Wellesbourne and Walton Parish Council – District Councillor Report October 2022

First of all please accept my apologies for not being in attendance at the full council meeting as I shall be away on 4^{th} October.

123+ Waste Collection

The new service to over 130,000 households is settling down well with 99.5% of collections being administered on schedule. There were issues in the first few weeks of the new service which were primarily caused by high absenteeism amongst the crew during the heatwave. More housholds are using the food caddies and the recycling rates are increasing.

Residents with smart phones are reminded to download the App and register their address to receive timely reminders of which bin/s to put out for the following morning. This can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play by searching www.stratford.gov.uk/app

MRF

The new Multi-Recycling Facility is scheduled to be fully operational next summer. It will have the capacity to process 175,000 tonnes of waste although it will operate initially at around 125,000 tonnes with some of the capacity being sold to other local authorities and private companies at premium rates.

The Cost of Living Payment

The first tranche payment should have been received by now. In total, eligible households will receive £650 in two tranches – next one is in October.

CIL

The Wellesbourne projects submitted for consideration of grants are included in the list which will be determined later this year. It is of no surprise that the applications way exceeds the CIL monies available, but I have pointed out to Cabinet members that those villages which have contributed to the CIL pot through excess housing should be weighted more favourably.

Wellesbourne Allotments

Having chased the Bishop of Coventry for a response to my letter of 1st August, I have received an email from his PA (Christine Camfield) who has apologised profusely and advised that the Bishop did see the letter before going away in August for the Lambeth Conference, but passed it on to the Diocesan office for a detailed reply – which I am still awaiting and which she was going to chase.

Wellesbourne Flood Alleviation Forum

This is to advise that Moreton Morrell Parish Council has agreed to provide a grant of £1000 towards the costs of the scheduled works to prevent excess flooding impacting on Wellesbourne.

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