

ERMIN WARD

COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

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I also post items, including road closures for infrastructure repair etc., on the @ErminWard Facebook page. Please could you mention this in your Parish News and Village Website. Underlined text is linked.

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## CABINET MEETING - 4 July

- Old Station - interim update and request for funding
- Green Economic Growth Strategy Update - Six Monthly Update
- Submission of Investment Plan for UK Shared Prosperity Funding
- Local Plan Update Gloucestershire Statement of Common Ground and Planning Reforms. This item also includes an update on the government's reforms to the English planning. Having completed the review of representations, Officers are now working on updating over a dozen or so core studies over the next six months. This includes relevant studies such as an updated SHELAA, an updated Infrastructure Delivery Plan, an updated Design Code, an updated Local Plan and CIL viability study and a new Site Allocations study. These studies and updated policy in the Local Plan will be supported by a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, Habitats Regulation Assessment and a Sustainability Appraisal, which together help to identify the location of additional homes and necessary infrastructure.
- Legal Services Commissioning Review

The Planning Committee meeting was cancelled

## COUNCIL MEETING - 20 July

This was the final Council meeting for Jenny Poole, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Head of Finance and Audit for Cotswold District Council. Jenny will be much missed, her steady guidance of Council finances over the last 18 years has been invaluable.

- Motion: Debate not Hate for CDC and all Town & Parish Councils. Democracy thrives on polite, robust debate, not personal abuse. Proposed by Cllr Gina Blomefield
- Motion: Cost of Living Emergency.
- Item: Refresh of the Recovery Investment Strategy. More emphasis on Green Infrastructure and schemes should not be pursued primarily for yield, the key driver must be the delivery of Council priorities.
- Item: Appointment of Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Head of Finance. Jo Moore as interim and David Stanley as permanent Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

## APPEAL HEARING - Hillside View Hartley Lane Seven Springs

On Tuesday 19 July I attended the Planning Inspector Appeal Hearing in the Council Chamber at Cotswold District Council. The use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes for 1 no. Gypsy pitch together with the formation of additional hardstanding and utility / dayrooms ancillary to that use, formation of a dayroom for an existing Gypsy pitch. Application Ref: [18/04875/FUL](#). The decision has yet to be published.

That evening I also attended a county-wide Gypsy and Traveller Cultural Awareness training seminar.

## FLY TIPPING

Cotswold District Council has been successful in prosecuting an individual for fly tipping along a bridleway near the B4450 road that leads from Stow-on-the-Wold to Bledington. The tip contained black bin bags, soft furnishings, a sofa, cardboard packaging from children's toys, items of clothing and a green waste bin. On Wednesday, 13th July 2022, Miss Charlotte Johnson, of Stow-on-the-Wold, pleaded guilty to offences under sections 33 and 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 at Cheltenham Magistrates Court. The magistrates fined Miss Johnson £480. The defendant was also ordered to pay £500 in costs and a victim surcharge of £48, taking the total Miss Johnson has to pay to £1028.

## COTSWOLD CROWDFUND

Cotswold District Council's 'Crowdfund Cotswold' project has won the Community Involvement award at this year's Local Government Chronicle Awards. Over £400,000 has been raised for 24 different projects with the Council putting in £130,000 funding to help.

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

### Benefits and challenges presented by the rise in short-term and holiday letting

This consultation closes at 11:45pm on 21 September 2022

The government is issuing a call for evidence on the benefits and challenges presented by the rise in short-term and holiday letting seen in England over the last 10 to 15 years. This will inform the development of appropriate policy options, which the government intends to consult on later in 2022.

## Holiday Activity and Food Programme

Gloucestershire County Council, CDC and community organisation World Jungle, is delivering another Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) for eligible children across the Cotswold district this Summer. Using funding from the Department for Education, children will have access to free activities during the Summer holidays. As part of the programme, free food hampers are also being provided for children who are eligible for free school meals. I have already received very good local feedback from these opportunities.

## Art exhibition 'Call of the Wild' at Corinium Museum

Museum Gallery from 1 July until 4 September. Cotswold artist Anita Saunders brings an exhibition of current work to the Corinium Museum, Cirencester – all inspired by nature. A selection of oil paintings, original prints, fabrics and stained glass, created in her garden studio. Each artwork is deeply rooted in Anita's love of the natural world and her beloved Cotswold region.

## A417 MISSING LINK UPDATE

[Kier](#) has been awarded the £460 million contract to design and deliver the A417 'Missing Link'.

Planning Inspectorate DCO process: Pre-application - Acceptance - Pre-examination - Examination (closed 16 May)- Recommendation (awaited August 2022) - Decision (November 2022) - Post Decision - Confirmed Decision - End December 2022 (if no challenge).

The Planning Inspectorate must prepare a report on the application to the relevant Secretary of State, including a recommendation, within three months of the close of the six month Examination stage. The relevant Secretary of State then has a further three months to make the decision on whether to grant or refuse development consent. Once a decision has been issued by the relevant Secretary of State, there is a six week period in which the decision may be challenged in the High Court. This process of legal challenge is known as Judicial Review. If the project is approved, Kier will start construction in early 2023. Planning route opening 2026.

## ROAD CLOSURES

There are NUMEROUS road closures coming up in Ermin Ward. I list them on my [Facebook Page](#). Search for your #village name for further details.

## Road Safety

Last year 23 people were killed on the roads in Gloucestershire and a further 302 were seriously injured, which is why the county council has reviewed its new road safety strategy. Have your say! People in Gloucestershire are being invited to give their views on the draft policy by taking part in an eight-week consultation period, which starts 18 July 2022 and runs until 11 September 2022. You can take part in the survey [HERE](#).

Measures to improve road safety and reduce accidents will include cutting speeds in areas where there is a higher number of vulnerable people, supporting road safety campaigns such as ['20 is plenty'](#).

## Forthcoming Meetings

There is no Cabinet or Council meeting in August  
10 August - 2pm                 Planning & Licensing