

# ETTINGTON PC CLERK/CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

**Date: 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

## **Item 9 Clerks Report and correspondence**

1. **Land off Rogers Lane- Ryepiece Orchard enforcement update:** No further contact from enforcement officers purchase of land. Remain on Clerks Report
2. **Closure of Trust accounts-** Awaiting confirmation of closure from Charities Commission
3. **Community centre Governance::** Verbal update. Future agenda item
4. **Playground:** new baby swing seat awaiting delivery
5. **Tree bordering Community centre and Banbury Lane (22):** resident's concerns that the tree is unsafe and has asked parish council to consider its removal. Inspection by groundsmen have revealed no further damage to the tree following most recent storms. Next actions?
6. **Xmas Tree:** request from organisers of Xmas Tree for additional donation of £100 for purchase of 5 sets of solar powered lights and batteries
7. **January meeting date:** clash of dates with Pantomime rehearsals on Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup>. Suggested date Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>. Clerk unavailable on 17<sup>th</sup>.
8. **School clock:** insurance updated. To note feedback from insurers on responsibility:  
  
*If the PC has not been responsible for the tower and its maintenance / repairs then it is unlikely that it would fall down to you however, you would need to look back for an agreement / should put something in place which states who is responsible for the upkeep and responsibility of each part of your conjoined area of the building. My underwriter believes the historic records may show this. We can cover the clock within this non PC owned building but for liability purposes we recommend clearing up who would be responsible for each part.*
9. **Temporary Closure of Halford Road-** November 30<sup>th</sup> to enable patching work to be carried out

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## Correspondence:

### 1. Revised timetable to SWLP received from SDC:-

We are writing to notify you that the South Warwickshire Local Plan website has been updated following the Issues and Options consultation which ran between 9<sup>th</sup> January and 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

We would like to extend our thanks to those of you who responded to the consultation.

The Consultation Statement has now been published online. The [Consultation Statement](#) summarises the consultation process and presents summarised analysis of the consultation questions. It is available to view here on our [Issues and Options webpage](#). Officers will utilise the consultation responses to inform the next stage in the preparation of the South Warwickshire Local Plan – the Preferred Options Consultation Document.

### Timetable

Following public consultation on the South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) Issues and Options earlier this year, both Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils have been progressing work on the joint Local Plan. Since the existing timetable for the preparation of the Plan was approved in March 2022 a number of factors are now requiring a revision to this timetable, including:

- A delay to the publication of 2021 Census data resulting in a delay to the production of the Coventry & Warwickshire Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (C&W HEDNA), a key piece of evidence required to support the Plan;
- Changes to the administrations of both councils and the need to ensure new administrations and members of all parties understand progress to date on the plan and have an opportunity to input in the process; and
- The uncertainty of potential changes to national planning policy and to the planning system, including the process for producing plans.

Following a meeting of the SWLP member Advisory Group on 19th October 2023, a revised timetable is being recommended for approval to the Joint Committee of both councils at a meeting to take place at the first available opportunity, and certainly before the end of 2023. This proposed timetable envisages a Preferred Options consultation in autumn 2024 followed by further stages of consultation and a public examination, with final adoption of the Plan by 2027. (An alternative approach would be to cease work on the SWLP until the Levelling Up & Regeneration Bill passes into law. This would likely mean pausing work on Local Plan preparation until possibly the autumn of 2024 and re-commencing work on a “new style” Plan under the new legislation. This alternative approach is not considered desirable and will not be recommended to the Joint Committee.)

Once a revised timetable is approved by the Joint Committee it will be published on the SWLP website and email notifications will be sent to advise you of this update.

### 2. Parish and Town Council Policing Budget and Engagement Sessions

You may have seen communications on our behalf through the Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils of a series of forthcoming engagement events with the Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Seccombe – for those who haven't, please see the details below.

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The sessions enable parish and town councils to share their views as he sets the budget for Warwickshire Police for 2024/25. What priorities should that budget look to fund, and what would make a difference to local communities in Warwickshire?

The Commissioner and OPCC Treasurer will outline some of the key challenges in setting the budget for policing in the year ahead, as well as seeking feedback on the Police Precept, the police element of household Council Tax bills.

The sessions will be held on Microsoft Teams and all councillors and clerks are welcome to attend. This will be your opportunity to talk to the Commissioner, hear more about the plans for the year ahead and help influence policy decisions going forward. You have the choice of attending one of 4 events taking place on the following days:

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 7pm – 8.30pm
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 11am – 12.30pm
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 7pm – 8.30pm
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 10.30am – 12:00pm

To register for one of these events, please [complete our online registration form](#). This will also give you the chance to submit questions in advance.

In the meantime, please do encourage residents in your local areas to complete the 'Your Police, Your Views' online survey, which is live now and will support the budget setting process. The survey can be found at <https://www.warwickshire-pcc.gov.uk/yourviews/> and is live until December 22.

We hope to see you at one of our events.