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	<p>6.5.1 Trim trail – Two large posts need replacing. Some posts are available and could be used if they are long enough Cllr. Berry will use these, otherwise will order new ones. Carry over.</p> <p>6.5.2 Elephant needs painting. The Chair offered to paint this. Small pots of required colours to be purchased. Carry over.</p> <p>6.5.3 Goal posts – significant corrosion. This action is now completed – a thank you card from the Parish Council has been sent to the kind volunteer.</p> <p>6.6 The Clerk was asked to email Sarah Brooke-Taylor to request more information about the Biodiversity Net Gain requirements to support the development of houses in the old quarry land adjacent to The Vicarage. A response was provided by Sarah.</p> <p>6.7 Councillors agreed that we should look at the process to register the pub as a Community Asset. Clerk to investigate. The process appears to be quite complex and time consuming and the Councillors felt that there would appear to be limited benefit at the current time.</p> <p>6.8 All Planning actions were completed</p>	<p><b>AHB</b></p> <p><b>AS</b></p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>7.1 25/01667/FUL Cromwell Lodge – conservatory / rear extension. No objections had been received for this application - Clerk reported to SDC accordingly.</p> <p>7.2 25/01961/LBC 1 - 3 Home Farm Drive – Reroofing works (This application had been Withdrawn)</p> <p>7.3 25/01510/TREE Chapel House – various tree works. No objections had been received for this application - Clerk reported to SDC accordingly.</p>	
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>District and County Councillors reports</b></p> <p>8.1 - District Council report – Cllr. Littlewood had sent his report which is shown at Appendix 1.</p> <p>8.2 – County Councillor’s report – Cllr. Mills presented his report, which had been previously supplied. This is shown at Appendix 2</p>	
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Edgehill Parking – consideration of physical parking prevention measures</b></p> <p>Posts erected – have now been removed by PC</p> <p>Problem occasionally when events on at The Castle – excessive parking on green and on road all around corner.</p> <p>Cllr. Mills agreed to investigate possibility of installing official wooden bollards.</p>	<p><b>CM</b></p>

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<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Bonfire Night.</b></p> <p>10.1 Permission for use of the recreation ground for fireworks was requested. This was proposed by Cllr. Graham, seconded by Cllr. Berry and agreed by all.</p> <p>10.2 Consideration of RUPC contributions</p> <p>All agreed – Cllr. Payne proposed the PC agree to cover cost of any price shortfall up to a max of £250. This was seconded by the Chair and agreed by all.</p>	
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>Parish Plan</b></p> <p>11.1 Communications Sub-Committee. New pole installed leaving existing one intact</p> <p>11.2 Environmental sub-committee No items</p>	
<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>12.1 385 emails, 1 printed communication and one hand-written letter received since the last meeting .</p>	
<p><b>13.</b></p>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>13.1 Invoices for Payment – 6 transactions had been approved Councillors and paid by the Clerk since the last meeting – See Appendix 3 for details.</p> <p>13.2 2025/26 Accounts – these were discussed – See Appendix 3.</p> <p>13.3 Bank statements for both the Current account and the Savings account covering the period since the last meeting were presented for inspection. These tally with the Parish Council accounts.</p>	

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<b>14. Parish Maintenance</b>	<p>14.1 High Street Pavement – Dave (North side) – tarmac broken up – Cllr. Mills to ask Highways</p> <p>14.2 Orbit steps – VERY bad steps repair – resident fell as repair crumbled under feet. Cllr. Mills to report to Orbit. Potentially very dangerous.</p> <p>14.3 A Graham – damaged kerb Grange Lane – farm vehicle damaged – report to Highways – AG to send to Chris Mills</p> <p>14.4 Safety inspection – trim trail – rotten posts and “D” shackles badly worn. Wooden posts available (R Flintoff’s garden). AB agreed to complete. Shackles – Cost unlikely to be higher than £200 – all agreed to purchase.</p> <p>14.4 Trim trail – trees growing in it. Have been criticised for tree interference before. Leave until Spring and consider removal.</p> <p>14.5 Soil built up around some posts.</p> <p>14.6 Triangular beams – severely rotten post – needs replacing. Cllr. Berry to look at if time available</p> <p>14.7 BBQ – internal walls are free-standing – get dislodged – needs work. Cllr. Berry to look at if time available</p> <p>14.8 Bus shelter – starting to look scruffy – monitor</p> <p>14.9 Rubberised flooring – edges being encroached on</p> <p>14.10 Toddlers swings – hollow under half of rubber floor – can be fixed with soil (left on site from previous swings job)</p> <p>14.11 Goal posts – job not quite finished – not painted below ground level – holes left. AB emailed volunteer.</p> <p>14.12 Elephant – metal paint needed – Ann to purchase and paint</p> <p>14.13 Grange Close green – 2 trees to replace – suggestions – all to consider.</p> <p>14.14 Old Road Hedge – encroaching on salt bin and street light – all to consider.</p>	<p><b>CM</b></p> <p><b>CM</b></p> <p><b>AG/CM</b></p> <p><b>AB</b></p> <p><b>AB</b></p> <p><b>AS</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p>
<b>15. Urgent Business</b>	No items	
<b>16. Next meeting.</b>	<p>The next meeting will be held in Ratley Village Hall on October 30<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Dates of following meetings:- December 11<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Meeting closed at 21:25</p>	

**Signed** (Chair) \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Appendix I – District Councillor Report

### Ward member Report to Parish Councils in Tysoe Ward.

11-08-2025

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

#### 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.

#### 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### SDC Finances & Resources

At the end of August budgets for project spend in the coming 2026/27 will be formed. This will take a good deal of 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.

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## **Appendix 2 – County Councillor Report**

### **County Councillor Report Ratley Parish Council Meeting**

**5th September 2025**

#### **I need support now**

If you are struggling with money and need help now, we can help with:

food, energy and water bills. Money advice, aspects of family life accessing emergency food and mental health support. Find help here:

<https://www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/home/i-need-urgent-help>

#### **FIS**

Warwickshire's Family Information Service (FIS) provides information, advice and one-to-one support on issues including family relationships, finance, housing, parenting support and more. Learn more at

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/directory-record/40/family-information-service>

#### **Dementia and Alzheimer**

Warwickshire's Living Well with Dementia offers all the support and resources you need in one place. You can find information about dementia, a map of services at district and borough level with details of all the services in the area:

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/dementia](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/dementia)

#### **New service offers personalised support for families**

A new service for families in distress or at risk of crisis due to children and young people's mental health issues has been commissioned by Warwickshire County Council. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6513/new-service-to-offer-personalised-support-for-warwickshire-families>

#### **One way system traffic lights at The ASPS**

A one-way system is started on 26 August to support the works on the highways around The ASPS housing development in Warwick. Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6702/one-way-system-traffic-lights-to-be-introduced-in-late-august-at-the-asps>

#### **We are testing the UK's Emergency Alerts system on Sunday 7 September at 3pm.**

Emergency Alerts is a UK government system that provides warning and advice in a life-threatening emergency.

The government will be running a national test of the Emergency Alerts system on Sunday 7 September 2025.

The government does not need to know your phone number or location to send you an alert.

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## **Reasons you might get an alert**

You may get alerts about any type of life-threatening emergency, such as:

Wildfires, severe flooding, extreme storms,

## **What happens when you get an emergency alert**

Your mobile phone or tablet may: make a loud siren-like sound, even if it's set on silent. Vibrate, read out the alert. The sound and vibration will last for about 10 seconds.

An alert will include a phone number or a link to the GOV.UK website for more information.

You'll get alerts based on your current location - not where you live or work. You do not need to turn on location services to receive alerts. If you cannot receive emergency alerts. If you do not have a [compatible device](#), you'll still be informed about an emergency. The emergency services have other ways to warn you when there is a threat to life.

## **If you're deaf, hard of hearing, blind or partially sighted**

If you have a vision or hearing impairment, audio and vibration attention signals will let you know you have an emergency alert if accessibility notifications have been enabled on your mobile phone or tablet. For more information, go to: [Gov.uk/alerts](https://www.gov.uk/alerts)

## **MOD Kineton**

The MOD will be resuming patrols of the area due to the recent incidents at Brize Norton and Westminster by Pro-Palestine activists

Chris Mills  
County Councillor  
Ratley & Upton

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## Appendix 3 - Current Account status up to 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Payments					
Date	Who	Ref	VAT	NET	Total
02/04/2025	Thomas Fox - Cut 1	1531855582	£83.15	£415.75	£498.90
04/04/2025	Walc Subscription	1536707421	£25.00	£157.00	£182.00
22/04/2025	Bank Service Charge	452194490		£4.25	£4.25
23/04/2025	A Berry (Grass Seed)	1547005401		£11.99	£11.99
23/04/2025	J Obbard (Massey Harpers) Stock Board	1551966232	£62.06	£310.32	£372.38
25/04/2025	Thomas Fox - Grass cutting Cuts 2 & 3	1548308507	£166.30	£831.50	£997.80
26/04/2025	Screwfix (A Berry) - washers for climbing frame	1548808941	£2.97	£14.82	£17.79
26/04/2025	Metals4U (A Berry) - tubing for climbing frame	1548308507	£9.25	£46.26	£55.51
17/05/2025	Clear Insurance	1560991899		£492.24	£492.24
19/05/2025	Monika Morgan	1561944446		£75.00	£75.00
19/05/2025	Bank Service Charge	454640713		£4.25	£4.25
23/05/2025	Thomas Fox - Grass cutting Cuts 4 & 5	1569335567	£166.30	£831.50	£997.80
23/05/2025	John Hopkins - bus shelter	1564228576		£100.00	£100.00
23/05/2025	Ratley Village Hall - donation	1555344373		£750.00	£750.00
23/05/2025	Ratley PCC - maintenance support	1560481625		£750.00	£750.00
04/06/2025	No Butts Bins - picnic bench	1562706577	£149.00	£745.00	£894.00
14/06/2025	J Obbard - Clerk fees Q1	1580499308		£517.14	£517.14
14/06/2025	HMRC - PAYE Q1	1576832068		£344.76	£344.76
17/06/2025	Bank Service Charge	454640713		£4.25	£4.25
24/06/2025	A Berry - Wickes Paint and sundried for goal posts	1582638735	£6.90	£34.50	£41.40
24/06/2025	A Berry - Wickes Paint for goal posts	1582390596	£2.70	£13.50	£16.20
24/06/2025	A Berry - Wickes White Spirit for goal posts	1582639359	£0.98	£4.87	£5.85
26/06/2025	Thomas Fox - Grass cutting Cuts 6 & 7	1587180100	£166.30	£831.50	£997.80
18/07/2025	Bank Service Charge	454640713		£4.25	£4.25
23/07/2025	Thomas Fox - Grass cutting Cuts 8 & 9	1599067901	£166.30	£831.50	£997.80
06/08/2025	Claranet Web Hosting	1607475370	£12.46	£62.32	£74.78
15/08/2025	Moore - External Audit	1608359160	£42.00	£210.00	£252.00
18/08/2025	Bank Service Charge	461828629		£4.25	£4.25
05/09/2025	Thomas Fox - Grass cutting Cuts 10, 11, 12	1624481999	£249.45	£1,247.25	£1,496.70
	<b>Year 2025/26 Total</b>		<b>£1,311.12</b>	<b>£9,649.97</b>	<b>£10,961.09</b>