

Ward member Report to Parish Councils in Tysoe Ward.

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Typically, August is a quiet time at SDC as Officers and Members take the time for holidays. Planning Applications continue.

1. Planning Applications

The current major application is for a Travelling Showman's site in Pillerton Priors between Priors and Hersey. I have objected to the proposal on the same grounds as for the previous application which was refused.

2. Have your say in the future of our councils

Have your say in the future of our councils! Local government reorganisation is underway in Warwickshire, and ***SDC's preferred option is a North/South Warwickshire.***

Please could you complete the survey (deadline is 14 September) and also share this with anyone who you think might benefit: [Have your say - Shaping the future of our Councils](#).

3. Welfare and Support

There has been considerable discussion over the last several years with regards to the Ellen Badger Hospital in Shipston on Stour. There have been assumptions made that have led to inaccurate expectations, misinformation, and disappointment in the community. On the 8th of August Members of the SDC Overview & Scrutiny Committee [OSC] visited the site and were hosted by the management Team. The purpose was to understand the reality of the site function now and into the future and what services would be delivered.

The current building is only phase one. This unit is now up and running as intended. The unit contains a Welfare area on the ground floor which is used for Occupational Health training and community welfare and fitness sessions. This area is intended to be used by the GP surgery. Please note that this phase was never intended to have long-stay beds. The first Floor accommodates Physiotherapy and treatment rooms, along with accommodation for District nurses etc. The top floor is a staff and administration area including kitchen facilities for staff.

Phase two of the project is now underway. This is the refurbishment of the old building. The third phase was for a separate surgery building. The site backs onto the river Stour. The flood risks have recently been revised and some of the site arrangements have had to be revised because of the increased risk. The ICB and SWFT are due to discuss this project at a future meeting of the OSC.

4. SDC Finances & Resources

At the end of August budgets for project spend in the coming 2026/27 will start to be developed. This will take time for both Officers and members in the coming months. As an opposition we will be offering proposals that will seek to improve life and increase opportunities for residents in the District, both in the rural Centres and the wider communities. I would be very happy to receive any suggestions for projects from PC's in my Ward that will enhance and protect local communities. Suggestions are always welcome, but your comments would be appreciated by the end of the August please.