

Witherley Parish Council

Serving the villages of Atterton, Fenny Drayton, Ratcliffe Culey and Witherley

Papers for the Council Meeting: Thursday April 14th 2022

Borough Councillor Report

Will be given at the meeting, none received to be included here in time for the meeting papers.

County Councillor Report

Work & Skills Leicestershire • Special pop-up, face-to-face sessions are now running to advise residents seeking paid work or training. Open to all, from those who want to boost their skills, to people who have never been employed, or lost their job due to the pandemic. • The work & skills team will be in Hinckley Library on Fridays between 10am – 12 noon. • For more details please visit: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/work-and-skills or call 0800 988 0308

Free childcare for your two-year-old • If you have a two-year-old child, they may be able to access up to 570 hours of funded early learning and child care. • The Free Early Education Entitlement (FEEE) is a national Government scheme that supports eligible two-year-olds to access childcare. All providers offering the FEEE are registered with Ofsted or a childminding agency and on LCC's directory of early years providers. You can choose for your child to attend a day nursery, pre-school, or childminder. • To apply, or get more information, please visit www.leicestershire.gov.uk/apply-for-2s

School places to be announced • Leicestershire parents will find out about their applications for primary school places on 19th April 2022. • If you applied online for your child's school place, you will receive an email, or alternatively, you can log onto the admissions portal where you made your application. If you applied by post LCC will send you a letter by first class post. • For more information visit: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/primary-school-places

Plant a tree for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee • The Queen's Green Canopy is a unique initiative which invites people from across the country to plant a tree and mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. You can find out more about how to get involved by visiting Queen's Green Canopy website. • Trees benefit us in many ways, including cleaning the air we breathe, slowing the impact of climate change, creating wildlife habitats, and improving our overall health. • Anyone can plant a tree for the jubilee, and it doesn't have to be expensive. • Free tree planting schemes are run by organisations such as the Woodland Trust. If you would like to plant more trees in your neighbourhood Find out how you can get involved

Queens Platinum Jubilee: • Following on again from last month, I would like to share what LCC are doing to make it as easy as possible for residents to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. • During the four-day bank holiday weekend (Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June) many residents may be considering hosting street parties. To support these LCC are waiving fees associated with road closures, cutting application times to 6 weeks (this means a deadline 15/4/22), loaning signs and cones for free and

reducing the documentation required to hold such an event. • For more information please see here: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/about-thecouncil/how-the-council-works/civic-and-ceremonial/the-lord-lieutenant/her-majesty-thequeens-platinum-jubilee>

Recycling and Waste: • Please have your say on how Leicestershire should manage its recycling and waste. • The draft strategy covers; Waste Prevention, Reuse Services & Food Waste Collections. • Survey closes 25th April 2022. • Complete the short survey here: <https://crowd.in/3a18C6>

Correspondence

- Email out to all councillors reminding them if local groups wish to order items for the Jubilee they could save 20% of their budgets by ordering the items through the council.
- Responded to FOI requests 101 and 102 on 11th March with initial response and 16th March in full.
- 18th sent outstanding NDP documents for final checking to LCC.
- 28th March email received advising of
ADVANCE NOTICE OF A TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER. A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) is to be made for the following location: Mythe Lane, Witherley (see weblink below). The purpose of the TTRO is to allow Leicestershire County Council to facilitate footway resurfacing and any other associated work to the highway. The TTRO will incorporate a temporary road closure. The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of 1 day commencing on the 3rd May 2022. A Press Release will be issued to confirm these details approximately 2 weeks prior to the works commencing.
- 29th March email received: **EA/2022/0068; XXXX vs Information Commissioner**

Dear Witherley Parish Council,

The Tribunal has before it an appeal against a decision of the Information Commissioner to 1. The complainant has requested information with regards to a Neighbourhood Development Plan. Witherley Parish Council (the council) provided some information, then following two internal review requests, the council issued a refusal notice citing section 14(1) of the Freedom of Information Act (the FOIA) – vexatious request.

2. The Commissioner’s decision is that the request fell under the EIR and accordingly found that regulation 12(4)(b) of the EIR – manifestly unreasonable - was engaged and that the public interest favours maintenance of the exception

3. The Commissioner does not require any steps, but has set out some points in the ‘other matters’ section of this decision notice for both parties to note. I understand that you were the Public Authority.

As you were directly involved in the process which resulted in Information Commissioner decision, you:

- May want to join the proceedings so that you can make representations to the Tribunal. If you do wish to be joined to the appeal, please contact me and I will ask the Tribunal’s Registrar to make appropriate directions. There is no need for a formal application to join; an email/letter stating “I/we wish to join this appeal” will suffice.
- May want to make written submissions or provide a witness statement. If you wish to do either of these please ensure you send your document to the Tribunal office by **12 April 2022**, the Tribunal office will forward it to the parties in the appeal so it can be included in the bundle of documents on which the Tribunal’s decision will be made.

I have sent the information to our solicitor for advice.

6th April email received from LRALC advising save the date 4th July for the annual parish conference at LCC.

7th April email from Unity Bank

I am pleased to confirm that your Unity Trust Bank account is now open.

Account registration details:

Organisation's name: Witherley Parish Council

Organisation Title (if applicable):

Your account number will be sent to you in a separate letter shortly. Please check the details carefully and contact us if any of your details are incorrect. If you have requested access to Internet Banking, each user will receive their login details by post in the next three working days.

Clerk Update

Atterton

- Defib delivered to Clerk's address 18th March. Will get post manufactured for the bracket and arrange installation

Fenny Drayton

- Playing field will be inspected by RoSPA in May
- Two goals ordered, will be delivered sometime in April.
- Coffee Wagon still visiting to end of March
- Trees for playing field motion withdrawn. No further action required.

Ratcliffe Culey

- Playing field will be inspected by RoSPA in May
- Defib delivered to Clerk's address 18th March. Will get post manufactured for the bracket and arrange installation
- Coffee Wagon visiting Ratcliffe on 5th April
- Lane Setting arranged for 21st April.

Witherley:

- Reported fence on Mythe Lane to LCC.
- Contacted Warwick University regarding the Roman coffin plans, no outcome yet.
- Reported parked vehicles on Kennel Lane obscuring visibility
- Reported Post Office Lane hedge obstruction

Parish:

- Councillors trained for new Code of Conduct: Dayle Flude, Ann Wright, Maureen Cook, Mark Simpson, Alan Waters, Geoff Robinson and the Clerk.

- Community Governance Review Briefing on Zoom, 7th April Clerk attended.
- Audit papers received from PKF Littlejohn LLP.
- Copy of our public liability insurance sent to LCC to carry out grass cutting contract.
- Clerk attended LCC Clerk's meeting 8th April.

Planning

- 20/01011 Wide View, Fenn Lane, Fenny Drayton has gone to national appeal.
- 22/00139 Thornfield Bungalow, Atterton to be considered. Papers emailed 6th April to all councillors.
- 22/00244 Field Cottage, Ratcliffe Culey to be considered. Papers emailed 6th April to all councillors.

Finance

£250 to be refunded to Groundwork underspent on NDP grant received in June 2021.

23rd March 22 £4266.88 received from Ratcliffe House Farm solar energy donation (not shown in last month's report)

Permission to close the savings account by transferring all funds to main current account in anticipation of closing both accounts by cheque to new Unity Bank account.

Permission to write cheques to transfer money to the new bank to ease the transition until all cheques cashed and account can be completely closed.

Date	Chq / ref	Payee	Staff Costs	Training & Travel	Ground Works	Maintenance	Prof' & Subs	Admin	Projects	NDP	VAT	TOTAL
6/4	dd	HSBC						11.00			0.00	11.00
14/4	905	M & BG Limited			500.00						100.00	600.00
14/4	906	2Commune Ltd						150.00			30.00	180.00
14/4	906	2Commune Ltd						820.00			164.00	984.00
14/4	907	Screatons Ltd						14.20			2.84	17.04
14/4	908	LRALC					398.86				0.00	398.86
14/4	909	HBBC			251.68						50.34	302.02
14/4	910	A Forsyth		3.06				29.99			0.00	
14/4	911	Groundwork UK								250.00	0.00	250.00
14/4	912	Witherley Mem'rial Play Field Trust							938.10		0.00	938.10
		Expenditure to date:	600.53	3.06	751.68	0.00	398.86	1014.19	938.10	250.00	347.18	4303.60
		Allocated Budget	7,145	830.00	11,489	4,337	3,737	1,300	21,080	4,748	347.18	55,014
		Remaining	6,544	827	10,737	4,337	3,338	286	20,142	4,498	0.00	50,710