

Appendix 6

Round up of year 2022-23 provided by Cllr Gill Forman

- May 2022: SDC and WDC jointly decided to end their political talks to form a South Warwickshire District Council. Some staff and services continue to be shared between the councils for the benefit of costs savings. Joint working on the South Warwickshire Local Plan and the South Warwickshire Economic Strategy will continue. And indeed it has and the parish council has been updating residents with news on the ongoing consultations at each general meeting.
- Green food caddies were delivered from May last year for the new food waste collections from August 2022. This is part of the recent 1,2,3+ system introduced by the council.
- From the 3rd of November until the 16th of December there was a public consultation on a revised Supplementary Planning Document on Open Spaces. This document covers such areas as play areas, parks, areas for sport, community gardens and allotments. Details are on the SDC website.
- Cllr Foreman confirmed that there had been a budget meeting at SDC on 27 February – finances are tight for the coming financial year. She said that the introduction of a charge on the Greenway had made a big difference to the council. Another good bit of news was the higher interest rates which meant there had been better than expected investment returns for the council. Current reserves are approximately £10 million but these will be significantly dented in the coming year. She noted that the council is required to keep a minimum in reserve of £3 million. Cllr Foreman confirmed the council tax on a Band D property under Stratford District Council would be increased by £5 which is a 3.2% increase.
- Fly-tipping continues to be a big issue in the district. Cllr Foreman advised residents to report any incidents to SDC so that they can build up a case and prosecute offenders.