

District Council Report from me as follows:

Review of the SKDC Local Plan: The consultation on the Draft document has now closed. There will be another consultation later in the year when the Pre-submission document is complete (Regulation 19).

Emergency Planning meeting was held on Wednesday 1st May. It was coordinated by SKDC and LCC (Phil Swinton and Mark Garthwaite respectively) for representatives from nearby villages. Unfortunately the event was poorly attended with only members of Uffington and Tallington PCs being present. Very useful information was shared. Key points: If a village or group of villages would like to put together a plan a group at least three key people are required. There is a template that can be completed and the LCC Resilience Team will then help finalise the document. LCC Resilience Team have a drone which has been used for mapping relevant areas. Once a plan is drawn up, residents can sign up to an SMS service for local alerts. A box with emergency supplies is given to the village for safe keeping to be ready for times of need. If someone would like to get involved with assisting in emergencies but a local emergency plan is not drawn up they can be trained up to be a 'Ready for Anything' volunteer.

Recent local elections: As well as the re-election of the Conservative Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire, SKDC also saw elections for the newly formed Grantham Parish Council.

Flooding: Section 19 report from LCC is due by August 2024. I have no further updates.

Anglian Water Pipeline: I have raised this matter with the enforcement team at SKDC as work seems to have stalled and other PCs have asked how long this will be for and whether the land could be restored in the meantime. AW have provided the following statement to SKDC: *Work is still progressing, however as we've experienced the wettest winter on record and continue to be impacted by the exceptional circumstances that are affecting large infrastructure projects such as the continued impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, labour shortages, supply issues caused by the war in Ukraine there has been an impact on our delivery programme. As a business we remain 100% committed to delivering the entirety of the programme and all of the environmental obligations associated with it. However, because of the challenges we've faced and continue to face, we are rephasing some of the work planned in the region and are working through these options with the relevant stakeholders. The committed works will be completed but the programme is being re-jigged.* Furthermore, the SKDC officer has provided the following additional comments: *In terms of planning controls, while there is condition requiring the land to be reinstated, we do not have any control over the time period for the construction of the project.*

Recycling: Following the roll out of the twin stream recycling earlier in the year, the contamination rate of the grey bin fell from around 30% to around 17%. The new paper and card bin was found to have a contamination rate of 1%. It has always been the council's intention to reject bins that were obviously contaminated at the kerbside. However, after abuse from the public these plans were put on hold in February. The council is now reintroducing this. Initially there will be a period of advisory tagging of contaminated bins, as before. This will run from 13th May. However, from 10th June rejections will re-start. The criteria will be more relaxed than previously. Data will continue to be collected and analysed to ensure resources including education and communication are targeted effectively with the hope that contamination can be minimised as much as is possible over the summer months. Telephone 01476 406544 or email [recycling@southkesteven.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@southkesteven.gov.uk) if you have any concerns.

To view any SKDC active consultations go to:

<https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/your-council-and-democracy/have-your-say/current> There is currently a consultation running on the SKDC Economic Development Strategy (Closes 9th June 2024)

Mallard Pass: The decision by the SoS has been postponed and is now due by 13th June

SKDC facebook team are asking for all tourism venues, local community groups and businesses who are planning events in South Kesteven over the summer (June to September) to get in touch so that they can help promote events in the District

SKToday: Now digital <https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/sktoday>

Funding: 1. UKSPF: Funding still available, particularly for Green Space interventions <https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/UKSPF> 2. Mini Orchard fund is still available

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Fence at Ryefield: I am still chasing up on a permanent repair ( current temporary patching )

Trees on the Rides, particularly around the attenuation pond: These are SKDC owned and were inspected this winter with no work required. SKDC take the position that no maintenance work is required on these trees before the next routine inspection. Some residents hold a different view and I am trying to follow up their concerns.

Quarry Activity East End: I have been in touch with the LCC and SKDC planning teams regarding work being carried out along Outgang road. LCC are satisfied that there are no quarrying issues. SKDC are now carrying out further investigations.

Tennis Courts: I have been liaising with SKDC to see whether they can fund the repair to the tennis courts. I am told that there is no money in the SEA fund to support the repairs.

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