

Lighthorne PC Meeting – 11th June 2024

Annual Council

The Annual Council meeting took place on Wednesday 22 May and as the new shadow portfolio holder for Planning and Economic Development, this will be useful to maintain close contact with the planning and enforcement teams. I have also been appointed to the South Warwickshire Local Plan Joint Committee, so will be in a better position to keep parishes and residents updated on the progress being made.

Importance of responsible Dog Ownership

Reports of livestock worrying sadly increase at this time of year, including deaths and injury due to attacks by dogs on all kinds of animals, especially sheep.

To help with this initiative, the District Council's team is building on their work around livestock worrying as they continue to raise awareness of the importance of responsible dog ownership across South Warwickshire.

This work involves visiting rural areas where dog attacks on livestock have already been reported, to discuss safe dog walking with members of the public and provide the National Sheep Association's [Enjoy your dog walks](#) information leaflet.

Under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953, it is a criminal offence for a dog to actively worry livestock and dog owners risk prosecution.

Whilst the majority of dog owners do walk their dogs in a responsible manner, unfortunately there are a small minority whose recklessness puts the welfare of other animals at risk.

The initiative is being promoted by Warwickshire Police who are working with other forces around the country and other partner agencies, such as the National Farmers' Union (NFU), Country Land and Business Association (CLA), National Sheep Association and the RSPCA.

Postal Votes for General Election

The General Election for the parliamentary constituency of Stratford-on-Avon is taking place on Thursday 4 July 2024.

To be able to vote at The General Election on Thursday 4 July 2024, residents must be aged 18 or over on the day of the poll, a British, Commonwealth, or Irish citizen and be on the electoral register or have applied to be so by **midnight on Tuesday 18 June**. If in doubt, please contact Stratford District Council's Elections Office on 01789 260208 to check you are on the electoral register at your current address.

Postal votes and proxy votes, where someone votes on your behalf, are available to any District resident who is on the electoral register.

Postal votes are especially useful for those who are unable to get to a polling station on polling day, due to health reasons or maybe on holiday or working away.

All completed postal vote application forms must be submitted before **5pm on Wednesday 19 June** and applications for proxy votes close at **5pm on Wednesday 26 June**.

To register to vote visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

To apply for a postal vote visit www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote

To apply for a proxy vote visit www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote

Electors who wish to vote at a polling station on Thursday 4 July, must now show acceptable photo ID, such as a passport, driving licence, blue badge, and certain bus passes. Full details and a list of acceptable photo ID are available on the Council's website at [Voter ID at Polling Stations | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

If electors don't have suitable photo ID, they can apply for a **free** Voter Authority Certificate online at [Apply for photo ID to vote \(called a 'Voter Autho](#)

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