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All attendees were requested to wear face masks and maintain social distancing to minimise the risks to everyone present.

Minutes of ordinary Meeting, 17th March 2022, Radway Village Hall

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The meeting commenced at 8.00pm

1. Apologies:

- a. To receive apologies for absence. County Councillor Chris Mills
- b. To consider acceptance of apologies. Apologies were accepted.
- c. Present: Cllr. Tim Smith-Vincent (Chair), Cllr. Peter Wilkins (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Sophie Stevens, Cllr. Penny Gardner, Cllr. Clare Rankin, District Councillor John Feilding (left the meeting at 8.50pm), Clerk (Helen Hide-Wright). 1 member of the public.

2. Declarations of interests and consideration of dispensation requests: None.

3. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting: Parish Council OGM 20th January 2022. Proposed: Cllr. Wilkins, Seconded: Cllr. Gardner, signed and dated by Cllr. Smith-Vincent.

4. Matters Arising from the minutes and previous meetings.

5. Public participation: A question was raised by a member of the public about the condition of a hedge in the village which has not been cut back for some time and includes some self-seeded trees growing within the hedge. In addition, an oak tree nearby is very large. Cllr. John Feilding confirmed that the hedge was the responsibility of Orbit.

ACTION: Clerk to request treatment of the hedge and trees growing within it as well as the nearby oak tree which is also of concern, due to its size and proximity to properties. The correspondence will be sent to the Orbit Estates Department.

ACTION: Clerk to report to Highways: Rainwater coming out of two sections of tarmac, on Langdon Lane, where there was previous work for a burst pipe.

ACTION: Clerk to report water coming up, through the road, past the cricket pitch, up towards the White House, the road is breaking up where there is a spring.

6. Councillor reports:

- (i) Chairman (Budget & Highways): Highways: Following the walk around the village with the County Engineer, Jeoffery Hobday, repairs to potholes and driveways have been actioned but the potholes at the entrance to The Holmes and Langdon House were missed. Cllr. Smith-Vincent has sent photos of the defects, for repair. Yellow markings on the footpath near the orchard indicate future repairs by WCC. A survey of white line markings has been undertaken and where necessary will be reinstated in the new financial year.

Cllr. Smith Vincent thanked the Clerk for the new accounting system.

- (ii) Cllr Stephens (Playground and Website). The 5-year inspection plan was agreed at the last meeting. The annual inspection report confirmed that the play area has a very low

risk, overall. The defects identified in the report are minor. Kompan has supplied replacement parts for some of the minor points which will be installed by Councillors. The fence, close to the play area has been damaged by the recent storms.

Cllr. Smith-Vincent noted the amount of rubbish left close to the new bench.

Grant applications and the concrete area: Cllr. Stephens confirmed that £10,000 from the Lottery Grant has been secured and further grants are being explored. Further funding will be sought from fundraising which will take place on 14-15th May, 2-5pm on both days. In total a further £14,000 needs to be raised to complete the project.

The new surfacing will be wetpour in a standard black colour.

Cllr. Feilding had sent details of grants that are available at present and which may assist with the project.

(iii) Cllr. Wilkins (Grounds Maintenance, Street Lighting and Street Furniture). The quotation for street lighting repairs is still pending. The Lighting Engineer has cited supplier issues for the quote. The Clerk has registered Radway PC's interest in the Green Shoots fund with SDC which may provide some funding for the lighting replacement project.

(iv) Cllr. Rankin (Footpaths, Rights of Way and Playground Inspections) & Crime Prevention. Cllr. Rankin thanked The Fenny Compton Footpaths Group for doing an amazing job of repairing the footbridge. The Chair had written to the Group to convey the PC's thanks. The footpaths are currently very muddy so it would be useful to apply more mulch.

(v) Cllr. Gardner (Parish Council Policies, GDPR and Green Issues).

Green Group: The next meeting is due on Tuesday 22nd March. A beeswax workshop took place recently. A rewilding project is being considered. The group would like to establish a wildflower area in the village and are looking for a suitable site.

The next projects are being considered including improvements to homes through alternative energy supplies, insulation, etc.

A review of grant funding has just been undertaken.

7. Reports from Ward Representatives of Warwickshire County Council (WCC) and Stratford District Council (SDC).

A report was received by County Councillor Chris Mills and circulated, prior to the meeting (see Appendix 1).

Cllr. John Feilding presented his report to the meeting (see Appendix 2).

Tysoe PC has objected to the Ward name change and wished it to remain as Vale of Red Horse.

ACTION: Clerk to write to District Council Chief Executive and Tony Perks of SDC confirming that Radway PC wishes to retain the Ward name: Vale of the Red Horse.

8. Planning Applications

(a) SDC Planning decisions: 22/00256/TREE Ivy Lodge, Tysoe Road: Consent with conditions.

- **22/00010/TREE** The /Holmes, Farnborough Road, Radway: Consent with Conditions

- (b) SDC Planning applications: 22/00644/TPO: Castle Wood. Radway Parish Council comment: No objection. **ACTION: Clerk to register the comment.**
- (c) Planning Appeals: comments submitted by RPC since last meeting. No further updates.
- (d) Planning comments submitted by RPC since our last meeting:
- **22/00256/TREE** Ivy Lodge, Tysoe Road: PC Comment: No Objection
9. 20s Plenty Initiative: Residents have provided positive comments on the initiative. Proposed to join the scheme with signage of 20mph in the village: Proposed: Cllr. Smith-Vincent, Seconded: Cllr. Rankin **ACTION: The Clerk will write to the Highways Department asking them to register RPC's backing for the 20s Plenty scheme.**
10. Old Graveyard – Update & Orchard Project: Cllr. Smith-Vincent: the information board is now finished and will be shared for comment. Cllr Smith-Vincent has been asked to give a talk to the Birmingham and Warwickshire Archaeological Society, in June. The leaflet in the church will be updated.
The Tree Council. The Clerk has registered the Parish Council's interest with The Tree Council and will forward further details when the next round of funding opens.
11. Defibrillator – Update & Training. The unit is in place. The training is pending. The training is free to anyone who would like to attend, which will take place in the village hall and be led by West Midlands Ambulance Service. The defibrillator is registered on the national organisation, The Circuit. The unit has been added to the insurance policy.
12. Apple Pressing Equipment Cllr. Rankin spoke about an apple press with the potential to request a grant from the PC. The cost is approximately £800.
13. Mowing contract 2022/23 - agree schedule and reimbursement. Mr Manwaring has confirmed that he will continue to provide the mowing service for the village. The mower is currently being serviced. The frequency of mowing was discussed and it was confirmed that the recreation ground will be cut weekly and elsewhere fortnightly.

The cost of mowing was discussed and it was decided to fix the hourly rate at £10 per hour. Proposed: Cllr. Smith-Vincent. Seconded: Cllr. Wilkins.
14. Policies – Standing Orders, Code of Conduct, RPC Policies

Standing Orders have been reviewed, updated and circulated for comments. It was decided to set all meeting times at 7.30pm. Adoption of Standing Orders: Proposed: Cllr. Smith-Vincent, Seconded: Cllr. Rankin.

A revised Code of Conduct has been received from Stratford District Council. It was decided to adopt the code of conduct as an internal document, for annual review. Proposed: Cllr. Rankin, Seconded: Cllr. Wilkins.

The remaining polices will be reviewed and presented to the PC for consideration at subsequent meetings.
15. Correspondence - Appendix 3. Correspondence re drainage for the Methodist Chapel.

16. Financial Administration – Appendix 4.

Appointment of Internal Auditor: Trevor Gill.

PC Laptop – Grant funds: The balance of £350 from the Transparency Fund has been used for the Parish Council laptop, leaving a nil balance of that grant.

17. Other reports and items for future agenda:

Crime Prevention: Cllr. Rankin confirmed receipt of a pack of information on the website and newsletter. There will be a property marking event. ACTION: £14 Hall Hire fee onto next agenda for the event, potentially in June.

18. Dates of Next Meeting: The meetings will now commence at 7.30pm.

Parish OGM, Annual General Meeting, Annual Parish meeting: 19th May 2022

Parish OGM: 14th July 2022

Parish OGM: 15th September 2022

Parish OGM: 17th November 2022

The meeting closed at 9.18pm

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Appendix 1. County Councillor report Radway Parish Council 17th March 2022

Ukraine

Letter from Monica Fogarty
Chief Executive Warwickshire County Council
Dear Colleagues and Councillors,

I am sure you will have seen the devastating situation in Ukraine and our hearts go out to everyone affected. It really is both unimaginable and unbelievable to see the fear and suffering which so many people are experiencing.

I want to let you know that as a County Council, we are in touch with local communities so that we can offer support to relatives and friends of those caught up in the crisis. We are a welcoming county, and as we have done with asylum seekers and Afghan nationals, we will open our arms to anyone needing our help.

In the same way, if you have colleagues upon whom the conflict is having an impact, please do reach out to them with support. This is an unprecedented situation and one which we all hope will be short-lived. For now, it must be so awfully worrying for those with friends and family in either Ukraine or Russia, because this warfare will be traumatic to the residents of both countries.

We will be in direct contact with the Home Office and will respond as needed.

In the meantime, here is some helpful information for sharing.

Support for communities during the Ukraine crisis

A new page has been created to signpost to the various support groups, organisations and information supporting Ukrainian people living in the UK.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2783/support-for-communities-during-the-ukraine-crisis>

Help To improve pharmacies

Coventry and Warwickshire residents are being invited to take part in a survey which will help inform and shape pharmacy services

Find out more and take part <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2756/help-us-pharmacies-across-coventry-and-warwickshire>

Loneliness

Find out how you can help lift someone out of loneliness by going to:

<https://warwickshire.gov.uk/loneliness>

People affected by suicide

Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council would like to remind people affected by suicide that free and confidential support is available to help them through this difficult time.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2772/support-is-available-for-anyone-in-coventry-and-warwickshire-affected-by-suicide>

Children and young people in Coventry and Warwickshire are invited to take on a heroic challenge to win £2,500 for climate change funding for their school.

Children and young people in Coventry and Warwickshire are being invited to submit their ideas on what it means to be a climate change hero as part of the Young Green Shoots competition run by Warwickshire County Council

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For more information visit: <https://www.childfriendlywarwickshire.co.uk/>.

Council Tax increase

Announced 8th February

Investment into services for the County's most vulnerable form part of the Council's financial approach as it agreed its Medium-Term Financial Strategy

The County Council Tax will increase by 3.75% in 2022/23. This is to help fund many services such as:
£10.1m in our children's social care
£14.4m to protect our elderly and vulnerable adults.
£1.9m to continue to support children and young people with disabilities placements to ensure they can access appropriate support within their communities.

County Councillor Grants

Additional funding of £2,000 was agreed for the County Councillor grants scheme to support the Council's Community Powered Warwickshire approach. Therefore, the Councillor's Grants Scheme will increase to £8,000 to help fund local worthwhile projects.

To find out more please contact Michelle Gravatt at michellegravatt@warwickshire.gov.uk

Chris Mills
County Councillor
Kineton and Red Horse

Appendix 2: District Councillor Report

Covid Cases –

Stratford District 568 per 100,000 (was 1330 last time)

Warwick 542 (1440 last month)

Solihull 383 (1142 last month)

Redditch 541 (1231 last month)

People aged OVER 12 who have been vaccinated in the District :

1st dose numbers : 88 %

2nd dose numbers : 85 %

3rd dose number : 73 % No

Tax Council Tax Level for Stratford District has now been set

The Council Tax from Stratford-on-Avon District Council for residents for 2022/23 for each of the valuation bands is:

A £102.75

B £119.87

C £137.00

D £154.12

E £188.37

F £222.62

G £256.87

H £308.24

Anyone who thinks they could be struggling to pay their Council Tax is encouraged to contact the District Council as soon as possible by calling 01789 260990 or email revenues@stratford-dc.gov.uk, where the team will be able to advise what help is available.

Government Energy Prices Help

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You will be aware of the statement made by the Chancellor regarding the help with Energy Prices and a £150 Council Tax Rebate for properties in Bands A-D. Councils will also be administering the rebate for eligible households in April.

Help for residents affected by Energy Price Increases Following the announcement of the price cap increase on energy charges which will impact millions of households, Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils are continuing to work with local charity Act On Energy to promote the grants, advice and support available to residents in South Warwickshire. Act On Energy can be contacted on 0800 988 2881 with a range of advice on their website <https://actonenergy.org.uk/>

Green Bins / Garden Waste subscription Garden Waste online subscriptions service for 1st April to March 2023 is now open - the link is www.stratford.gov.uk/online-forms/subscribe-for-garden-waste-service.cfm Information is being sent out to parishes re bin collection in the near future.

Venture House

After Covid if you are looking at changing / reassessing your work life balance / change of career your first port of call should be to visit the Venture House website – it offers a wide range of links for Business support, advice, business programmes, learning & skills opportunities. Go to : www.venturehousestratford.co.uk/what-we-offer/business-support/

Local networking

Take a look at our list of local networking groups to see what you might like to get involved with. If you run an online networking group that does not appear on this list, please tell us about it and we can add your listing.

Overview and Scrutiny

At OSC on Wednesday we were asked to review the Cabinet papers on the call for sites in the district. Matters that came out of the debate were that the NPD were not going to be affected by the South Warwickshire Local Plan. Also, sites within the AONB wholly and within the designate area are in the red zone for development.

The consultation will be evidence based. I raised the problem of lack of incubatory units within the district to support new business. The less driving to and from work will be better for the environment.

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Appendix 3: Correspondence.

Helen Hide-Wright
Clerk to the Parish Council

Monday 31st January 2022

Dear Helen,

By way of introduction, I am the individual that bought the Primitive Methodist Chapel in West End at the end of 2017. As you may already be aware, in November 2020 I secured planning permission to convert this building to a residential property. I am writing you today to inform the Parish Council about the works that we will shortly be commissioning, specifically in regards to works from Severn Trent for the provision of a new sewer connection.

It probably helps to explain that when we bought this property we knew it was not connected to either mains water or mains sewage. We were able to connect to mains water relatively easily but the sewage connection has proved much more challenging.

We approached [redacted] back in 2019 to ask if they would be willing to let us investigate the option of making a lateral connection into their existing sewage connection as we were advised this was a common and relatively straightforward solution. They were both willing to let us have access to their properties to assess the current provision. It was quickly determined that access through [redacted] was the only feasible option due to the fall of the land and the protected trees in [redacted]

However, having made a personal approach to [redacted], and then a further approach through an expert independent sewer consultant, we were unable to secure permission to make a simple lateral connection. At this stage we had no choice but to ask Severn Trent to undertake a formal sewer requisition on our behalf. As the local water utility provider they then approached [redacted] to try and make a new parallel connection through [redacted] land. While they have a legal right to do this under the The Water Industry Act 1991, [redacted] and it was clear that a lengthy legal process would be necessary in order to secure access. As new neighbours, this is not something that we wanted to pursue so we asked Severn Trent to explore alternative options.

After lengthy investigations, it became apparent that the only feasible way to connect the Primitive Methodist Chapel to the mains sewer without going through [redacted] land would be to create a new 276 meter connection up the length of West End to join in with the mains sewer in Tysoe Road outside St Peter's church. We have been through a formal process with Severn Trent and have now received their final design proposal and cost which has been prepared after completing a series of on site surveys in West End. As all the works take place in the Public Highway no further permissions are required from third parties.

Two weeks ago I met with [redacted] to explain to them what this option would involve. There are some significant traffic management implications of the proposed works for the whole of West End and we felt that it was only right that we discuss these plans with [redacted] before we give Severn Trent the final go ahead. [redacted] who has been liaising with Severn Trent throughout also attended this meeting.

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At this meeting, we asked one final time if [redacted] would be willing to allow us to investigate, the option of making a later connection to [redacted] existing sewer. We suggested commissioning an independent report, at our expense, so that we would all have been able to assess the level of work required to deliver a sustainable solution and agree a generous compensation package. However, [redacted] were very clear that this was not something they were willing to consider and [redacted] directly to [redacted] as we tried to find the best and least invasive way of making a sewer connection.

That meeting ended with [redacted] confirming that they supported the proposed option of making a new connection under the Public Highway in West End to St Peter's Church.

I am therefore writing to explain that regrettably we have no option left but to commission Severn Trent to undertake these extensive works. Severn Trent and their appointed contractors will be responsible for managing the communications with local residents and the necessary traffic management when we have a timetable for the works.

Finally, I wanted to reassure the Parish Council that our intention for the Chapel is to restore her so that she may once again enhance the peaceful community of West End. We hate the fact that we will need to cause even a temporary disruption to so many neighbours. But, if the Chapel is to be renovated, she needs to be connected to the sewer to meet with Building Regulations and this is now our only option.

If you, or any of the other Parish Councillors have any further questions, or indeed suggestions, at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am more than happy to meet in person to discuss the intended works and share any of my paperwork. Severn Trent will be in touch, when they have a timetable for the proposed works which we hope will take place before the year end.

With kind regards,

Appendix 4: Radway PC Financial Administration

Bank balances at 28/2/2022

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Deposit Account | £29,037.25 |
| Current Account | £ 444.42 |
| Total | £29,481.67 |

Income received since the last meeting

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|------------------------------------|--------|
| Deposit Account Interest (10.1.22) | £ 0.29 |
| Deposit Account Interest (9.2.22) | £ 0.26 |

Payments outstanding since last meeting

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| Sheila Evans - tub management | £ 23.74 |
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Passing of accounts for payment at this meeting:

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| Radway Village Hall Hire (20.1.22, 17.3.22) | £ 28.00 |
| First Aid Kit, Emergency Blankets, Wind up Torch | £ 51.42 |
| Kompan Inv 237653 | £ 210.00 |
| WALC Annual Membership Renewal 2022/23 | £ 150.00 |
| Accounting Data Services Ltd Inv 8527 | £ 31.68 |
| Warwickshire County Council Lights Maintenance | £ 100.70 |
| Clerk's Salary (Net) | £ 228.24 |
| Clerk's Pension | £ 57.88 |
| Clerk's Monthly Working from home Allowance | £ 26.00 |
| Expenses 17 March 2022 | £ 25.80 |
| Pay award 2021/22 Backpay | £ 23.40 |
| Pay award 2021/22 Pension | £ 6.23 |
| Queens Platinum Jubilee | £ 500.00 |

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Radway Parish Council Financial Report: Ordinary Meeting date: 17th March 2022

| Date | Transaction | In | Out | Balance |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| 31.12.21 | Opening Balance Current A/C | | | £57.11 |
| 5.1.22 | H Hide-Wright | | £26.00 | £31.11 |
| 20.1.22 | Radway PC Transfer | £2,500 | | £2,531.11 |
| 21.1.22 | Accounting Data | | £31.68 | £2,499.43 |
| 21.1.22 | Accounting Data | | £31.68 | £2,467.75 |
| 21.1.22 | Eon | | £763.94 | £1,703.81 |
| 21.1.22 | Kompan | | £1,028.56 | £675.25 |
| 21.1.22 | Radway Village Hall | | £52.00 | £623.25 |
| 21.1.22 | Warwickshire Pension Fund (WPF) | | £218.91 | £404.34 |
| 21.1.22 | H Hide-Wright | | £214.84 | £189.50 |
| 21.1.22 | H Hide-Wright | | £17.90 | £171.60 |
| 24.1.22 | Rental – Rose Cottage | £52.00 | | £223.60 |
| 25.1.22 | H Hide-Wright | | £26.00 | £197.60 |
| 28.1.22 | N Power | | £121.34 | £76.25 |
| 4.2.22 | Kompan | £1,028.56 | | £1,104.82 |
| 9.2.22 | Radway PCC (Community) | | £350.00 | £754.82 |
| 10.2.22 | SDC | £331.21 | | £1,088.03 |
| 14.2.22 | Radway PC Transfer | £750.00 | | £1,838.03 |
| 14.2.22 | Russell Brooks (Defibrillator) | | £1,480.00 | £358.03 |
| 21.2.22 | Radway PC Transfer | £500.00 | | £858.03 |
| 22.2.22 | H Hide-Wright | | £214.64 | £643.39 |
| 21.2.22 | WPF | | £72.79 | £570.42 |
| 21.2.22 | Stephen Bird (Defibrillator) | | £100.00 | £470.42 |
| 25.2.22 | H Hide-Wright | | £26.00 | £444.42 |
| 28.2.22 | Balance | | | £444.42 |

| Date | Transaction | In | Out | Balance |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---------|-----------|-------------------|
| 31.12.21 | Opening Balance: Deposit A/C | | | £32,579.80 |
| 10.1.22 | Bank Interest | £0.29 | | £32,580.09 |
| 14.1.22 | HMRC VAT | £206.90 | | £32,786.99 |
| 20.1.22 | Radway PC Transfer | | £2,500.00 | £30,286.99 |
| 9.2.22 | Bank Interest | £0.26 | | £30,287.25 |
| 14.2.22 | Radway PC Transfer | | £750.00 | £29,537.25 |
| 21.2.22 | Radway PC Transfer | | £500.00 | £29,037.25 |
| 28.2.22 | TOTAL BALANCES | | | £29,481.67 |

| PAYMENTS List 17 th March 2022 | | | £ |
|---|------|--|--------|
| Radway Village Hall Hire 21.1.22, 17.3.22 | BACS | | 28.00 |
| First Aid Kit, Emergency Blankets, Torch | BACS | | 51.42 |
| Kompan Inv 237653 | BACS | | 210.00 |
| WALC Annual Subscription | BACS | | 150.00 |
| Accounting Data Services Ltd Inv 8527 | BACS | | 31.68 |
| WCC Lighting Maintenance | BACS | | 100.70 |
| Queens Platinum Jubilee | | | 500.00 |
| Hide-Wright Expenses 15.11.21-15.1.22 | BACS | | 25.80 |
| Hide-Wright March Salary Gross | BACS | | 263.79 |
| Hide-Wright March Pension(Calculated with pay award) | BACS | | 74.25 |
| Hide-Wright April Salary Gross | BACS | | 263.79 |
| Hide-Wright April Pension (Calculated with pay award) | BACS | | 74.25 |

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| H Hide-Wright Backpay (Salary Award 2021/22) | BACS | 23.40 |
| H Hide-Wright Pension (Salary Award 2021/22) | BACS | 6.23 |
| H Hide-Wright WFHA March | BACS | 26.00 |
| H Hide-Wright WFHA April | BACS | 26.00 |
| Total Payments | | <u>£1,855.31</u> |
| Transfers from current to deposit a/c | | £0.00 |
| Total Payments and Transfers | | £1,855.31 |

Overview of final recommendations for Stratford-on-Avon District Council

View this map online and explore it in more detail at: consultation.lgbce.org.uk

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Summary of our recommendations

We have considered all the submissions we received during our consultation on our draft recommendations.

The final recommendations propose that Stratford-on-Avon District Council should have 41 councillors, an increase of five.

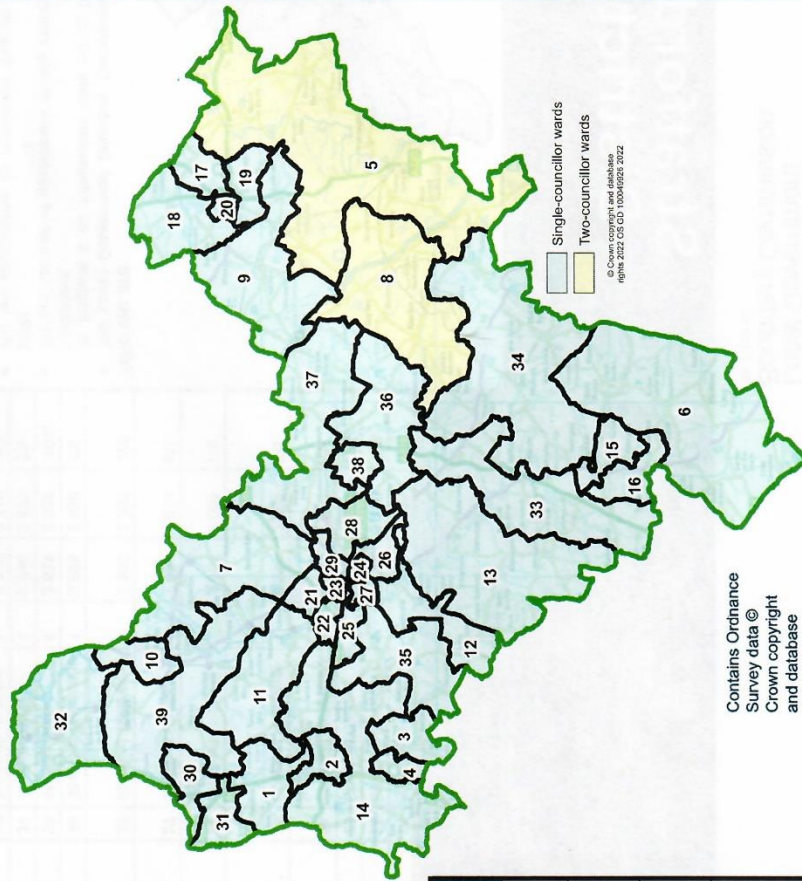
Stratford-on-Avon District Council should have 39 wards, an increase of three. The boundaries of all but two of the existing wards should change.

The 41 councillors should represent 37 single-councillor wards and two two-councillor wards across the district.

An outline of the proposals is shown in the map to the right. A detailed report on the recommendations and interactive mapping is available on our website at: www.lgbce.org.uk.

Find out more at consultation.lgbce.org.uk:

- view the map of our recommendations down to street level.
- zoom into the areas that interest you most.
- read the full report of our recommendations.
- find more guidance on the review process



Single-councillor wards
Two-councillor wards
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| Ward Name |
|---|
| 1 Alcester East |
| 2 Alcester West |
| 3 Bidford East |
| 4 Bidford West |
| 5 Bishop's Itchington, Fenny Compton & Napton |
| 6 Brilles & Compton |
| 7 Claverdon & Snitterfield |
| 8 Gaydon, Kineton & Upper Lighthorne |
| 9 Harbury |
| 10 Henley-in-Arden |
| 11 Kinwarton |
| 12 Long Marston |
| 13 Quinton |
| 14 Salford Priors & Alcester Rural |
| 15 Shipston North |
| 16 Shipston South |
| 17 Southam East, Central & Stockton |
| 18 Southam North & Long Itchington |
| 19 Southam South |
| 20 Southam West |
| 21 Stratford Avenue |
| 22 Stratford Bishopston |
| 23 Stratford Clopton |
| 24 Stratford Guildhall & Bridgetown |
| 25 Stratford Hathaway |
| 26 Stratford Orchard Hill |
| 27 Stratford Shottle |
| 28 Stratford Tiddington |
| 29 Stratford Welcombe |
| 30 Studley North |
| 31 Studley South |
| 32 Tanworth-in-Arden |
| 33 Tredington |
| 34 Tysoe |
| 35 Welford-on-Avon |
| 36 Wellesbourne East & Rural |
| 37 Wellesbourne North & Rural |
| 38 Wellesbourne South |
| 39 Wootton Wawan |

| Stage of Review | Description |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| 23 February 2021 - 18 June 2021 | Public consultation on warding arrangements |
| 31 August 2021 - 08 November 2021 | Public consultation on draft recommendations |
| 1 March 2022 | Publication of final recommendations |
| May 2023 | Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections |

Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Final Recommendations on the new electoral arrangements

Our Recommendations

The table lists all the wards we are proposing as part of our final recommendations along with the number of voters in each ward. The table also shows the electorate projections for each of the proposed wards by 2027 so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future. The table also includes the electoral variances for this year, which tells you how we have delivered electoral equality.

| Ward name | No of cllrs | Electorate (2027) | No of electors per cllr | Variance from average % | Ward name (continued...) | No of cllrs | Electorate (2027) | No of electors per cllr | Variance from average % | | |
|---|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------|-------|
| 1 Alcester East | 1 | 2,547 | 2,547 | -9% | 21 Stratford Avenue | 1 | 2,609 | 2,609 | -7% | | |
| 2 Alcester West | 1 | 2,879 | 2,879 | 3% | 22 Stratford Bishopston | 1 | 3,105 | 3,105 | 11% | | |
| 3 Bidford East | 1 | 2,886 | 2,886 | 3% | 23 Stratford Clopton | 1 | 2,597 | 2,597 | -7% | | |
| 4 Bidford West | 1 | 2,768 | 2,768 | -1% | 24 Stratford Guildhall & Bridgetown | 1 | 2,897 | 2,897 | 3% | | |
| 5 Bishop's Itchington, Fenny Compton & Napton | 2 | 5,890 | 2,945 | 5% | 25 Stratford Hathway | 1 | 2,991 | 2,991 | 7% | | |
| 6 Brailes & Compton | 1 | 2,876 | 2,876 | 3% | 26 Stratford Orchard Hill | 1 | 3,001 | 3,001 | 7% | | |
| 7 Claverdon & Snitterfield | 1 | 2,658 | 2,658 | -5% | 27 Stratford Shottery | 1 | 3,034 | 3,034 | 8% | | |
| 8 Gaydon, Kineton & Upper Lighthorne | 2 | 5,903 | 2,952 | 5% | 28 Stratford Tiddington | 1 | 2,660 | 2,660 | -5% | | |
| 9 Harbury | 1 | 2,933 | 2,933 | 5% | 29 Stratford Welcombe | 1 | 2,898 | 2,898 | 4% | | |
| 10 Henley-in-Arden | 1 | 2,713 | 2,713 | -3% | 30 Studley North | 1 | 2,528 | 2,528 | -10% | | |
| 11 Kinwarton | 1 | 3,042 | 3,042 | 9% | 31 Studley South | 1 | 2,880 | 2,880 | 3% | | |
| 12 Long Marston | 1 | 2,595 | 2,595 | -7% | 32 Tanworth-in-Arden | 1 | 2,749 | 2,749 | -2% | | |
| 13 Quinton | 1 | 3,045 | 3,045 | 9% | 33 Tredington | 1 | 2,658 | 2,658 | -5% | | |
| 14 Salford Priors & Alcester Rural | 1 | 2,551 | 2,551 | -9% | 34 Tysoe | 1 | 2,810 | 2,810 | 0% | | |
| 15 Shipston North | 1 | 2,516 | 2,516 | -10% | 35 Welford-on-Avon | 1 | 2,630 | 2,630 | -6% | | |
| 16 Shipston South | 1 | 2,629 | 2,629 | -6% | 36 Wellesbourne East & Rural | 1 | 2,824 | 2,824 | 1% | | |
| 17 Southern East, Central & Stockton | 1 | 2,531 | 2,531 | -10% | 37 Wellesbourne North & Rural | 1 | 3,058 | 3,058 | 9% | | |
| 18 Southern North & Long Itchington | 1 | 2,568 | 2,568 | -8% | 38 Wellesbourne South | 1 | 2,673 | 2,673 | -5% | | |
| 19 Southern South | 1 | 2,925 | 2,925 | 4% | 39 Wootton Wawen | 1 | 3,090 | 3,090 | 10% | | |
| 20 Southern West | 1 | 2,630 | 2,630 | -6% | | | | | | | |
| Totals | | | | | 41 | | | | | 114,774 | - |
| Averages | | | | | | | | | | - | 2,789 |



Who we are

- The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body set up by Parliament.
- We are not part of government or any political party.
- We are accountable to Parliament through a committee of MPs chaired by the Speaker of the House of Commons.
- Our main role is to carry out electoral reviews of local authorities throughout England.

Why Stratford-on-Avon?

- Stratford-on-Avon District Council currently has high levels of electoral inequality: some councillors represent many more - or many fewer - electors than others.
- Therefore the value of your vote, in Stratford-on-Avon District Council elections, varies depending on where you live in Stratford-on-Avon.
- We are seeking to improve levels of electoral equality for local electors

Our proposals

- Stratford-on-Avon District Council currently has 36 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that 41 councillors should serve the council in the future.
- We believe our final recommendations meet our statutory criteria to:
 1. Deliver electoral equality for electors
 2. Reflect community interests and identities
 3. Promote effective and convenient local government

Electoral review

- An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for a local authority, including:
 - The total number of councillors representing the council's electors ('council size').
 - The names, number and boundaries of wards or electoral divisions.
 - The number of councillors for each ward or division.

Newsletter



Waste Collections



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What is the 123+ waste collection service?

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A food waste collection, every week using a food caddy (a small kitchen caddy for inside the property) and a larger food waste bin to use outside and put out for collection.

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A recycling collection, every two weeks using a wheeled bin for mixed recycling. Stratford District residents will continue to use their existing recycling bins. In Warwick District, a new blue-lidded bin will be provided to replace the current red box/bag recycling containers.

3

A refuse collection, every three weeks using the existing grey wheeled bin.

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Garden waste collection, every two weeks using the existing green wheeled bin.

Food waste collections

Food waste makes up approximately a third (33%) of householders' refuse bins. Collecting food waste from households weekly using a separate container is a common collection method used by many local authorities in the UK. This method has been proven to increase the amount of food waste recycled and reduces the waste in refuse bins more than other collection methods.

The new food waste recycling service will make it easy for people to recycle their food waste every week. This will help remove any smelly waste from refuse bins and provide more space for other rubbish. It also helps people realise how much food they waste each week and acts as a prompt to reduce avoidable food waste, such as making the most of leftovers, planning meals and creating shopping lists and storing food correctly.

What will residents be able to recycle?

Residents will be able to recycle paper, cardboard, glass bottles and jars, metal tins and cans, plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays, and food and drink cartons.

In Warwick District, a new blue-lidded wheeled bin will be provided to replace the current red box/bag recycling containers. Residents will no longer need to sort their recycling – it can all be mixed together in the new bin. We just ask that it is clean, dry and loose (e.g. no plastic carrier bags, black sacks, etc.). And the good news is... we will finally be able to collect food and drink cartons (e.g. Tetrapaks) for recycling!

In Stratford District, residents can continue to recycle as normal - there are no changes to the recycling service.

Refuse and recycling collections for flats

Our aim is to provide a recycling service for all residents living in flats, however this can sometimes be challenging in terms of space and access.

In Stratford District, a comprehensive refuse and recycling service for flats is already provided.

In Warwick District, we have been reviewing the refuse and recycling services currently provided to flats and looking at

what improvements can be made.

We hope to be able to introduce a recycling service to those flats currently without, wherever possible. We also hope to improve signage on bins and communication with residents of flats who already have a recycling scheme in place to ensure they know how to make best use of the service.

Further details will follow in due course.

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Properties with sack collections

One of the benefits of the 123+ collection service is that there can be different methods of collection on the same street (e.g. a mix of wheeled bins and sacks) which is not something that Warwick District Council has been able to accommodate before.

We have recently written to all properties in Stratford and Warwick Districts currently receiving a refuse collection using sacks to ask if they have space on their property to store wheeled bins for refuse and/or recycling. Residents have until 4 March 2022 to request bins. All bins requested by the deadline will be provided free of charge and delivered in spring/summer 2022, prior to the start of the new service. Charges will apply to any wheeled bins requested after the deadline.

If properties do not have room to store wheeled bins, we will continue to collect refuse in sacks and recycling in boxes/bags.

From 1 August 2022, the new service for these properties (regardless of whether they use sacks or wheeled bins) will be as follows:

- Food waste collection - every week using a food caddy (a small kitchen caddy for inside the property) and a larger food waste bin to use outside and put out for collection.
- Recycling collection - every two weeks using boxes or a new blue-lidded wheeled bin for mixed recycling
- Refuse collection - every two weeks using sacks or a grey wheeled bin
- Garden waste collection - every two weeks using a green wheeled bin (optional)

Additional refuse capacity

We will be encouraging residents to reduce their waste by recycling as much as possible using the blue-lidded wheeled bin and food waste bins. The size of the grey bin should be adequate if residents are using the new recycling services fully.

Households which meet the following criteria will be able to request additional refuse capacity:

- six (6) or more permanent occupants in the Household; or
- two (2) or more children in disposable nappies; or
- residents with a medical need using incontinence products.

Fly-tipping

The experience of other Councils who have moved to three-weekly refuse collections is that there was very little or no increase in fly-tipping of household waste.

However, this will be monitored very closely in both Stratford and Warwick Districts and enforcement action taken wherever possible.

A fly-tipping CCTV trial is currently underway in the Sydenham area of Warwick District. Results of the trial will be shared in due course.

Nappies

To avoid smells, we recommend residents double bag all used disposable nappies and tie tightly before placing them in the grey bin as well as emptying any 'solids' down the toilet beforehand.

If there is still concern about nappies causing smells, then we would advise washing the bin occasionally with washing up liquid and/or boiling water.

We appreciate that households with children in nappies may also produce a larger quantity of waste. Households with two or more children in disposable nappies permanently living at the same address will be able to request additional refuse capacity. Further details will be provided in due course.

Absorbent Hygiene Products

With incontinence/colostomy type waste, the advice is to double bag it and tie it tightly before putting in the grey refuse bin, removing air to slow down decomposition.

This type of waste is non-hazardous and therefore poses no risk to human health.

Any hazardous waste (such as swabs and dressing from infectious wounds) will continue to be collected weekly as part of our clinical waste service.

Steps to keep bins clean

We will be providing the following advice to residents who have concerns about smells:

1. Close bin lids to keep pests away and minimise any smells.
2. Recycle your food regularly.
3. Put your food bin out for collection every week, even if it is not full.
4. Keep bins and food caddy cool.
5. Store your bins out of direct sunlight if you can, as heat can speed up the generation of smells.
6. Regularly wash your bins out with hot soapy water.
7. Sprinkle some soda and a twist of lemon to get rid of lingering odours.
8. Use old newspaper to absorb excess moisture and avoid mouldy stuff getting stuck in the corners of your food caddy. You can wrap your food scraps in newspaper or line your food caddy with it.

Communications

A comprehensive communications plan has been developed to support the 123+ service change. Please find our 3-month rolling plan of communications activity attached.