

# LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

## CLERK'S REPORT AUGUST 2023

The Parish Council met on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023, the meeting was attended by five Councillors and one member of the public. The Council had received an application for one of the three Councillor vacancies and Cllr Mark Chatwin was unanimously co-opted to the Council. If you are considering becoming a Councillor or would just like to know more about the role, please contact the Clerk at [clerk@lapworthpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@lapworthpc.org.uk).

Do you walk on any of the footpaths in our Parish? If yes, the Council needs your help. The Council would like to improve accessibility on footpaths within the Parish and are planning to work with landowners over time to replace stiles with kissing gates where possible. To start with we need to identify the locations of stiles on our footpaths - if you know of a stile please send details of its location to the Clerk - providing a what3words address or the OS grid reference would be ideal.

Officers working on the South Warwickshire Local Plan have recently published material showing responses to their 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Sites. You can see local maps indicating where developers are seeking to identify land for inclusion in the Plan at [www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp](http://www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp). Please note that these sites are presented for information only at this stage and have not yet been assessed as to their suitability for inclusion within the Local Plan, nor are they endorsed. Residents and the Parish Council will have opportunities to comment on individual sites once a shortlist has been published.

Warwick District Council has an ambition to plant 160,000 new trees by 2030. The Council is struggling to find suitable sites for tree planting, by March 2022 having only planted 7200 new trees. Can local landowners assist in identifying potential sites, the larger the better? For more information about this initiative visit the "Trees for our future campaign" on [www.warwickdc.gov.uk](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk)

Residents in Warwick District looking to reduce their energy bills and improve the energy efficiency of their home can now access a range of specialist help and support from local energy experts, Act On Energy. Warwick District Council is providing funding to Act on Energy to extend its range of services to offer free and impartial energy advice, signposting to a range of different grant schemes, energy debt advice and help understanding energy bills. Support is also available for those with cold related health conditions who may be eligible for boiler replacements, servicing and emergency heating provision. And in a new approach aimed at householders who are able to invest in their home's energy efficiency measures, specialist support and tailored advice is now available with Home Energy Help. To find out about what help is available contact Act On Energy via 0800 988 2881 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm) email [advice@actonenergy.org.uk](mailto:advice@actonenergy.org.uk) or visit [www.actonenergy.org.uk/project/heh](http://www.actonenergy.org.uk/project/heh)

The next meeting of Lapworth Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7:30pm.

Minutes and Agendas for meetings are on the Parish Council website [www.lapworthpc.org.uk](http://www.lapworthpc.org.uk)

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