

Covid-19

May I thank again the hard work that parish councils and volunteers are doing to support residents during this pandemic. Please know that myself and your Patchworker Lynda are at the other end of a phone if you have any concerns. The district council continues to offer support to residents and businesses through this time, I have been contacting many businesses that haven't claimed grants they are entitled to and if you are aware of people struggling please do ask them to get in touch, there are no guarantees but there may be funds out there that they didn't realise they were entitled to. More advice is available via the link below:

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/coronavirus/>

Planning

At Thursdays meeting my amendment for automatic call in was unfortunately voted down, this means that the final decision maker for which items go to planning committee will be with an officer of the council not an elected representative. It has been made clear that this will be reviewed and I would very much encourage all to be as involved as possible in any consultations. I have sent a letter separately that includes a link to the meeting so that all can hear both sides of the debate and I hope this will help parish councillors in determining their own positions on the matter.

Virtual Planning meetings are underway and extra meetings are being filled in to help catch up as there is a backlog of applications to come to committee. As you may be aware the district and city council areas have been divided into 3 zones and have patch leaders. I hope you have been able to get in touch with your patch leader, but if you haven't and would like me to facilitate a meeting (via teams/zoom) then I am more than happy to do so.

Zero Carbon Strategy

At Thursdays full council I seconded the zero-carbon strategy, a document that received support across the political spectrum. Environmental targets are closely watched by all councillors and I hope the strategy will help the district full fill its commitment to zero carbon by 2050. Below is a link to the document if you wish to read more about it.

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/media/15010/zero-carbon-strategy-final.pdf>

Bin Collections

Our refuse collectors are working hard to collect as many of the green bins as possible, so I would like to encourage residents to keep putting out their bins although they may not always be collected. Also a reminder that bin routes are not done on parish boundaries so there may be an instance where part of a village has been collected and another part not. Below is the link to check when your guaranteed collection date is.

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/bins/find-your-household-bin-collection-day/>

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