

Chairs Report for April 11th 2024

Trent Valley Collaboration Group I accompanied the Chief Officer to the TVCG meeting which was held on Tuesday 12 March

Staffordshire Commissioner for Police, Fire, Rescue and Crime Commissioner Ben Adams

He spoke very candidly and reported that

- Anti-social behaviour is down but has been reclassified. He is striving to '3 strikes' and then the incidents are to be escalated. He talked council (Borough and County) funding to help with ASB and crime rates to provide provision for teenagers etc.
- Crime is up 12% overall
- 999 & 101 response time – overall there are Improvements but he is not complacent. 999 calls have increased since Covid
- Car Crime: Numbers are rising. He recommends using a Faraday box. Cars go to eastern Europe very quickly
- Police Station: please use 101 instead of front desk. Every walk-in visitor costs £150. He wants staff not buildings
- Walk & Talk PSCO – we can request a Walk & Talk with our PSCO. Would we like to arrange this?
- pfcc@staffordshire-pfcc.gov.uk
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FIRE: he has increased budget by 19% - hence a rise in Council Tax. The Fire Fighters are expanding their role and now have a Falls Prevention Team which can respond for ambulances with trained staff and equipment

Ian Cruise-Taylor SPCA. Chief Exec

He spoke about the role of the SPCA which is to provide training & development, advice and guidance, paid for by Parish Council fees & NALC,

Training –can be in form of Teams, Face 2 Face or in house

Health & Wellbeing Officer – is a new post which is being adopted throughout the country.

Highways Richard Rayson

Richard spoke about

- Drainage – unprecedented demand for issues around drainage
- Potholes – unprecedented demand. The assessment of a pothole is defined by the length of time that it will take to repair depending on location, size etc

Category 1 = 24 hrs. Category 2 = 7 days Category 3 = 90+days

Pot hole reporting has risen in January 2023 160 to Jan 2024 402

February 2023 – 111 Feb 2024 423

4-fold increase due to increased rain and cold causing more Category 1 issues on very saturated ground

Forthcoming Projects: Holdiford Rd - March 2024 which will be putting in traffic lights over the bridges ready for the works on Lichfield Road/Radford Bank

Chell road – cycle lane

Wolverhampton Road – ongoing at time of writing.

Redhill Roundabout – will be with developer money

HS2 cancel = £280 million to Highways - £43 million extra over a 7-year programme

Any issues raise with Cllr John Francis for him to prioritise

Amey have secured a 5-year contract but some areas are back in house: inspection, etc so more accountability

Shugborough Helen

Helen spoke about the changes to the entrance and car park. The car park will increase from 320 -520

Rural Crime Forum – invite only at Amerton Farm. We await the minutes.

Local Plan Review – postponed to next meeting

Next meeting: Oct 2024. Date and venue to be decided.

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June 2024 Full Council Meeting. Please note in your diaries that the Full Council meeting for June will be on the Wednesday 5th at 7.30 brought forward because of the Beacon lighting on Thursday June 6th

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Future training: As future training dates are released; they will be distributed via email. Councillors are encouraged to undertake some form of training annually.

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Standing Orders 1.11 May I gently remind Councillors that in order to have a clear discussion only one person should speak at any one time. If you have a comment, please share it with us all, not your neighbour. It makes for healthy debate and does not penalize those who are hard of hearing.