



BURTON GREEN PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES

of the **Ordinary meeting** held in Burton Green Village Hall, Red Lane at 7.30pm on
21st July 2025.

Present: Councillors McColl (Chairman), Marshall (Vice Chairman), Deeley, Gibbs, Larsen, Paine, Taylor, Webster and the Clerk (Helen du Bois).

Others present: Cllr Stevenson (WCC), Cllr Armstrong (WDC)

Public: Three

No.	
1.	Apologies for absence
	Cllrs Aizlewood and Hatton had sent apologies which were accepted.
2.	Declaration of Interests
	None.
3.	To approve the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 16th June 2025
	The minutes were approved and signed without amendment.
4.	To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting that are not included on the agenda
	24-25 AGAR: the AGAR paperwork was submitted to the Council's External Auditor Moore UK before the 30 th June deadline. Red Lane play area: the order has been placed with HAGS UK, and the equipment is being manufactured. The Clerk is due to meet with the HAGS Project Manager shortly; the installation work is scheduled for early September.
5.	HS2 Working Group:
5.1.	To receive an update from the Lead Councillor of the HS2 Working Group and consider any recommendations
	Cllr Marshall gave an update from the meeting with Jeremy Wright MP held on 4 th July and the 16 th July meeting of the HS2 Working Group. The group has been informed that changes have been made to the design plan at the old village hall on Hodgetts Lane: a pond is to be built near the rail line and there will be a need for vehicular access from Hodgetts Lane to the pond. The access track will run through the old village hall plot and so reduce the amount of free space available for any public parking. The next meeting of the HS2 Working Group will be on 18 th August 2025
5.2.	To approve the Terms of Reference for the HS2 Working Group
	A consensus has not yet been reached on some of the responsibilities of the HS2 Working Group. It was agreed that the HS2 Working Group would continue to discuss the responsibilities at their next meeting and present a final version of the TOR for approval at the Full Council



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	meeting on 15th September. ACTION: The HS2 Working Group to finalise the draft TOR before the 15th September Full Council meeting.
5.3	To receive an update on HS2's rental properties in the village
	Cllr Taylor explained that tenants in some of the properties owned by HS2 are interested in purchasing their properties. Cllr Taylor has raised this with Victoria Roberts (Senior Engagement Manager HS2).
6	Community reports
6.1.	County Councillor, Lapworth and West Kenilworth: Cllr Stevens Cllr Stevens' report was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, see Appendix A Cllr Stevens mentioned that he runs advice surgeries for residents at the Fleur de Lys pub on Lapworth Street in Lowsonford, B95 5HJ on the 1st Tuesday of every month (2pm) and the 2nd Tuesday of every month (7pm). The next sessions will be at 2pm, Tuesday 5th Aug and 7pm, Tuesday 12th Aug 2025.
6.2	District Councillors, Kenilworth Abbey and Arden: Cllr Hales, Cllr Aizlewood, Cllr Armstrong Cllr Armstrong's report was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, see Appendix A. Cllr Armstrong informed the Council that responses to the recent Preferred Options Consultation for the South Warwickshire Local Plan will be published on 31st July 2025.
6.3.	Community Summary Reports University of Warwick No update. Burton Green Primary School: No update. Village Hall Committee: - A noise limiter has been fitted, - A grant application has been submitted to HS2's Community and Environment Fund for the proposed petanque pitch. - New WIFI has been installed, and the floors are to be polished in August. Cllr Taylor enquired whether the Committee had made progress with improving the acoustics in the Tacon Room, it was confirmed that there had been no significant progress yet. Residents Association: - The RA is very pleased with the progress of the HS2 Working Party so far, thanks were expressed to Cllrs Marshall and Webster for their efforts. - The deadline for submissions to the Editor for the next edition of The Bugle is 20th August. - The next community lunch will be held at the village hall on Friday 26th September 2025. - Hickory's have awarded a free meal to a young resident on Red Lane for regularly picking up litter and keeping Red Lane rubbish free.



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7.	Public participation
	A member of the public commented that residents have been reminded via social media to submit their comments for the Berkswell Charities Almshouses planning application to SMBC Planning as soon as possible. The planning application will be considered by the SMBC Planning Committee on 13 th August 2025, Cllr Aizlewood has already agreed to speak at the meeting on behalf of the Council.
8.	To consider the following planning applications:
8.1.	<u>W/25/0838/HS2</u> Description: plans and Specifications submission under Schedule 17 to the High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017 for works comprising: Structure: Crackley Lane Overbridge, including bird mesh. Earthworks: Engineering earthworks to realign Crackley Lane, earthworks to establish maintenance access strips and other accesses, and rip rap located on top of a cutting; and Fencing: Vehicle restraint system and boundary fencing. Location: Land at Crackley Lane, Burton Green, Warwick CV8 2JT BGPC comment: NEUTRAL
8.2.	<u>W/25/0837/HS2</u> Description: Plans and Specifications submission under Schedule 17 of the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Act 2017 for works comprising: • A building/structure: An overbridge; • A road vehicle park; • Earthworks: To form approach embankments either side of the overbridge, form drainage ditches with associated headwalls, maintenance accesses, to support realignment of Bridleway W164 and part of Bridleway W165x, to facilitate a balancing pond, rip rap and landscaping earthworks; and • Fences/walls: a vehicle restraint system either side of the overbridge, boundary fencing and security fencing. Location: Bridleway W164, Land east of A429 Kenilworth Road, Stoneleigh, Warwick CV8 2FD Cllr Webster wished to Object to the application. After discussion a vote was held, with the majority voting for a Neutral comment. BGPC comment: NEUTRAL
9	To receive an update from the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 21.7.25
	Cllr McColl gave a summary of the decisions made in the meeting held earlier this evening.
10.	To review and approve the following documents: • Internal Controls Checklist • Planning Committee Terms of Reference
	The documents were approved without amendment. ACTION: The Clerk to publish the documents to the website.



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11.	Biodiversity matters: to consider approving the costs for a cut & collect of the Red Lane wildflower verge this autumn, and consider whether to re-seed the verges
	It was resolved to accept the quote of £330.00 from Parkerwebb to cut and collect the main wildflower verge on Red Lane in the autumn. It was not decided whether the cuttings should be left for a week before collecting nor whether the verge should be re-seeded; Cllr Webster volunteered to contact Becky Davies (WDC Climate Change Adaption Officer) for advice on both issues. ACTIONS: Cllr Webster to contact Becky Davies re: the preferred cut and collect schedule and re-seeding. The Clerk to instruct Parkerwebb.
12.	To consider a member joining WCC's Local Government Reorganisation Working Group.
	It was agreed that Cllr Marshall would join the working group. Cllr Marshall is to step down as leader of the HS2 Working Group, although he will attend the group's meeting on 18th August. ACTIONS: The Clerk to inform WCC. The HS2 Working Group to appoint a new leader.
13.	To consider responses to the WALC Membership Survey 2025
	Cllrs provided answers to the questions. ACTION: The Clerk to complete the survey for the Council.
14.	To consider any Housing/Development matters
	A discussion was had regarding the dust pollution being experienced by residents living near the Spitfire Homes development site at the top of Cromwell Lane.
15.	To consider any Road Safety matters
	Kenilworth Community Speedwatch group plan to visit Burton Green in the near future to monitor vehicle speeds. Cllr McColl has been in contact with the leader of the Kenilworth group to discuss renewing the Burton Green Community Speedwatch group. ACTION: Cllr McColl to liaise with the Kenilworth Community Speedwatch group. Cllr Deeley confirmed that WCC Highways have painted a 30mph speed roundel on the road towards the top end of Red Lane.
16.	Correspondence/communications
	It was noted that Chris Elliot (CEO, WDC) has replied to Cllr McColl's 2nd letter regarding the future of the safeguarded land; the reply only confirms receipt of the Council's Preferred Options consultation responses and states that the status of the safeguarded land will be addressed as part of the South Warwickshire Local Plan process.
17.	Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:
	Cllr Deeley has contacted HS2 regarding the availability of tree saplings for the Red Lane play area.



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18.	Date of next meeting
	The next meeting will be held on Monday 15th September 2025 at Burton Green Village Hall.
19.	Close
	The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Cllr McColl, Chairman



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APPENDIX A

REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Warwickshire County Council: CLLR STEVENSON June 2025

WCC Leadership

Councillor Rob Howard, the Leader of Warwickshire County Council has resigned his position as Leader of the Council. With immediate effect his Deputy Leader Councillor George Finch has assumed the leadership responsibilities in the interim until a new Leader can be elected by the full WCC Council members on 22nd July. Councillor Howard is planning to continue as a councillor when the new leadership is decided.

Invitation: Devolution and Local Government Re-organisation Meeting, 8 July 2025

We would like to update you on the current position as we work towards submitting a full Local Government Reorganisation proposal at the end of November 2025. Please join colleagues from Warwickshire County Council for a meeting on Tuesday 8 July, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. The meeting will once again be hosted by WALC via Zoom, and the invitation is extended to all Town and Parish Councils (including those not in membership of WALC) and Parish Meetings. The five Warwickshire Borough and District Councils are also being invited to participate.

THIS IS A BOOK ONLY EVENT

You will need to be logged into the WALC Website to book. Your Clerk/Chair will need to book any places required. Your Zoom link will be sent to you automatically. This session is open to all Councillors and Staff. **BOOK HERE**

Please pass this email onto all Councillors/members of staff – there is no limit on how many can attend from each Council.

An access link and agenda for the meeting will be sent to you in due course. We encourage you to take advantage of this important opportunity. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please email communityconversations@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Kind regards Nadeen Carter (Tel 01789 636899)

Councillors' Grant Fund – Warwickshire County Council

The application window for Round 1 of the Councillors' Grant Fund 2025-2026 will open on Monday 9 June at 9.00am, closing on Sunday 20 July at 5.00pm. The Fund provides each Councillor with £8,000 to support local projects in their divisions. There are two rounds each year and it is at a Councillor's discretion how they split their £8,000 between the two rounds. All applications must be submitted via the WCC website, which also includes full details on the eligibility criteria and guidance on how to apply - [Councillors' Grant Fund – Warwickshire County Council](#).

The Round 1 timelines are as follows:

1. 9 June – application window opens.
2. 20 July – application window closes.
3. 23 July to 10 August – officers process applications, including due diligence checks and scoring.
4. 11 August to 29 August – officers discuss applications with Councillors individually, and Councillors decide on awards.
5. 1 September to 5 September – decisions are shared with applicants.

Why I love childminding – Alley's Story

Alley Hanson runs Ally's House Childminding based in Bishops Tachbrook, she recently shared her childminding story in the hope of encouraging other people to embark on this interesting and rewarding profession.



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Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6412/why-i-love-being-a-childminder-alley-s-story>

Download video: [Childminder_Video_AlleysStory_June2025.mp4](#)

WCC Cabinet – June 2025

Find out about everything that was discussed at the June meeting of Warwickshire County Council's cabinet: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6428/warwickshire-county-council-cabinet-12-june-2025>

New funding for Warwickshire Schools

Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet has approved a significant investment of over £430,000 to expand specialist education provision and improve primary school facilities across the county.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6427/major-investment-in-school-facilities-to-enhance-support-for-warwickshire-s-children>

Carers Week 2025

Do you provide unpaid emotional or physical support to a friend, neighbour, or family member? Then you are one of 52,725 people* in Warwickshire who is a carer.

Find out more about the support available:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6411/council-highlights-support-available-for-carers-across-warwickshire-this-carers-week->

Doing our bit for a greener Warwickshire

Residents celebrated Great Big Green Week (9 -16 June) by making simple everyday swaps that support our countryside, communities and wellbeing.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6422/doing-our-bit-for-a-greener-warwickshire>

Refugee Week 2025: Community as a Superpower

Refugee Week 2025 (16–22 June) was marked across Warwickshire with a vibrant programme of local events that celebrate the strength found in community.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6410/warwickshire-celebrates-refugee-week-2025-community-as-a-superpower>

Measles cases rising in the West Midlands

The latest UKHSA monthly update shows measles outbreaks are continuing in our region.

Find out how to keep you and your loved ones safe:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6404/measles-cases-rising-in-the-west-midlands-with-risk-of-holiday-season-causing-a-summer-surge>

Skills Escalator Fund update

Over 350 Warwickshire businesses have benefitted from funding from the Skills Escalator Fund to support employee training, enabling them to upskill their workforce.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6413/warwickshire-s-workforce-upskilled-with-the-skills-escalator-fund>

Championing children with hidden language needs

Find out more about how to identify Developmental Language Disorder in children and young people and the support that is available in Warwickshire:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6414/warwickshire-county-council-earns-national-recognition-for-championing-children-with-hidden-language-needs>

Loneliness Awareness Week 2025

How are you?



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This question is regularly asked in conversation, but for many people who experience loneliness, a check-in with a friendly hello may be the only interaction they receive for days or even months.

Find out more about loneliness support:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6415/connection-matters-this-loneliness-awareness-week>

Men's mental health

With a range of support available across the county, Men's Health Week (9-15 June) was a chance for men to talk about their health and wellbeing and to discover the support services available across the county.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6417/let-s-start-the-conversation-and-talk-about-men-s-mental-health>

Graduated approach to SEND

Schools play a key role in supporting families with children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities through the Graduated Approach: Assess, Plan, Do, Review.

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6418/children-with-send-benefit-from-a-graduated-approach->

Energy bill support available this summer (X and Facebook)

Short-term financial assistance to help those who are finding it hard to manage the cost of their energy bills was available until 27 June 2025.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6419/energy-bill-support-available-this-summer>

WMAS – What 3 Words

Planning to explore our beautiful countryside this summer? 🌳

Knowing exactly where you are can save valuable time & even lives! Stay prepared this summer & download What 3 Words so emergency services can find you are in an emergency 🚒

Download: <https://what3words.com/products/what3words-app>

Cancer bus tour

The Cancer Bus is heading to Warwickshire this June and September, stopping at several key locations across the area.

Find out where: <https://www.happyhealthylives.uk/latest-news/nhs-cancer-bus-tour-to-bring-life-saving-screening-information-to-communities-across-coventry-and-warwickshire/>

Summer outdoor fire safety

To help enjoy the warm weather and reduce the risk of outdoor fires this summer, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service has shared some key tips.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6431/stay-fire-safe-outdoors-this-summer>

Best Bar None Awards ceremony

Bars and pubs in Leamington Spa and Warwick have received accreditation and won awards in recognition of their track record on safety, training, management, and customer service.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6430/cheers-top-warwick-district-pubs-and-venues-celebrated-at-best-bar-none-awards-ceremony>

National Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month

A series of free community roadshow events were held in Warwickshire in June to mark national Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller History Month.



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Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6429/warwickshire-marks-national-gypsy-roma-and-traveller-history-month-with-community-events>

Drowning Prevention Week 2025

New data from Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service has revealed that July sees the highest number of water-related incidents in Warwickshire.

Find out more about staying safe around open water:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6426/drowning-prevention-week-2025-equipping-young-people-and-enhancing-water-safety>

Brighter nights at Victoria Park

Young skaters celebrate new lighting at Victoria Park skate park, Leamington Spa, installed after their determined approach to demonstrate the need to improve safety in the area.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6424/brighter-nights-at-victoria-park-following-request-from-young-people>

Healthy and Happy Summer 2025

Eating well and moving more benefits family members of all ages to maintain an active lifestyle and sustain good physical and mental health and we have plenty of places to explore and ideas and information to keep people on the right track.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6432/support-for-warwickshire-families-to-stay-healthy-and-happy-this-summer>

Help shape Autism support in Coventry and Warwickshire

People with experience of autism services in Coventry and Warwickshire are being asked to share their views.

Find out more and have your say: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6434/help-shape-the-future-of-autism-support-in-coventry-and-warwickshire>

Child Friendly Trail now open at Pooley Country Park

Families visiting Pooley Country Park this summer can enjoy a brand-new Child Friendly Trail – free to take part in and designed to help little adventurers explore the park in a fun and interactive way.

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6435/new-child-friendly-trail-now-open-at-pooley-country-park>

Have your say on local transport services

Warwickshire County Council is calling on residents to have their say in the 2025 National Highways and Transport Public Satisfaction Survey, which began rolling out from 6 June 2025.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6436/warwickshire-resident-invited-to-have-their-say-on-local-transport-services>

Innovative drainage system introduced in Warwick

An innovative sustainable drainage system is being implemented as part of the A452 Myton/Queensway roundabouts improvement scheme.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6437/innovative-sustainable-drainage-system-introduced-in-warwick-to-help-prevent-future-flooding>

Solicitor recognised for significant contribution

Peter Endall, a Senior Solicitor at WCC has been recognised in the prestigious Lawyers in Local Government Awards 2025 for his dedication and expertise over 34 years in his role within the law sector.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6438/warwickshire-county-council-solicitor-recognised-for-significant-contribution-to-local-government>



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World Wellbeing Week 2025

World Wellbeing Week is a chance to celebrate the importance of looking after mental and physical wellbeing and to explore simple, everyday actions that can make a real difference to how people feel.

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6451/putting-the-focus-on-young-people-s-wellbeing-during-international-week>

Does your child need to change school in September?

Families in Warwickshire who want their child to start at a new school this September are being reminded that they can submit their application from 25 June.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6452/apply-now-if-your-child-needs-to-change-school-in-september>

Practical scooter training for children

Warwickshire County Council's Road Safety Education Team is proud to launch a new initiative offering free practical scooter training to children across the county — promoting both safe travel and active lifestyles.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6459/warwickshire-county-council-launches-free-scooter-training-to-promote-safe-and-active-travel-for-children>

Local Communities & Enterprise Fund: A Good Catch

Local entrepreneur, Mandi, is celebrating the third anniversary and recent expansion of her business thanks to financial support from the Local Communities & Enterprise Fund (LCE)

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6455/popular-healthy-eatery-expanded-following-cwrt-backing>

WFRS Colour Run 2025

Join Warwickshire Fire and Rescue's colour run! 🏃‍♂️ ➡️

Walk, jog, skip, or run across 1 mile with your friends and family! 🏃‍♀️

To sign up, visit <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/colour-run--copy>

📍 Rugby Free Secondary School

📅 Saturday 19 July, 11am

💰 Entry fee - £5 adults/£3.50 children

WFRS Footballing Fun 2025

A day of footballing fun for all the family with All proceeds going to the Fire Fighters Charity! ⚽

There will also be ice cream, refreshment stalls and a bouncy castle for the kids!

📍 Home Guard Club, Main Street, Tiddington, CV37 7AY

📅 Saturday 12 July

🕒 10:00-14:00

Warwickshire's Living Well webpages

People in Warwickshire are helped to look after their health and wellbeing and support others with advice and information available through the county's Living Well resource.

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6454/warwickshire-s-living-well-webpages-help-residents-stay-well-and-independent>

Self-poisoning

Did you know that poisoning accounts for a high proportion of hospital admissions in Warwickshire.

Find out how to keep your child safe from self-poisoning by visiting the Child Accident Prevention

Trust website: <https://capt.org.uk/poisoning-prevention/>

Warwickshire pupils shine in National Gallery Exhibition



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The work of young artists from Southam Primary School has been selected to feature in the National Gallery's prestigious Take One Picture exhibition.

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6460/warwickshire-pupils-shine-in-national-gallery-exhibition>

Community Power Transforms Alcester Community Shed

A once derelict squash court in Alcester has been transformed into a thriving community hub thanks to the vision and dedication of Alcester Town Council and a vital community grant from Warwickshire County Council.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6461/community-power-transforms-alcester-community-shed-supporting-men-s-mental-health-and-community-wellbeing>

Armed Forces Day flag raised at Shire Hall

Armed Forces celebrations in Warwickshire were held on 23 June at Shire Hall, Warwick, ahead of Armed Forces Day on Saturday 28 June.

read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6462/veterans-raise-armed-forces-day-flag-at-shire-hall>

Centres support local families

Warwickshire families are being helped through support from local centres with a focus on children and young people.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6467/centres-support-local-families>

Pay and Display machine scams

🚗 Fake QR codes spotted on Pay & Display machines in Warwick! 🚗

⚠️ Do NOT scan any QR/barcodes on machines — they're not from Warwickshire County Council.

💰 Use cash or the official RingGo app to pay for parking.

Stay alert & spread the word! #Warwick #ParkingScam

Nuisance bikes

🚲 Thanks to intelligence submitted by residents via Warwickshire County Council's 'Dob 'Em In' scheme, Warwickshire Police's Operation Undertook to seize bikes and make our streets safer is already seeing results.

Report nuisance bikes at <http://warwickshire.gov.uk/dobemin> or phone 101.

Councillors' Grant Fund: New Directions Rugby

New Directions Rugby has taken a significant step forward in promoting accessibility and inclusion, thanks to a grant from Warwickshire County Council.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6440/new-directions-rugby-enhances-accessibility-with-support-from-councillors-grant-fund>



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Warwick District Council: CLLR AIZLEWOOD, CLLR ARMSTRONG July 2025

South Warwickshire Local Plan

The Advisory Group continues to meet regularly and received a briefing on the Playing Pitch Strategy, with recommendations for the new facilities required across the plan period, as well as the upgrading of existing playfields.

An update was also received on the new housing requirements, slightly higher than previously advised. The growth strategy was discussed with the process now moving to Stage 2, testing, which will be completed by: consultation analysis, liaison with infrastructure providers, and liaison with promoters.

Masterplans are to be commissioned for South Warwickshire's main towns and this is likely to add a small delay to the start of the next consultation, probably April 2026. The timetable for final submission remaining unchanged from that previously published i.e. December 2026.

Free trees for Farmers

Trees play a vital role in our environment e.g. improving air quality, providing shade and cooling during hot weather, reducing surface water runoff and preventing soil erosion.

In addition to planting trees on council-owned land, WDC is working in partnership with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to support tree planting on suitable sites through the Free Trees for Farmers scheme and Community Tree and Hedge Planting scheme. Further information is available here: <https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/treeplanting>

Applications due by 13th July.

What's On This Summer – Local Highlights

You're warmly invited to the launch of A Different View: Women Artists at Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum on Thursday 10 July, 6pm–8pm. This exciting new exhibition celebrates the work and perspectives of women artists and offers a fresh take on the gallery's collection.

The Lillington Community Fun Day takes place at The Holt Recreation Ground and adjoining Free Church on Saturday 13 July, from 1:30pm–5:00pm. Now in its ninth year, this free, family-friendly event is packed with entertainment – including live music, children's rides, climbing wall, bouncy castles, cycling groups, and stalls from local organisations.

The Warwick Folk Festival returns for its 45th year from 25–28 July, in the picturesque Warwick Park next to Warwick Castle. With a world-class line-up of folk artists, it promises four days of music, culture, and community spirit in a stunning setting.

The Kenilworth Food Festival takes place on Sunday 27 July, from 11am–5pm at Abbey Fields, Kenilworth (CV8 1BP). A mouth-watering celebration of local and regional food and drink, this free event offers a tempting mix of street food, artisan produce, and family fun.

Finally, the 12th Art in the Park Festival rounds off the month at Jephson Gardens and Mill Gardens, Leamington Spa. A celebration of creativity and community, the event features over 200 artists, workshops, performances, food and drink, and much more – all in a beautiful riverside setting.

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