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The Wolfords Joint Parish Council April 2024 Newsletter

We held the Parish Council meeting on 26th March in the Wolfords Village Hall. With four Parish Council members present plus District Councillor and fourteen members of the public. It was a lively discussion with points being raised from all present.

Litter Pick

The Chair opened the meeting by thanking everyone who had participated in Litter Pick in both parishes and particularly to Cllr Lewis-Beeching who had organised equipment from SDC.



Cotswold District Local Plan Update



Councillors attended the first Consultation held at The Redesdale Hall and will be lodging a response from the Parish Council.

The Cotswold District Local Plan – Local Plan Update: Regulation 18 Consultation is now available for public comment until Sunday 7 April 2024.

<https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-update-and-supporting-information/>

Reducing the Risk - Fire Provision Consultation. Chair and Cllr Mathias attended this event and noted that the shortage of retained firepersons is a major issue particularly in rural areas.

PLANNING – If you wish to personally comment on a planning matter you can do so direct via Stratford District Council Planning Portal

Manor Farm - 24/00247/FUL for new commercial units.

An Extraordinary meeting was convened in order to meet consultation date which was well attended but it transpired that many villagers unaware due to lack of a site notice or letters from SDC to neighbours, an issue that PC will raise with SDC. After due consideration and the applicant having answered questions PC agreed to support this application but asked for conditions relating to traffic and use. It was noted that Highways had yet to lodge their comment.

Fox and Hounds – 23/01922/FUL



<https://www.savethefoxandhounds.org.uk/>

The day before the application was due to be considered by Committee with Planning Officer recommendation to grant change of use to residential the application was withdrawn on basis of being invalid.

The Parish Council have been advised to lodge a formal complaint and also to claim damages for costs incurred by the 'Save the Pub Group' The primary reason for the application being proved invalid was lack of evidence of a realistic marketing campaign for the pub as a commercial venture which will now have to be provided to meet the validation criteria

24/00385/FUL – North Four Shires Farm

The applicants attended the meeting to seek support for their revised application. While the site is in the Little Compton Parish it was agreed that it had a more direct impact on the Wolfords and Council keen to

support on basis of a planning and environmental gain compared to last occupants of the farm.

Warwickshire County Council's ROWIP is an important strategic policy document, which the council is required by law to have in place. It sets out how Warwickshire County Council can make sure the public rights of way network meets the needs of the public, now and in the future. The process of reviewing the ROWIP, and the engagement being carried out before the new ROWIP is drafted, will help the council to better understand the needs of Warwickshire County residents.



<https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/warwickshire-rowip/>

Please do come along to our **next Meeting 28th May 2024 at Great Wolford Church** at 7.30pm which will combine the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council with the Annual Meeting of Little and Great Wolford Parishes. It is hoped to have a guest speaker for the latter, details of which will be shared when confirmed. This meeting is opportunity for residents to raise any particular issues that they may have that Parish Council not already addressing.

Best wishes

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Help Needed

The Wolfords Parochial Church Council have been approached by Shipston Town Band re holding a joint fund raising concert at The Church on 17th May but need assistance to enable the event to go ahead. If you could help out in any way please contact Ann McKenna on 01608 674009 or the Clerk to the PCC – Elizabeth Gilkes – 07791 621778