

Parish Council Report – November 2025

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1. Raising limit on home to school transport consultation

I am concerned that the administration may be wanting to raise the limit to 5 miles. I believe this is unreasonable particularly in rural areas where there are few pavements and limited lighting.

2. Rural Primary Schools

For the first time in many years the \county is starting to consult about closing small rural primary schools which are described as 2uneconomic2 This is at a time when there is in this area a shortage of both primary and secondary sgool places

3. Household Waste Sites

In response to the public pressure the County Council has decided to remove the need to book slots at household waste sites

4. SEND

I supported the all party decision t write to Secretary of States for Education and MHCLG re the “financial override” re SEND. The County’s debt will rise to £150 million this year.

5. Local Government Reorganisation.

The County Council has decided to apply for a single Unitary Authority and for it to be a continuation of the existing County Council. I do not support this believing that two new Unitary Authorities should be formed for the county. The County Council also wants to join the West midlands Combined Authority as a full Member. Once again I do not support that as I believe ebing the only shire county as part of that may lead to decisions to place evn more housing and development into our county.

6. I will update verbally on highway matters

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