



Councillor Report – Cllr Loxton

1. Councillor Fundamentals Training

Firstly can I thank Kate for making the necessary arrangements for me to attend this training course, and for the council for allowing me to attend. The course was via zoom on the 17th March.

The course was superbly delivered by Kim. While it was a lot to take in, covering the fundamentals of being a councillor with topics such as different roles within a council, elections, meetings, and auditing it gave a really good overall description of what we can do as a council, and what we are responsible for.

After the training I had several questions about our individual council and again I'd like to thank Kate for taking the time to answer them all.

2. Hints Quarry Liaison Meeting

I attended the first meeting of this group on the 6th April.

Hopefully you got my email around a tour of the quarry on the 7th April and if anyone is interested in that and hasn't got back to me yet please let me know tonight so I can arrange the tour for us.

At the moment permission for extraction is till October 2025, and then for restoration till October 2027. There is an after care agreement for 5 or 10 years and all details are in the S106 agreement. The quarry do restore as they go so restoration may not take as long as planned. That said the extraction time may need to be extended due to Covid delays. No plans to use as landfill.

Tarmac own part of Hopwas Woods. It is not in the mineral local plan and not looking to bring it forward.

The quarry is operated as one site although owned by Tarmac and Cemex.

No complaints/objections regarding conditions, completely compliant.

Next meeting is the 19th October and if anyone has anything they wish to raise please let me know before then.

3. Hopwas Playing Field - Goalposts

The removal of the goalposts was raised in a group I'm in on Facebook. The loss of the goalposts has been mentioned as very disappointing by a number of residents and I think it's important we engage with residents fairly swiftly about what they would like to see going forward. I have been speaking to Kate about this matter, and again want to thank her for all her time and answering all my questions.