

County Councillor Report

Lighthorne Parish Council Meeting

11th November 2025

I need support now

If you are struggling with money and need help now, we can help with: food, energy and water bills money advice aspects of family life accessing emergency food mental health support Find help here:

<https://www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/home/i-need-urgent-help>

FIS

Warwickshire's Family Information Service (FIS) provides information, advice and one-to-one support on issues including family relationships, finance, housing, parenting support and more. Learn more at

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/directory-record/40/family-information-service>

Childhood vaccinations

Following an outbreak of measles and whooping cough across the country, parents and carers are being reminded by Warwickshire County Council to check their children are up to date with immunisations. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7095/catching-up-on-childhood-vaccinations-is-as-easy-as-abc-this-winter>

Choosing the right NHS service this winter

In preparation for winter 2025, Warwickshire County Council and health partners are working with hospitals and essential services to reemphasise the need to avoid A&E, unless absolutely necessary. Read more:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7144/check-the-right-nhs-service-you-need-before-you-check-in-with-a-e-this-winter

Stay healthy and independent with Warwickshire's Living Well webpages

Residents are encouraged to explore a wide range of health prevention support available on Warwickshire County Council's (WCC) Living Well webpages. From healthy ageing to community support, this free online resource is designed to help individuals and families to live well and stay well.

For those experiencing loneliness or social isolation, the webpages offer helpful articles and resources to promote connections and improve mental health.

Visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/livingwell to discover the full range of support available. For more tips on healthy ageing, visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/healthy-ageing

Living Well - AskSARA

Want to stay independent? Discover AskSARA – Warwickshire’s free, easy-to-use website for personalised advice on support from mobility to memory, with recommendations to help you live independently. Learn more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7143/stay-healthy-and-independent-with-warwickshire-s-living-well-webpages>

Loneliness and isolation

Loneliness and social isolation affect many people and is a factor in physical and mental health conditions.

If you are struggling remember there is support available to you right here in Warwickshire. Visit <http://warwickshire.gov.uk/loneliness> to find out more.

Local Government Reorganisation in Warwickshire

Warwickshire County Council has expressed its preference on the future form of local government for Warwickshire to be a single unitary council. The Council also recognised the importance of town and parish councils in preserving local identity and supported the establishment of such councils where they do not currently exist.

The Council also accepted that full constituent membership of the West Midlands Combined Authority would be the best arrangement for any new unitary authority in Warwickshire. Combined Authorities exist to grow economies in their regions. They invest in projects across areas such as transport, skills and wellbeing. West Midlands Combined Authority was created to deliver an ambitious plan to drive inclusive economic growth - in the West Midlands.

A final proposal will be considered for approval by Cabinet on 6 November, prior to submission to the Government by 28 November. It is expected that at least four of the five district and borough councils will submit a separate proposal for two unitaries in line with earlier decisions by their Councils. The Government will then decide which model of unitary local government will apply to Warwickshire, with a decision expected by Summer 2026. The Government has said it will carry out a public consultation on its preferred option, which is expected to take place in early 2026. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7094/county-council-shows-support-for-future-single-unitary-council>

Cllr Jerry Roodhouse made Honorary Freeman of the County

Warwickshire County Council conferred the award of Honorary Freeman of the County of Warwickshire on Cllr Jerry Roodhouse this week, in recognition of his outstanding 35 years of service to Warwickshire.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7087/councillor-jerry-roodhouse-made-honorary-freeman-of-the-county-of-warwickshire>



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