21_7	Michael Mann (Playing Field Grass Cut)	£ 288.60
SEP_21_8	Michael Mann (Actuation Pool Mow)	£ 97.20
SEP_21_9	NRC Pest Control	£ 65.00
SEP_21_10	APS (Neighbourhood Dev consultant)	£ 105.00
SEP_21_11	WCC (Street Light Replacements)	£ 2,273.99
Total		£ 8,736.86

Parish Council agreed to hold SEP_21_10 payment until the next Neighbourhood Plan grant has been received

- (ii) Councillors noted the bank balances and bank reconciliations (Appendix A & B) and **agreed** them
- (iii) Both the Internal audit and external audit have been completed and the relevant paperwork added to the website and noticeboards
- (iv) Village Violin School Grant Application – Councillors **agreed** to the request for a £400 grant but discussed why the school is run for free and how long the £400 grant would last?

Updates

- (i) Flood Prevention – The maintenance team have now cleared the whole section from the doctors to where the ditch enters the railway drainage system, much of it having had two "cleans" now. Water is now quite a bit lower at the surgery. A note of thanks to the team will be made on the social media post

The business case has been submitted by WCC to the Environment Agency for review/approval. WCC responding to EA comments and updating accordingly. Six residential properties and the surgery are being surveyed on 23rd September as sample for individual property protection. Subject to EA approval we will move into the implementation phase with communication and survey of all properties at risk

There are still concerns over the capacity/maintenance of the surface water system in Memorial Road and the Ridgeway. Also local concerns about the impact of the new houses on The Lankett, and ditch clearance on the Avon Dasset Road

- (ii) Trees – No updates

- (iii) Playing Field –

Cricket hut – Numerous complaints have been received about the state of the building, broken glass in the vicinity and the area not being kept tidy. The police have visited and recommend to either demolish or secure the property. Councillors discussed that due to state of building, securing it won't make a difference and therefore think it is best to demolish. Councillors discussed that the problem will probably just move somewhere else though. Councillors agreed to give an opportunity for possessions to be removed and a formal notice will be put up. Cllr Whear will organise a skip and the Colts will be contacted to secure the store

Councillor Whear has replaced one of the wooden treads on the aerial runway. The hopscotch squares on the under 8s play area need further repair. Councillors agreed to the quote of £150 for materials

- (iv) Neighbourhood Plan – Target date of middle October to submit everything to SDC. Consultant creating 'Basic Conditions Statement' and then all documents will be completed. Aspirations Document has been updated. Councillors **agreed** to adopt the updated version

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- (v) Allotments – No updates
- (vi) Highways – Between meetings an email was sent to StreetWorks regarding two diversions that have been set up recently that sent traffic along Church Street. Awaiting response to email

Repair to wall on Mill Lane – Previously advised that this would be fixed by July. Clerk to get an update

Clerk to get an update on other repairs that have been requested
- (vii) Street Lighting – Clerk to get an update on repairs to 2 High Street and the shield that was requested on 5 Cotters Croft
- (viii) Traffic Calming - New sign at Memorial Road and Keep Clear signage on road outside shop have been implemented

Speedwatch - Volunteers have all been vetted. Training courses are all mid-week or have been advised at late notice. May have two people trained by the end of the week
- (ix) Council Email Addresses – Councillors are requested to set up specific ‘fcpc@gmail.com’ email addresses. Clerk to forward email from WALC advising why
- (x) Ratification of Policies - Equality & Diversity and Retention of Documents policies were ratified by Councillors. Clerk to add to website
- (xi) Future Strategy – Clerk contacted Clerks of other Parish Council’s but has gained no insight. Councillors discussed that it would be helpful to have someone facilitate the discussion about what the future strategy would look like. Clerk to contact WALC and/or NALC to see if anyone can be recommended

11 Items to Publicise

- (i) Play area working group meeting – Contact Clerk if want to get involved
- (ii) Thanks to Aqueous and note about not building dams
- (iii) Consultation on Proposed South Warwickshire Council
- (iv) Consultation of recommendations for ward boundaries in Stratford

12 Future Discussion

Budget, new Clerk laptop

13 Date of next meeting

The next meeting planned is an Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 18th October

MEETING CLOSED 22.00

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Appendix A

August Financial Administration

Balances: (See attached bank reconciliation)		£
30 Day Notice		910.80
12 Month Partial Withdrawal (High interest deposit):		
Cotters Croft	7,152.63	
PC Balance	2,847.37	
		10,000.00
Deposit	12,026.86	
Traffic Management	2,135.82	
Flood Relief Grant	2,510.00	
WCC Flood Attenuation Grant	299.56	
Over 8's Play Area	604.23	
NP Plan Projects	177.83	
Allotments	250.00	
Defibrillator	2,122.06	
Deposit Account		20,126.36
Current Account		7,405.79
Total Balances (See Bank Reconciliation)		<u>38,442.95</u>
Less Payments (See agenda item 10)		
Lydia Cox (Aug Expenses)	(113.35)	
SDC (Pension contribution Aug & Sep)	(212.40)	
EON (Street Lights)	(184.55)	
Roly Whear (Play Area reimburse)	(44.70)	
Mick Jones (Grass cut)	(920.00)	
Trevor Gill (Internal Audit)	(310.00)	
Michael Mann (Playing Field cut)	(733.20)	
WCC (Streetlight Repairs & Replacements)	(2,661.10)	
Lydia Cox (Sep Salary)	(427.50)	
PKF Littlejohn (External Audit)	(240.00)	
NRC Pest Control (Wasp Nest)	(65.00)	
APS (neighbourhood Plan)	(105.00)	
Utility Warehouse (Electricity)	(9.18)	
Current Account		(6,025.98)
Total Balances carried forward		<u>32,416.97</u>

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Appendix B

August Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balances	£	
30 Day Notice	910.80	
12 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,000.00	
Deposit Account	20,126.36	
Current Account	7,405.79	
Less cheques outstanding		
Current Account	7,405.79	
Total Bank		<u>38,442.95</u>
Cash Book Balance b/f	41,014.84	
Less payments between meetings:		
So, Sew and Make Grant	(400.00)	
Andrew Saunders (Tree works)	(1,800.00)	
EON (Street Lights)	(184.55)	
Lydia Cox (Salary)	(327.50)	
Utility Warehouse (Electricity)	(8.01)	
Add receipts since last meeting:		
Wayleave Payment	107.75	
Fenny Water Co Share Sale	40.00	
Bank Interest	0.42	
Total Cash Book		<u>38,442.95</u>

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Appendix C - District Councillor for Napton and Fenny Compton Report

There are two consultations this autumn and both affect how we are to be represented.

Firstly, a review of the present District Council Ward Boundaries was started some time ago - well before talk of a merger with Warwick District. Secondly the consideration of that merger is to be the subject of a comprehensive public consultation.

District Council Ward Boundaries. Presently there are 36 councillors, down from the 53 there were 10 or so years ago. Broadly, each councillor represents a 'Ward' area of about 2600 electors now, whereas it was 1800 before. There were a number of concerns that the earlier reduction in councillors was too great, resulting in poorer representation, and wards that are too big, with excessive activity that varied widely between wards. The proposed reorganisation is intended to produce an increase to about 41 councillors. The Boundary Commission has published proposals for public comment between now and 8th November 2021. I would encourage everyone to read what is intended and comment upon it. It is on the Boundary Commission's web site: www.lgbce.org.uk (Select Stratford on Avon Council.)

There are many aspects to the report, but for us, I have great concern for our area's representation. We already have the largest ward in the District, and I am not happy with the outcome. In overall terms this proposal makes matters much worse, with a new giant ward that stretches to Shuckburgh in the North East, Shotteswell in the south, and the M40 Junction at Gaydon in the west. This giant ward would have two councillors instead of one.

Given the objective of the review - to make better democratic connections, ease and even out workload etc, one wonders what has gone wrong. The report looks for comment from residents on community and public communications with the councillors that might represent you in the future.

District Council Merger. A decision whether or not to ask to government to permit the merger of Warwick and Stratford will be taken by the two Councils in December. To inform those taking the decision, (which is the councillors of both Warwick and Stratford) information has been published and a consultation will run until 24 October 2021. I would also encourage people to review this. One linkage with the previous part of my report above is that these proposal as put forward will also increase the size of wards that District councillors are to represent. However there are many other significant matters to consider which are set in a comprehensive information pack. I have been asking the Council to put more information out other than on web sites but see: www.southwarwickshire.org.uk I would appreciate hearing people's comments directly as well.

Road Closures – HS2 There are to be some road closures by HS2 between Priors Hardwick, Wormleighton and Boddington in the next few weeks. Whilst this is nothing like the scale and duration of road closures by the polo ground, if you use these routes they are important to you of course. There will be intermittent closures, between 27 September and 19 November, 09.30am to 3.30pm. More information is set out in the link below. The County Councillor and I pressed the contractors on their thinking on every respect of their plan - I was concerned that this will direct more traffic through unsuitable village routes. Mainly the work involves tree felling and activity to protect wildlife. Whilst I would rather they were not felling any trees anywhere (nor indeed building HS2) if it is to be done, this work to protect the species is important and time critical.

<https://assets.hs2.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Notice-of-road-closures-Wormleighton-Sept-2021.pdf>

Nigel Rock nigel.rock@stratford-dc.gov.uk

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Appendix D: WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - Feldon Division

COVID19

The rate of infections rate for the Feldon Ward is 235/100,000 compared to a Stratford District rate of 263/100,000 a decrease from 308 last week. To the west rates are lower being less than 200 but to the East, Dunchurch, parts of Warwick and south over the Northampton border rates are all above 400. The over 60's rate has increased to 115/100,000 (105 last week) with 84 cases over the last seven days in Stratford District. Other districts rates in Warwickshire per 100,000inre: Nuneaton & Bedworth 444, North Warwickshire 371, Warwick 323 and Rugby 420.

There has been one further Covid related death across Stratford District (total now 305). There are ten patients in hospital in SW NHS foundation Trust.

2021 APSE Awards Win

Warwickshire County Council and partners' collaborative approach to ensure COVID-19 Regulations were followed by local businesses during the pandemic has been rewarded with a major national honour at the APSE Awards 2021

Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2417/warwickshire-county-council-and-partners-win-at-2021-apse-awards>

HIGHWAYS

The on-going saga in front of the Compton Buildings site continues. Currently the WCC is still from the SDC website of one of objections.

Please remember to report any problems with street repairs via the WCC website at:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reporhighwayproblem>

WFRS

Just after the retirement of the WFRS Chief Officer, you will be aware there was the major blaze in Leamington Spa, tragically resulting in the loss of one employee. This was a major incident. The site whilst well laid out did contain significant quantities of flammable chemicals along with a major gas pipeline crossing the site.

The existence of the chemicals involved and gas produced a wide range of challenges.

Fire Safety

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is calling on homeowners to act responsibly and get their chimneys swept by an approved sweep to avoid household fires as colder weather draws in.

This week is GasSafetyWeek, if you smell gas or think there might be a gas leak, call the free 24-hour national gas emergency number immediately on 0800 111 999. Find out more about staying safe here:

<http://ow.ly/nWaK50GbYU6>

Community safety

County Lines

This is a major source of crime, including human exploitation organised crime. Don't ignore it.

Child Exploitation Video

Child exploitation is happening in Warwickshire.

Child exploitation is the manipulation and/or coercion of young people under the age of 18 and it takes many forms. Do not ignore it.

Watch this video to find out more: <https://youtu.be/MQ0Z2iLDyRA>

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Domestic Abuse Strategy

Warwickshire County Council has approved a Safe Accommodation Strategy, which provides safe accommodation and support for women, men and children who are at risk of or have experienced domestic abuse.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2403/new-strategy-to-support-victims-of-domestic-abuse-is-approved>

Mature Driver Assessments

It's great news for mature residents as they will continue to be supported to drive safely for as long as possible through the mature driver assessment scheme.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2406/warwickshire-road-safety-partnership-supports-mature-drivers-in-getting-a-reliable-second-opinion-about-their-driving>

Youth Work holiday activities

Over a thousand young people across Warwickshire have taken part in a range of groups, clubs and projects to meet new people and gain new skills during the summer holidays.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2409/youth-work-holiday-activities-support-over-a-thousand-young-people-in-warwickshire>

Canals and Rivers Strategy

Warwickshire County Council's (WCC's) cabinet has approved £50k to kickstart a new five-year County Council waterways strategy to promote and protect the county's waterways.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2408/-50k-to-fund-new-five-year-plan-for-warwickshire-s-canals-and-rivers>

Natasha's Law – Less than a month

The law on allergen labelling will change on 1st October 2021

When the law changes, more types of food will now need full labelling Warwickshire County Council is reminding food businesses across the county.

More: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2411/warwickshire-food-businesses-are-reminded-that-there-is-less-than-a-month-until-natasha-s-law-comes-into-force>

Direct Payments Information

If you want to be in control of the support you get, direct payments could help you too.

Find out more by visiting <http://warwickshire.gov.uk/livingwell> and click 'adult social care'.

#LivingWell #BestWarwickshire.