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Local schools encourage children to cycle



Councillor Jennifer McAllister at Brookhurst

Tree Care

Councillor Dave Brunson is concerned about the condition of some of the younger street trees that suffered from the heat and drought in the summer months.

Dave said, "I am talking to the Town Council about whether the trees will naturally recover or will need to be replaced. This is a particular problem on the section of Guys Cliffe Road where there are a couple of sickly saplings. They are not close to houses where residents might have been able to water them".



Councillor Dave Brunson by one of the sick trees

County Councillor Jennifer McAllister, who is also a Governor at Brookhurst Primary School, is really pleased with the progress being made by both Brookhurst and Milverton Primary Schools to encourage safe cycling to school.

Jennifer said, "The use of the cycle 'bus', where pupils along with some parents cycle to school in groups along specific routes, is a safe and healthy way of getting to school that also cuts down on car traffic. It is good news that it is growing with extra routes being opened up".

Jennifer is also concerned about the congestion in term time in the residential roads just by both Brookhurst and Milverton Primary Schools and is currently investigating schemes that improve road safety outside schools.

SW Local Plan

Old Milverton and Blackdown Joint Parish Council did an excellent job last year in providing and publishing the planning arguments against the removal of Green Belt status for the land in Old Milverton (site SG06 in the South Warwickshire Local Plan).

Councillor Sidney Syson said, "It is not surprising that there were 504 responses about SG06, nearly all wanting to protect the Green Belt. It was an impressive response given that there are only about 50 houses in Old Milverton and Blackdown. The case against development in the Green Belt to the north of Leamington should be carefully considered by the Council".



Councillors Carolyn and Bill Gifford and Sidney Syson in the Green Belt

No. 15 Bus Route now goes to Hospital from Rugby Road



Councillors Sidney Syson, Jennifer McAllister and Bill Gifford at the Rugby Road bus stop near the shops.

This bus stop is now on the No. 15 bus route.

Milverton residents who started using the no. 15 bus that goes between Gaydon and Stratford via the Shires Retail park, the railway station, the Parade, Rugby Road, Warwick Hospital, Warwick town centre, Wellesbourne and then on to Stratford, are impressed. Most use it to go to the hospital or to shop in town or on the Shires, and some are using it to go to the theatre in Stratford.

Meanwhile, regular bus users of the No. 1 bus service will know that it's been vulnerable to last minute changes and cancellations. Stagecoach has said that the pressure on vehicles and staffing should be easing. If you still experience last minute bus cancellations please email Jennifer on jennifermcallister@warwickshire.gov.uk.

New Parking Meters

At last, the County Council is installing new parking meters. All the new meters accept payment by RingGo and most by cards as well. Although not all will accept payment by cash, the Council assures us there should be a meter that takes cash within easy walking distance. Councillor Carolyn Gifford said, "I am glad the new meters are being installed but disappointed that only some will take cash. As yet we don't know whether the defunct parking meters will be removed or left."



Cllr Carolyn Gifford tries a new meter



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Elizabeth Park



Councillors Jennifer McAllister and Bill Gifford attended the Homes England briefing (see photo above) on the new Elizabeth Park. The intention is to produce the new park in phases. The first phase will be some extra tree planting and an improved informal football pitch on the existing Edmondscote Field. The second phase will turn the athletics track into a park with an emphasis on wildlife.

Old Milverton Litter Pick

The Old Milverton and Blackdown October community litter pick and general tidy-up was a great success.



Councillor Bill Gifford, who took part (see photo), said, "I really enjoyed taking part in the litter pick.

It was heartening to see the village coming together to pick up litter, cut back overgrown hedges and generally give the village a complete tidy-up."



Your Liberal Democrat Councillors hold a Surgery from 11am to 12 noon on the first Saturday of each month outside the Rugby Road shops.