

Radway Parish Council 19th July 2018

County Councillor's Report

Administration - The spell of hot weather together with the national confusion over our future with Europe and Brexit has led to a period of inactivity at the County Council. June's Cabinet Agenda concerned itself solely on two items with the supply of extra Secondary School places required to meet the demand as a result of the extra housing across the County. Primary School places are also showing a short-term problem as the bulge in pupil numbers moves into Secondary Education. Some schools are beginning to realise the effects of their decision to go to Academy status as County Council support decreases.

The Cabinet also discussed the interface between Social Services and Health. A much awaited Green Paper is expected from the government before the Summer recess. As always funding of both services will prove to be the biggest area of concern.

Community Forum - A recent Community Forum meeting had two major topics. Jeff Morris, Locality Team Leader in Highways, gave an interesting presentation on the Process and Problems in getting Highways repairs completed under the present Balfour Beatty contract. The other topic was a presentation on flood prevention and responsibility for maintaining ditches and water courses. The first highway verge cuts have been completed and in some areas the contractor had to revisit where they had not performed satisfactorily.

The next full meeting of the County Council is on 26th July 2018.

I will keep the Parish Council informed if there are any decisions that will have an affect on the Parish Council.

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