

Appendix 5

County Councillor's Report for Parish Assembly 2024

Report from our County Councillor, Justin Kerridge as follows:

The Past Year

My work in Great Alne has mainly focused on flooding, public rights of way, potential greenway to Alcester, traffic speed, streetlighting, local bus service provision and other areas. I will continue to support GAPC in their dealing with WCC around these and any other issues. I would like to recognise Great Alne Parish Council's proactive approach and effectiveness at engaging with outside bodies (such as WCC) and the community on so many issues, not least flooding.

County Councillor's Grant Fund

A reminder that the councillor grant for community projects applications will be open in May and awarded in August. It is always a good idea to plan ahead as the awards cannot be used retrospectively. There will be another round in autumn with these grants likely to be awarded in the new year (2025).

Cllr Delegated highways budget

I mentioned this last year but as a reminder, I have allocated approximately £10,000 of my delegated highways budget to Great Alne over this 4 year term (ending May 2025) and this should be committed to projects as soon as possible now. I am aware some is already allocated to speed reduction measures outside Great Alne Park on the Henley Road and I understand GAPC is working with WCC following a recent village-wide speeding survey to consider proposed traffic calming measures at speeding hot spots.

Changes to the local fire service

I have been updating councillors and residents regarding proposed changes to the local fire service and a WCC consultation on a new delivery model (Resourcing to Risk). All local community groups and organisations are invited to make submissions. There been a number of local meetings scheduled to discuss the proposed changes, including in Henley and Bidford. The consultation closes at midnight on Sunday 10 March 2024.