

Bourton Vale Ward

District Councillor's Report August 2023

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CABINET

There was no full Cabinet meeting in August.

There was a Cabinet Member for Planning and Regulatory Services Decision Meeting on Wednesday, 16th August, 2023, 2.00 pm
and
a meeting of Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance Decision Meeting on Friday, 18th August, 2023, 1.00 pm

COUNCIL

There was no Council meeting in August.

Town and Parish Council forum - Cirencester 11 September and Moreton-in-Marsh: Thursday, 28 September – online and in person

A reminder that there is a Town and Parish Council Forum meeting on Monday 11 September 18:00 - 19:30.

Topics to be covered include the administration's priorities for Cotswold District Council following local elections and taking a look at the planning system and how town and parish councils can engage with it. Key officers from the planning team will be joining

To confirm your attendance either in person or online, please register by contacting Jane Gibney at Jane.gibney@cotswold.gov.uk. Please RSVP by September 8th to facilitate the necessary arrangements.

PLANNING

CDC has issued a Press Release about planning. This can be found at <https://news.cotswold.gov.uk/news/council-elevates-planning-services-to-deliver-a-first-class-experience-for-residents>

Unfortunately, however, I understand that there have been six resignations from planning officers in the last few weeks and in addition there are still two outstanding vacancies from April so I fear the planning department will struggle until replacements are found.

COTSWOLD CROWDFUND - SPACEHIVE

The deadline to pitch to the Cotswold Community Fund for up to £10k towards your crowdfunding project is Wednesday 13th September!

<https://www.spacehive.com/movement/cc>

A new Economic Strategy for Gloucestershire

A new Economic Strategy is being developed for Gloucestershire by the County Council and GFirst Local Enterprise Partnership. This strategy will support our county's short-term economic priorities for the next five years and provide a long-term view to 2050. The final strategy document will include an overview of the Gloucestershire economy, plus a set of actions to deliver a strong and inclusive economy for our communities and businesses. This strategy builds on previous economic strategies for Gloucestershire including the Strategic Economic Plan and the Local Industrial Strategy.

Cotswolds Tourism Christmas Content Callout

Whilst this seem horribly early Cotswold Tourism are already thinking about content for their Cotswolds Christmas campaign on the cotswolds.com website and social media.

The campaign will include everything from Christmas events to Christmas lights, food and drink, gift ideas and winter wonders. Please email your content, including images, to cotswoldstourism@cotswold.gov.uk by Friday 25 August, so they are ready to make the Christmas website section live for the start of September. Sorry this I've missed the closing date but I'm assured your information will be included.

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Caring for The Cotswolds grant scheme.

The Caring for the Cotswolds grant scheme runs until 29th September. The scheme is open to charities, town & parish councils and other non-profits in the Cotswolds AONB. Projects are sought in the four key themes of: conservation of habitats and species, heritage and landscape, improving access, and education.

For details go to

https://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/about-us/latest-news/?fbclid=IwAR0KvkJEb9j7_3Ql5bCpJEjuaMcGW9QF2Hf8WIFn3t2YLDNlxiYiYjHg828

COTSWOLD VOLUNTARY WARDENS

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/cotswoldwardens>

Cotswold National Landscape (AONB) are fortunate to have a collective of over 400 volunteer wardens. The Cotswold Voluntary Wardens were established in 1968 and have continued to grow year on year. Anyone can join all you need is enthusiasm for the Cotswolds, and a willingness to offer your time and skills to help keep the Cotswolds special.

<https://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/about-us/meet-our-wardens/>

Forthcoming Committee Meetings

12 Sept 5pm Cabinet

13 Sept 2pm Planning & Licensing

20 Sept 6pm Council

26 Sept 5pm Overview & Scrutiny

27 Sept 2pm Licensing Sub-Committee (Taxis, Private Hire, and Street Trading Consent Matters)