

# Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 at Lapworth Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Henderson (Chairman), Cllr Rees, Cllr Beaver, Cllr Chatwin and the Clerk (R. Lucas).

**Others Present:** None.

**Public:** None.

1. **To receive and approve apologies. for absence submitted to the Clerk:** Cllr Cole, Cllr Petrov, Cllr Hall and Cllr Manley (all LPC). Cllr Stevens (WCC), Cllr Hales, Cllr Aizlewood and Cllr Armstrong (all WDC) sent apologies which were **approved**.

2. **Declarations of Interest:** None received.

3. **Dispensations:** None received.

4. **Minutes:** It was resolved to **approve** and sign minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Lapworth Parish Council of 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025. The minutes were signed without amendment.

5. **Public Participation:** Nothing to report.

**Action: The Clerk** to pass on contact details of the Parish Magazine and to help with noticeboard ads.

6. Matters arising from previous meetings that are not included on this agenda:

6.1. **Lapworth Photography Competition:** The winners of the inaugural competition were decided by Councillors as: joint winners of the Junior Competition were Lily & Rosie Newson and the Adult Competition was won by Mrs. Ruth Hall. It was **agreed** that the Council will run another competition in Spring/Summer 2026. The Council would like to thank The National Trust for supplying the prizes.

6.2. **Proposed Flooding Working Group:** Cllr Cole will attend the next meeting in Henley in February.

**Action: The Clerk** to liaise with the Group and Cllr Cole.

6.3. **SWLP:** Carried over to the next meeting when the WDCouncillors are present.

6.4. **Local Government Reorganisation Submission for Warwickshire - 2 Unitary Council approach:** Carried over to the next meeting.

6.5. **Thermal Imaging:** Cllr Henderson is trialling it before other Councillors, the School, Village Hall etc use it. The Clerk is meeting regularly with Chloe Wiltshire at WDC who has instigated the scheme.

6.6. **Speed in Lapworth:** Carried over to the next meeting.

6.7. **Lapworth/Rowington Boundary - WDC Community Governance Review:** Cllr. John Hall attended and spoke at the meeting where WDC decided that it isn't the right time for a decision (with Devolution decisions coming up). Representatives of Lapworth and Rowington Parish Councils will meet to discuss how they can work together on certain shared issues.

**Action: The Chairman** to liaise with the RPC Chairman to meet up.

6.8. **Trees opposite Lapworth Garage & Pothole outside Lapworth Wines:**

Nothing to report about the pothole and the Clerk will contact the landowners again.

The Clerk is meeting with Mike Newham (WCC) with Cllr Mark Stevens to decide which type of trees will be planted.

6.9. **Formal Letter to WI regarding the missing painting:** The Clerk is awaiting the letter from solicitors.

**Action: Cllr Coles** to raise it again at the next Village Hall meeting.

6.10. **Taylor Wimpey - Aylesbury Road development:** The planning application is expected at any time.

6.11. **Gritting:** Cllr Chatwin reported that the grit bin on the Chapel Lane/Chessetts Wood Road junction was  $\frac{3}{4}$  full, had water in it so was a bit slurry and had dog bags and empty cans in. Cllr Cole reported the grit bin not full at Church Lane/OWR.

**Action: The Clerk** to follow up the report he made to WCC when informed of the issues.

7. Reports for Information:

7.1. **Warwickshire County Council:** Cllr Stevens sent a report for January 2026 - see Appendix A.

7.2. **Warwick District Council:** Cllrs Aizelwood and Armstrong provided a report for January 2026 - see Appendix B.

7.3. Warwick District Council Calendar of Events 2026-2027.

8. **Finance:**

The Clerk presented the latest Financial Report. The report showed a total General Reserves balance of Reserves balance of **£27,489.29** on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and an

expected General Reserves balance of **£25,253.89** once invoices have been processed. The Savings Account balance stood at **£51,335.88**.

8.1. It was **resolved** to approve the following payments:

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	AMOUNT
02/01/26	BACS	Lapworth Village Hall	Room Hire	£22.50
06/01/26	BACS	R Lucas	HW	£26.00
06/01/26	BACS	R Lucas	Salary (September	£800.50
18/12/25	BACS	R Lucas (Virtual Phone monthly	Virtual Landline &	£4.50
06/01/26	BACS	HMRC	NIC	£5.86
06/01/26	BACS	Wellers Solicitors – allotment	Legal	£995.00
28/12/25	BACS	PCW – website hosting & domain	IT	£329.04
23/01/26	DD	ICO – GDPR/Data Protection	Legal	£52.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,235.40</b>

In addition, The Clerk reported that after the delay on the submission of the Internal Audit for 2024/2025 and the AGAR would be completed and published in due course. The Interim Section 3 External Audit Report and Certificate has been put onto the website.

**Additional - Draft Budget 2026-2027:** It was agreed unanimously to increase the Precept demand to **£30,401.00** for the financial year 2026/2027.

8.2. To discuss and approve Fairways Quotation for Works DPW188 Playground Repair @ £151 + VAT: The work was **approved**.

8.3. To discuss and approve replacement storage boxes from Amazon for Phone Box Book Exchange @ £33.99: The purchase was **approved**.

9. Items and correspondence for consideration and decision:

9.1. **Potential Keep Fit Area at Lapworth Village Hall:** The Clerk updated the Council that he has met with 3 x suppliers of adult outdoor gyms (inc. an outdoor table-tennis table). There is the probability of match-funding from Lottery money and various other sources. However, it was suggested that astroturf could replace the grass in front of the goal and basketball board might be a good option to explore instead. It was agreed that prices for an outdoor table-tennis table should be explored too.

**Action: The Clerk** to get pricing for astroturf and table-tennis table.

9.2. **School Walk-in Bus:** Carried over to the next meeting.

9.3. **Proposal for commemorative plaques to mark royal events from Pat Fox -**  
 1. Oak tree on the corner of Old Warwick Road and Lapworth Street, Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee 1897, known as 'The Jubilee Tree'. 2. King George V Coronation 1911, Ash Tree in Melson Memorial Ground.

**Action: The Clerk** to explore more prices for plaques to go on the existing trees. Also to explore putting TPOs on those trees and add them to the LPC Asset List.

## 10. Planning Matters:

### 10.1. **Planning applications for consideration:**

10.1.1. Revisited - 10.1.1. W/25/1116 - Thornwick, Lapworth Street, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 5QS - (Proposed 2 storey side extension and alteration and enlargement of existing single storey rear elements) to make changes to external walls and fenestration, increase footprint of single storey structure, decrease footprint of two storey extension, reduced the footprint of the bay windows at the front, removal of porch and change pitched roof to flat over garage. Application of facing brickwork and cast/natural stone.

13/10/2025: Lapworth Parish Council kindly ask to defer their decision in the absence of supporting information in particular regarding the percentage increase in size of the original to the planned property. LPC will submit a decision if that information is able to be supplied - Please see the attached email from Sophie Lad at WDC Planning which arrived end December. Please see the URL to view the relevant documents again.

Lapworth Parish Council are **NEUTRAL**.

### 11.2. **Decision notices:**

11.2.1. W/25/1233/LB - Bushwood Hall, Bushwood Lane, Bushwood, Solihull, B95 5HA - Replacement of front middle two steps with York Stone. Kitchen ceiling alterations to include removal of 'false' plaster and beams beneath to be restored with spaces between newly exposed beams finished in plasterboard and installation of spotlights to replace existing lighting. Proposed installation of wood-burning stove and removal of canopy. 10th November 2025: Lapworth Parish Council are NEUTRAL. WDC Decision: GRANTED.

11.2.2. W/25/1232/LB - Bushwood Hall, Bushwood Lane, Bushwood, Solihull, B95 5HA - Installation of 24 ground-mounted solar panels on land west of the moat and a Tesla powerwall battery close to the north side of the house. Lapworth Parish Council are NEUTRAL. WDC Decision: GRANTED.

11.2.3. W/25/1284/LB - W/25/1284 LB - Lock 20, Brome Hall Lane, Lapworth - Various 'like-for-like' repairs including replacement of bottom end mitre gates and balance beams, relining of top end single gate, potential timber cill replacement, repair to masonry behind iron quoin, some brickwork repointing. New works include the extension of an existing lock ladder within the chamber. In addition, replacement of existing lock ladder hoops. Lapworth Parish Council are NEUTRAL - WDC Decision: GRANTED.

11.2.4. W/25/1639 - Clover Hill, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6LD - Erection of detached double garage. 08/12/2026: Lapworth Parish Council are NEUTRAL. WDC Decision: GRANTED

### 11.3. **Planning Appeal notices:**

11.3.1. W/25/0629 - Yew Tree Croft, 180 Bakers Lane, Knowle, Solihull, B93 8PS - Erection of 1no. detached dwellinghouse with associated works. 9th June 2025: Lapworth Parish Council OBJECT as it is deemed an inappropriate development with no special circumstances demonstrated. 11th August 2025: Lapworth Parish Council OBJECT as there is not a special demonstration of any reason why this should be built in the Green Belt.

11.3.2. W/24/1480 - Annexe at Yew Tree Cottage, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6BA - Proposed conversion of existing garage to form new separate dwelling - 09/12/2025: Lapworth Parish Council are Neutral.

11.3.3. Appeal and Costs Decision - W/24/0934 - Land to the rear of Clover Hill, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth - LPC Comment on 12/05/2025: LPC OBJECT due to it being too large, residents objecting to access and the residents survey and meeting have yet to take place. WDC Decision: The appeal is dismissed.

11.3.4. Appeal Decision - W/25/0229 - Land South of The Tan House, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth - 14/07/2025 - LPC Comment: Lapworth Parish Council OBJECT due to green belt access and views being disrupted, due to the new proposed site entrance being on a bend where the prevailing traffic speed, despite a 30mph posted limit, is often 40mph or more, due to inadequate special circumstances, and the potential impact on the (visible) listed building of which further examination is needed. WDC Decision: The appeal is dismissed.

## 12. **Road closures and Rights of Way:**

12.1. VICARAGE ROAD, LAPWORTH will be closed to vehicular traffic from its junction with Glasshouse Lane to the Warwickshire/Solihull County Boundary. for Carriageway patching and associated works. From 0800-1600hrs on 19 January 2026.

12.2. HOLE HOUSE LANE, Lapworth will be closed to vehicular traffic between its junctions with Wheatsheaf Lane and Tapster Lane on 26th to 27th January 2026 (0930-1530hrs). This is to allow drainage maintenance and associated works.

12.3. CHURCH LANE, Lapworth will be closed to vehicular traffic from its junction with Spring Lane to Tapster Lane from 21st to 22nd January 2026 (0930-1530hrs). This is for drainage maintenance and associated works.

12.4. RISING LANE will be closed by Severn Trent Water to enable works for urgent boundary box repairs to fix leak and restore supply from 8th to 12th January 2026.

13. Progress Reports: To receive reports and status updates for the following:

13.1. Lapworth Recreation Sites:

13.2. **Lapworth Train Station Adoption Group:** The 2 x suspect trees came down in the storm in the Community Area and awaiting Network Rail to remove them.

13.3. **Lapworth Village Hall:** The Hall has been busy with bookings including a marked increase in childrens' birthday parties. Charity and fund raising events last year were also a success and we are looking forward to 24<sup>th</sup> January for the rescheduled Elton John tribute evening. At the moment, they are heavily focused on the refurbishment at the front of the hall, which is going very well and looks fabulous, which of course it should when you see the costs involved. Once finished, they shall then turn attentions to the redecorating of the main hall, and the fitting of a new floor in the kitchen. As always, the committee will be rightly involved in these discissions, especially regarding costs. The report to the Charities Commission is nearly complete and they shall be submitting this soon. They are looking for a new secretary, this mainly involves taking the minutes at the committee meetings.

Unfortunately, the village hall cleaning lady has had a fall and hit her head badly and will be out of action for at least a couple of weeks. LPC hopes she recovers soon.

12.4. Parish Online:

13. Communications, Openness and Accountability:

13.1. Nextdoor.com:

13.2. Parish noticeboards:

13.3. **Parish Council Website:** 'What's On' has been added to the website. A 'History Of' will be explored by the Clerk too.

14. Correspondence and Publications received for information/consultation:

14.1. NALC: 14.2. WALC: 14.3. Warwickshire Matters: 14.4. Warwick District Council: 14.5. Warwickshire County Council: 14.6. Warwickshire Police: 14.

7. Rural Services Network: 14.8. CPRE: 14.9. Public Sector Network: 14.

10. West Midland Trains: 14.11. Chiltern Railways: 14.12. Equip:

15. **Reports and Questions:**

16. Date of next meeting: **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026** at 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at: 9.12 pm.

Signed:

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Cllr Henderson (Chairman)

Date:

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## APPENDIX A:

# Kenilworth Town and Parish Councils-WCC Monthly Report December 2025

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope that you all had a great festive break and I want to wish all residents a wonderful and prosperous 2026.

## Connect with your County Councillor – Regular meeting schedule returns

Mark Stevens, your County Councillor, representing Lapworth and West Kenilworth division, is available on two occasions each month, to allow residents to catch-up on County matters or to raise any specific concerns, please see the schedule below.



### Councillor Connect – Fleur-de-Lys, Lapworth Street, Lowsonford

- **Afternoon** – 2pm on the first Tuesday of each month.
- **Evening** – 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month

All are welcome, just look out for Mark on arrival.

## Podcast: Home to School Transport Consultation explained

The latest episode of the Let's Talk Warwickshire podcast explores the Home to School Transport Policy consultation, which is now open for residents to share their views.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7236/let-s-talk-warwickshire-home-to-school-transport-consultation-explained->

### **Small Business Saturday 2025**

At the Small Business Saturday on 6 December 2025 – visitors and residents were invited into Warwickshire’s towns to shop local, supporting the small businesses that are the backbone of our communities.

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7235/supporting-warwickshire-s-local-businesses-on-small-business-saturday>

### **16 days of action against domestic abuse**

Warwickshire stands with all victim-survivors for #16DaysOfActionAgainstDomesticAbuse

Support is available for anyone facing physical, sexual, tech, financial abuse or coercive control.

Please visit [www.talk2someone.org.uk](http://www.talk2someone.org.uk)

In an emergency, call 999.

### **Keep antibiotics working**

Only use antibiotics for bacterial infections, complete your course, and never share or save them. Misuse makes them ineffective and risks routine procedures like surgery or dental work.

Find out more: <https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2025/04/07/what-is-antimicrobial-resistance-amr-and-how-can-you-combat-it/>

#KeepAntibioticsWorking

### **Focus on business and consumer safety**

Warwickshire County Council reminded businesses to stay safe over the Christmas period and are supporting the national #ShopKind winter campaign, which encourages people to treat retail staff with respect.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7234/focus-on-business-and-consumer-safety-in-busy-christmas-shopping-period>

### **Stay safe in Warwickshire this Christmas and New Year**

Warwickshire County Council and Safer Warwickshire partners shared some top tips and advice to help you stay safe over the festive period.

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7228/follow-our-tips-to-help-you-stay-safe-in-warwickshire-this-christmas-and-new-year>

## **Improving outcomes for Warwickshire families**

Last month over 70 Educational Psychologists and Speech and Language Therapists came together for a powerful joint learning day, creating a shared space for collaboration and innovation.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7232/specialists-collaborate-to-improve-outcomes-for-warwickshire-families->

## **Keeping children healthy and well this winter**

Families across Warwickshire are being reminded of the importance of vaccinations and basic hygiene to help protect children from seasonal illnesses.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7233/council-shares-top-tips-to-keep-children-healthy-and-well-this-winter>

## **Bus service changes announced from 2 January 2026**

Warwickshire County Council is advising residents of upcoming changes to several bus services operating between Coventry and communities across Warwickshire.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7241/bus-service-changes-announced-for-routes-linking-coventry-and-warwickshire-from-2-january-2026>

## **Families to benefit from active partnership**

Families across Warwickshire can enjoy a boost to their health, wellbeing, and access to local amenities thanks to an exciting collaboration in 2026.

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7240/warwickshire-families-to-benefit-from-active-partnership>

## **Emergency grab bags**

If you had to leave home for a few days in an emergency, would you know what to bring with you?

Learn what to include in a 'grab bag', and become #BetterPrepared at <https://www.warwickshireresilienceforum.org/prepare/>.

'Tis the season for making lists, after all



## **WFRS leadership roles**

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is recruiting a range of leadership roles

Zach, Area Manager, describes his career path and opportunities since joining WFRS

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7250/progress-your-career-in-the-fire-service-with-warwickshire-fire-and-rescue-service>

### **Supporting care leavers to rise**

Warwickshire County Council used National Care Leavers Month to celebrate the achievements, resilience, and strength of the county's care-experienced young people.

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7224/supporting-care-leavers-to-rise>

### **Warwickshire Country Parks celebrate their 2025**

Warwickshire County Council's Country Parks service is celebrating another brilliant year, with more than one million visitors enjoying the county's parks, greenways and nature reserves over the past 12 months.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7249/warwickshire-country-parks-celebrate-a-year-of-success-and-sustainability>

### **Warwickshire County Council Cabinet – December 2025**

Find out what was discussed at the meeting of Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet on Thursday 11 December:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7286/warwickshire-county-council-cabinet-11-december-2025>

### **Ensuring school places for future generations**

Warwickshire's Education Sufficiency Update 2025 has been endorsed by WCC's Cabinet. This process sets out the current and future need for early years, childcare, school, post-16 and specialist education places across the county.

Read more <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7281/ensuring-school-places-for-future-generations-of-warwickshire-s-children-and-young-people>

### **Investment approved to increase education places**

Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet has agreed a series of significant additions to the Education Capital Programme for 2025/26, paving the way for hundreds of new school places.

### **Say no to a wasteful Christmas**

Did you know that it is estimated that a typical UK household creates 30% more waste over Christmas?

Residents across Warwickshire are discovering fun, easy and cheaper ways to make the festive season the greenest and most sustainable yet.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7254/say-no-to-a-wasteful-christmas-your-top-tips-for-a-sustainable-season>

### **Recycling centres opening times**

Got extra cardboard from gifts, empty glass bottles or leftover tins of chocolate?

You can recycle all of these and more both kerbside and at the county's recycling centres over the festive period.

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7259/how-to-recycle-your-christmas-waste-recycling-centres-festive-opening-hours>

### **Recycling Christmas batteries safely**

Warwickshire County Council Waste and Recycling Service is reminding residents how to safely dispose of used batteries.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7271/remember-to-recycle-your-christmas-batteries-safely>

### **Festive fire safety**

From decorating your home to wrapping presents, spending time with family and enjoying a festive feast, with so much to think about it's easy to forget the small habits to stay fire safe while being distracted by the busyness of the season.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7273/stay-fire-safe-this-christmas-with-these-festive-tips>

### **Warwickshire secures almost £10 million for active travel**

Warwickshire County Council is celebrating a major funding award that will accelerate the county's ambition to make walking, wheeling and cycling safer, easier and more appealing for residents of all ages.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7278/warwickshire-secures-almost-10-million-active-travel-funding-to-boost-walking-wheeling-and-cycling>

### **Warwickshire's Young Poet Laureate**

Warwickshire Libraries are delighted to reveal that Naomi Mba, a talented young writer from Avon Valley School in Rugby, has been named the eleventh Warwickshire Young Poet Laureate for 2025/26.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7270/warwickshire-s-new-young-poet-laureate-announced->

### **Voice of Warwickshire Panel**

Warwickshire County Council is inviting residents aged 18+ to join its Voice of Warwickshire panel. Share your views on a wide range of topics and make your voice heard. Register now [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/voice](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/voice)

### **Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service commend public hero**

A quick-thinking member of the public has been formally recognised by Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service for a selfless act of bravery in Warwickshire.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7272/warwickshire-fire-and-rescue-service-commend-public-hero-for-act-of-bravery-on-m40>

### **Winter Wheelers**

Warwickshire County Council has partnered with Love to Ride to bring Winter Wheelers, a motivating winter biking challenge that makes winter riding fun, rewarding and accessible to everyone.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7266/no-more-winter-riding-cold-feet-with-winter-wheelers>

### **Festive fun and support for families**

In December, Warwickshire County Council invited residents to experience the magic of the holidays with a wide range of fun activities for children and their families across the county.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7288/find-out-about-festive-fun-and-support-for-families>

### **Still time to have your say on Home to School Transport**

Warwickshire County Council is urging residents to share their views as the public consultation on proposed changes to the Home to School Transport Policy enters its final few weeks.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7297/there-s-still-time-to-have-your-say->

### **Value for Money of active travel schemes**

Warwickshire County Council has endorsed a strengthened and more transparent value-for-money approach to assessing all walking, wheeling and cycling schemes that receive internal or external funding.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7314/warwickshire-county-council-sets-out-strengthened-value-for-money-approach-for-walking-wheeling-and-cycling-schemes>

### **Warwickshire takes action to boost jobs**

Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet has approved a major plan to help more people into work and support businesses to grow, building on the county's strong economy and high employment rates.

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7283/warwickshire-takes-action-to-boost-jobs-as-cabinet-approves-new-plan>

### **Weston Hall starts to shine following business support**

A Warwickshire hotel is starting to shine after receiving support from Project Warwickshire and the Business Growth Warwickshire programme.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7287/weston-hall-starts-to-shine-following-business-support>

### **Parking text scam**

Warwickshire County Council has warned residents that fake phishing scam SMS text messages are being sent to residents across the county, posing as Penalty Charge Notice payment requests.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7289/warwickshire-residents-urged-to-be-cautious-of-parking-text-scam>

### **Best Bar None**

With many of us going out to celebrate over the Christmas period, it's reassuring to know that 18 more hospitality venues across Warwickshire have joined the national Best Bar None scheme.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7306/best-bar-none-as-christmas-approaches-more-warwickshire-venues-make-a-commitment-to-safety>

### **Book Bingo back at Warwickshire Libraries**

Warwickshire Libraries is thrilled to announce the return of its hugely popular Book Bingo reading challenge for 2026 with exciting new categories and events, celebrating the National Year of Reading.

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7309/book-bingo-back-as-national-year-of-reading-is-celebrated->

### **Become a Reablement Assistant**

Warwickshire County Council's (WCC) Social Care and Support service is offering an exciting opportunity to join the team as a Reablement Assistant.

Find out more about this role: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7304/do-you-want-to-make-a-difference-to-people-s-lives-in-2026-become-a-reablement-assistant-with-warwickshire-county-council>

### **Health and Care Services are here for you this winter**

Health and care organisations across Coventry and Warwickshire have joined forces to launch a new winter wellbeing campaign, “We’re Here for You This Winter.”

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7308/health-and-care-services-in-coventry-and-warwickshire-are-here-for-you-this-winter->

## **APPENDIX B:**

### **Warwick District Council Report to Parish Councils, Kenilworth Abbey and Arden Ward – January 2026**

This is a very brief report, as Christmas and the New Year celebrations have served to reduce Council activity over the last month!

We hope that you enjoyed yours!

#### 1. South Warwickshire Local Plan

The Joint Cabinet Committee held on 18 December agreed to a revised timetable for the preparation of the South Warwickshire Local Plan. This means that the final “Regulation 19” consultation will be signed off by Members in May 2026, with public consultation commencing “no later than the 8 June”. It was noted with concern at the meeting the proposed six-month delay to the Regulation 19 consultation gravely risks failing to meet the government’s 12 December deadline for formal submission of the new Local Plan. The additional time required is “to assimilate key evidence being prepared”, prior to public consultation.

Officers were asked to further minimise the delay if possible and provide councillors with key milestones that are required to meet the new timeline and progress reports against those milestones.

The Joint Cabinet Committee agreed that officers should also:

- set a Terms of Reference with Warwickshire County Council Transport Planning, emphasising the Plan requirement to continue prioritising active and public transport solutions as part of the 20-minute neighbourhood principles; and
- plan for further work to as far as possible increase projected a) build out rates and b) densities in neighbourhood centres and near transport hubs.

The Joint Cabinet Committee asked the Leaders of the two Councils speak to the relevant ministers and civil servants as a matter of urgency in respect of the delivery of the local plan.

Note:

- The South Warwickshire Local Plan process is led by an executive Joint Cabinet Committee, formed of 3 members from each of Warwick and Stratford District Councils, supported by senior officers from both councils.
- Cllr Davison (Leader) and Cllr Williams and Cllr King represent WDC on the committee.

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