

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT TO DORDON PARISH COUNCIL

Date: - 22nd March 2022

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ITEMS

1 Residents' concerns -

- Damp, wood rot and black mould in several Long Street flats – under investigation
- Hall End cottages – still nothing done about improving signage to stop HGVs turning down road - and also streetlights no longer function. Both issues are responsibility of Highways England – Fiona Mackenzie contacted but no reply

2 Outline Planning application PAP/2021/0663 – Hodgetts Warehouse Facility and lorry park

Around 360 replies from residents were submitted before the closing date. A short briefing paper went to the Planning Board on March 7th. A site visit has now been arranged for 2.30 pm on Friday 22nd April

A full presentation for the Planning Board with A and A session by Hodgetts estate has been provisionally arranged at 5.0 pm on May 9th. Not clear yet whether or not the decision will be made at the Planning Board meeting on May 9th.

3 Local Authority Trading Company

Recent decision to create an arm's length wholly owned Local Authority Trading Company to run all Borough leisure services. Main reason to save money [£160 k] on paying business rates – otherwise rationale not at all clear . Costs [legal, IT, support staff time and consultancy fees to prepare a business case] of setting up such a company not given / not known.

4. Walking sports at Coleshill leisure centre – walking football, netball and cricket . All ages suitable and welcome – request to promote via social media FB etc

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4. Atherstone Public toilets – bus station

Resources Board [NWBC] took decision taken, without any public consultation to save money by closing Atherstone public toilets by bus station on April 1st .

Borough council claims that there are plenty of free alternatives in Memorial Hall and Council house + private cafes and pubs.

New CRAP campaign has started up to try and save them – they have collected > 1000 signatures objecting to this closure; also 450 responses to an on line questionnaire. Borough Council states that other options for alternative use of these facilities [which may or may not include a public toilet] are being pursued. No news yet

4. Local listing –concerns raised about whether or not NWBC has abandoned local listing, despite considerable efforts by Parish Cllor Beverley Garratt . Here is response from Dorothy Barratt:

Good morning Councillor Chambers and Bev,

Thank you for your emails of 2nd February 2022 and 1st March 2022 respectively.

I will go through the various points from both emails as they cover much of the same ground.

Fiona moved into the Forward Planning Team from the Development Control team taking up the vacant role of Heritage and Conservation Officer. She did start work on local listing but the County Council were doing a lot of work on local listing. Due to her workload we decided rather than duplicate work she would wait to see what came out of the County's involvement. The Local List therefore has not been abandoned just stalled from our perspective whilst the County organise training for Parish Councils. We understand that the Parish Council training is yet to be rolled out across the County.

Fiona has spoken a few times with the people involved with the Dordon Neighbourhood Plan. She suggested to include all their Assets within the NP, because she felt there would be some weight given to Assets if identified in their NP and in some way greater weight than just being on a Local list.

Fiona and I are discussing her workload and will determine timelines in due course for numerous pieces of work including the Local List, the Freasley Conservation area designation and Article 4, required on the farm buildings opposite Dordon Hall.

If you wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Dorothy

5 Ukraine refugees – see also attached briefing from CE

https://www.northwarks.gov.uk/news/article/857/ukraine_what_you_can_do_to_help

Warwickshire County Council have arranged a virtual meeting for all community organisations including PCs to discuss the current situation and what can be done locally to help .

Virtual meeting on Wednesday 23 March 2022 7pm- 8.30pm.

Microsoft Teams meeting

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“Warwickshire County Council would like to invite you to this meeting to set out Warwickshire’s plans for the best possible response, updating you on the latest developments and seeking your views and ideas about how the voluntary sector and faith groups can support the countywide effort, and answer any questions you may have, as best as we can, about how we can best work together for the benefit of the refugee families. We hope the session will clarify a number of questions and help us support the voluntary and community sector, and our faith groups, and will form part of an ongoing conversation.

The session will be chaired by Cllr Izzi Seccombe (Leader of Warwickshire County Council), and she will be supported by Cllr Heather Timms (Portfolio holder for Environment, Climate and Culture), and Rob Powell, Warwickshire County Council's Strategic Director for Resources. We hope you will be able to attend. The meeting will be virtual using Microsoft Teams and you can join the meeting using the attached link."