

Lighthorne PC Council – District Councillor Report

Apart from the attendance at planning committee meetings, August has been a relatively quiet month.

World Cup Licensing Amnesty

All pubs within my ward were contacted personally by myself and notices published on social media platforms to advise that SDC were relaxing licensing procedures before and during the World Cup Final on Sunday 20th August. Hopefully they all enjoyed a good day's trade in celebrating the Lionesses' efforts during such a successful campaign.

Success of 123+ Waste Collection Service

Changes to Stratford-on-Avon District Council's rubbish and recycling collections introduced a year ago have been a success, with figures showing a reduction in the amount of rubbish being disposed of and residents recycling more than two-thirds of all household waste collected in the District.

In the first year of operation, figures show that 68% of the District's rubbish has been recycled and 26% less residual waste was collected. During the period August 2022 to July 2023, 16,226 tonnes of residual waste was collected, which is 5,635 tonnes less than the same period the previous year.

The introduction of a separate weekly food waste collection service has seen 4,888 tonnes collected between August 2022 and July 2023. The new 123+ waste collection service was introduced on 1 August 2022 to boost recycling rates and reduce the amount of general waste.

One year on, the figures show that the three-weekly refuse collection arrangements have reduced the amount of general rubbish each household puts out and has encouraged residents to recycle more.

Whilst members of the new administration were not in support of the service last year, it is hoped that no changes will be made in view of its success.

Shakespeare's England Partners with Destination Coventry

Shakespeare's England is partnering with Destination Coventry to form the Coventry & Warwickshire Destination Partnership. The new partnership has been formed under the new Local Visitor Economy Partnership (LVEP) framework, which was developed and administered by VisitEngland as a result of the government's response to the independent de Bois Review of Destination Management Organisations in England, with the overarching aim of supporting and growing the visitor economy.

It will see both organisations working together strategically with local authorities to ensure that Coventry and Warwickshire's tourism community has a powerful voice at national level regarding future policies.

Upper Lighthorne GP Facility

It is understood that up to four local practices have expressed an interest in tendering for the new Upper Lighthorne GP Facility and they will be expected to respond to a brief from the ICB this year. The chairman of SDC's OSC committee has invited the ICB to a meeting on 3rd November when questions regarding the new GP facility and the Ellen Badger Hospital amongst other topics will be raised. I am liaising with Andy Smith to submit questions on behalf of the parishes and also to attend in person at this meeting. I have also been advised that SDC are in discussions with Warwickshire Police to establish their involvement in the proposed new community hub in Upper Lighthorne.

Brook House Dental Practice

The dental practice in Moreton Morrell is sadly closing with effect from 30th November 2023 as it is no longer financially viable to keep the dental practice open. This means that patients will need to find alternative NHS dental care going forward. Other NHS dental providers can be found online using www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist and for information purposes Nuvo Dental Warwick (formerly Westgate Dental Practice), 13 West Street, Warwick, CV34 6AB 01926 494300 www.westgatedentalwarwick.co.uk has contacted me to advise they are welcoming patients from Brook House.

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