Stretton on Dunsmore Councillor Report – Jill Simpson-Vince

Rugby Borough Council decided to send the local plan to the planning inspector on 27th April, with no feedback on Regulation 19 consultation, briefings or notifications to councillors.

The Reg 18 version of the local plan had a lot of housing going onto the green belt at Stretton and I am glad a lot of it was taken out for Reg 19, however the classification of much of the green belt in the area to now be grey belt is concerning as it removes the need for special circumstances for applications in the grey belt. Again, I will be watching what happens with this.

I am pleased the application for the former petrol station on London Road has been refused and will wait to see whether the applicants come back with any further applications. This one was part-retrospective, so we need to keep an eye on the site.

The issues with Severn Trent are ongoing and whilst I appreciate we have had a very wet winter and spring, the ongoing issues and patches are not good enough. As I have told the Parish Council, we are working to get a meeting with the Senior team at STW to discuss the flooding, the lack of accurate responses to planning applications and the long-term plan for the area. I will of course keep everyone updated.

Fly-tipping has been an ongoing issue and I have asked the Council why the drone that was purchased about 3 years ago is not being used to regularly try and catch the culprits in the hotspot areas. I have not yet had an answer and will keep asking the question.

Bins are another ongoing issue and Stretton seems to have more issues than some of the other villages. The introduction of the food waste collections in July and changes to the other bin collection days could be a challenge over the summer. If any one has issues with bin collections, please do let me know, as well as reporting it on the website, so I can raise it with the Chief Officer.

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