

# LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

## CLERK'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2024

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

The Council has met twice since our last update, on 11<sup>th</sup> December 23 and 8<sup>th</sup> January 24 during which the Budget for Expenditure for 2024/24 was set at £34,597. This includes a new grant fund for Lapworth groups wanting to run biodiversity/climate change projects and a plan to use some of the Council's Community Infrastructure Levy funds to replace various stiles on footpaths within the Parish with more accessible kissing gates.

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service (WFRS) is consulting on a proposed change to its service delivery model. The Service wants to hear resident's views on their proposal, which aims to optimise the distribution of fire appliances, firefighters and supporting resources so that they better align to risk and demand. The model proposed by WFRS does NOT plan to close fire stations in Warwickshire. You can submit your views in the following ways:

- Complete the online survey at [ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/wfrs-r2r/](https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/wfrs-r2r/)
- Request a paper copy of the survey or an alternative format or language by telephone (01926 410410) or by email ([wfrsr2r@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:wfrsr2r@warwickshire.gov.uk))
- Send your comments directly by email ([wfrsr2r@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:wfrsr2r@warwickshire.gov.uk)) or in writing to: Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service, Service Headquarters, Warwick Street, Leamington Spa, CV32 5LH

Did you know that South Warwickshire has a community transport scheme helping folks get to vital appointments when they are unable to drive themselves? VASA is a charity based in Stratford upon Avon working across south Warwickshire with a team of over 150 volunteers who give up their time to take people struggling with transport to hospital appointments, lunch clubs, support groups and other activities. Every year VASA drivers take hundreds of people on journeys and last year nearly 20,000 trips were undertaken. Residents in Warwick District, Stratford on Avon District or Rugby Borough are eligible to use the scheme and register with VASA but volunteers will also drive people outside of the area. Each journey costs a £3 admin charge and passengers pay 45p per mile, for most journeys this works out a lot cheaper than a taxi. Our drivers will also wait for up to 2 hours to bring people back home.

VASA relies on the support of its volunteers to deliver this vital service and is always looking for new people who might be willing to offer a little time to help out. You don't need to commit to particular days or time so volunteering as a VASA driver can fit in with the rest of your life. If you would like to register as a passenger to use the service or to sign up as a volunteer driver VASA would be delighted to hear from you. Find out more at [www.vasa.org.uk](http://www.vasa.org.uk) or contact the VASA team via [hello@vasa.org.uk](mailto:hello@vasa.org.uk) or 01789 262889

Warwickshire County Council has launched a new platform to support the way customers can report a problem or log customer feedback through its website. Through the Council's website customers can report a range of highway problems from potholes to streetlights; traffic signals to rights of way. All the reporting options can be found at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reporhighwayproblem](https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reporhighwayproblem), including an option to be updated on the progress on some of the issues logged. Residents that have reported highways issues before 16 January 2024 will still be able to view the details of their previous reports using existing login details, but will need to set up a new account to log any new issues.

Would you like to work for the Council? The Council are recruiting for the position of Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer: 13 hours per week, mostly home working but you must be able to attend the Council's monthly evening meetings in the village hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday every month. If you are interested please see the Council's website for more information or contact the Clerk.

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The next meeting of Lapworth Parish Council will take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 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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