

Newbold Pacey and Ashorne Parish Council

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1. The administration made an announcement entitled “Recalibrating Warwickshire”. Last week. This was intended to set out a direction for the Council. It was heavy on crime prevention and a flag policy. Mention was made of SEND, budget pressures and highways but there were few practical indications of what in practice will happen. The next Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for Friday 4th September and I may be able to give an update about this at the meeting.
2. I am a member of the County Council’s Local Government Reorganisation sub committee. The public consultation on its proposals have now closed. The Council has yet to debate its formal response which needs to be submitted to Government by 28th November. I remain convinced that the two Unitary Authority solution for Warwickshire is preferred.
3. I am dealing with a number of individual problems in the parish including the need to repair the bridge carrying the footpath over the river, next to the cricket ground and the condition of the rights of way at Newbold Pacey.
4. I have a delegated highways budget of £80000 due to underspending in previous years. I am asking parishes to submit any suggestions about repairs/improvements that should be made. I am not short of suggestions and am needing to prioritise.
5. The Lloyds cycle race comes through Wellesbourne on 5 September and may cause some temporary local congestion

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