

Radway Parish Council Meeting 16th July 2019

County Councillor's Report

Administration

With the significant changes that have taken place with the management structure at the County Council we have now started on new proposals which sets out a clear vision to make Warwickshire forward-thinking, supporting its communities and delivering a vibrant economy.

The new strategic directors are formulating their departments. The new director of Highways is Scott Thompkins who, with 18 years' experience, joins us from Gloucestershire. The County Highways will continue to have an experienced Highways Engineer in charge.

Public Health

Whilst we await the Government's Green Paper on Health and Social Care the Public Health Department, led by the new Directors of Public Health, Helen King and Adult and Children Social Care, John Coleman, are working together to highlight the need for healthy living in the community. Dementia, obesity, exercise and mental health are top of the list of long-term concerns that are being highlighted. As Parish Councils you can do your bit by encouraging activities for the young (walking, use of sports fields, etc) and tackling loneliness by encouraging social activities for single elderly residents

HS2

The early works are nearing completion and the contractors are commencing some preparatory works in particular connected with the tunnel boring machine. They have trials in Wormleighton which are finally getting underway. Cllr Bob Stevens has been appointed as Cabinet Advisor on HS2 matter and will be working to get better and more accurate communications regarding HS2. He is also aiming to get the three District Councils who are affected by HS2 to accept their responsibilities and to appoint a dedicated Officer as a point of contact.

Grants

There are still pockets of money around for small grants for community benefit. When I hear of them I will forward details to your clerk. My community grant closed on 7th June 2019 and I am pleased to say that Radway Village Hall was successful in obtaining a grant of £544 for providing a quality sound system. Although there may be a second round, I am afraid that all my grant money has been allocated and I will therefore have no further funds available from this source.

I will be happy to answer any questions that might arise concerning the policies of Warwickshire County Council.

Cllr Chris Williams
Member for Kineton and Red Horse Division
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