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Council duties

I've been appointed as **Parish Council Champion** for the district. This involves being the first point of contact for Parish and Town Councils in the event of concerns relating to dealings with the District Council; to ensure that Parish and Town Councils views are considered when the District Council undertakes consultation; enabling joint training, and perhaps most importantly to facilitate discussions in relation to the possibility of devolving services to parish councils. I want to highlight the important role parish councils play in our rural district, and to thank the volunteer Parish Councillors in the efforts they make to improve day to day living for our local communities. I will attend the WALC Area meeting on 20th July, in my new role.

I was also appointed as District Council representative to the South Warwickshire Safe Community Partnership. The District Council is part of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, a group that brings together voluntary and statutory organisations including the Police, the County Council, the Fire services, the Primary Care Trust and others in order to address crime and disorder in the District and create safer communities.

I'm vice-chair of the Audit and Standards Committee, which is responsible for reviewing and approving the Annual Statement of Accounts, and most importantly promoting high standards of conduct in public life, and vice-chair of the Climate Change Panel. I also sit on the South Warwickshire Local Plan Advisory Group. As you will know, the South Warwickshire Local Plan is the key strategic plan which will shape development in our area until 2050, so we have to get this right. I will let you know when the next consultation will take place (possibly in the Autumn), with the preferred options and sites for development. In the meantime, you can check progress and submitted sites here: <https://www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/>

Pensionable age Parking Permits

The Cabinet agreed to re-introduce a Concessionary Parking Permit for state pension aged District residents (over 66s) within the constraints of the previous administration's budget. Initial proposals look at the scheme to be implemented at Bridgefoot car park. A proposal will be subject to 21 days public consultation. The Cabinet will also investigate viable systems to reintroduce the permit to other car parks within the Stratford Town centre.

A reminder that **one hour's free parking** is still available at Bridgeway Multi-Storey and Bridgeway Surface Car Parks for all residents and visitors, and disabled parking for Blue Badge holders remains free of charge in all District Council car parks.

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Review of the 123 plus waste collection system

I understand that a review of the service will be undertaken in August (on the anniversary of the introduction of the 123 plus service). This will ensure any outstanding issue of refuse service are addressed.

Green bin/garden waste renewal

As an action from the previous parish council meeting, I will ask that the renewal of the green bin charge is communicated in advance, and through different channels, to residents.

Bike marking surgery

I have asked our local Alcester police team to organise a bike marking surgery for our ward, following incidents of bike thefts. This will take place at the Welford and Weston Memorial Hall, High Street, Welford on Avon, on **Wednesday 26 July 2-4pm**. Marked bikes will go onto a National Database, to assist with bike theft prevention. Please share this with Binton residents. We can certainly organise a bike marking surgery in Binton too. Let me know your views.

Councillor's surgery

I will be liaising with the Binton Village Hall to organise a "meet your district councillor" event in Binton in September. Once date and time are agreed, I will let you know. Hope to see you there!

Repairs and closure of the Binton Bridge South

As you might know, the Binton Bridge will be closed, and the road closed from its junction with Evesham Road to Quiney's Leys, to enable much needed work to the medieval bridge. The actual works to repair and restore Binton Bridge South, are currently programmed to begin on the 7 August and continue to 29 March 2024. This includes periods of closures, periods of two-way traffic, and stand-down period over the winter when the temperature and river levels are not favourable for historic repair methods. The programme therefore will include some periods where road closures are required, such as when the scaffolding is erected and when we repair structurally sensitive areas of the bridge.

I've been reassured by Warwickshire County Council that access to pedestrians and cyclists will be maintained at all times. I have also been told that alternative routing for public transport provision including school buses will be put in place. Diversion route details will be put in place and signed throughout the proposed works.

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COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Stratford District Council is now looking for applications from projects to be considered as part of the 2022/2023 Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS). This year £1.3 million is available for projects. The income is generated from a Levy on new development. Applications are expected from statutory infrastructure providers and not-for-profit organisations such as **state schools, community groups** and **registered charities** for projects that demonstrate a wider community benefit. Projects must relate to infrastructure and meet six other mandatory criteria.

More information in relation to CIL Funding may be found here: [Spending CIL | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#). Once bids are opened the online form may be completed here: <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/sdcccil> If you have any questions regarding CIL Funding then please email: Planning.policy@stratford-dc.gov.uk Deadline for these schemes is 14th July.

Booking system at Warwickshire Householder recycling centres

Following from previous parish council meeting, I submitted a freedom of information (Fol) request to Warwickshire County Council asking about the survey they undertook about keeping the booking system for the tip, and how much this survey cost. A reply to the Fol should have been received by the 7th July. I am still awaiting a reply at time of writing.

A46 Partnership

I have asked for contact details of the new SDC representative on the A46 Partnership. This is a group set up to promote investment in the A46 corridor, as well as improvements.