

Report from Councillor Alan Chantler for Crick Parish Council

Since being elected on May 6th I have assumed a number of duties in West Northants Council. I was appointed to the Licensing Committee and to the Daventry Area Planning Committee as Vice Chair. I have also been asked to chair the Disability Forum, which has been a special interest of mine since I have been in a wheelchair.

Within the former Daventry District Council I held the portfolio for Strategic Planning with responsibility for oversight of all development in the area. As a result I was a major contributor to the West Northants Joint Core Strategy (the Part 1 Plan) and am continuing to work on the revised Strategic Plan for the new Authority. I was also responsible for the development of the Settlements and Countryside Part 2 Plan for the Daventry Area.

When we knew that the former Councils were to be abolished we spent three years planning a comprehensive transition and transformation programme, seizing the opportunity to reorganize many of the services of the Council to make them more efficient and cost effective. However, the pandemic has meant that we have had to curtail many of these plans. Instead we have achieved a 'safe and legal' Council. Inevitably there were many differences in the manner of the provision of services amongst the former Councils and so there may be some apparent difficulties as we slowly undertake the transformation. We already know that the single point of contact telephone service is less than helpful and work is ongoing to improve this.

Your three Ward Councillors are currently heavily involved in several projects within the Ward, including the serious flooding in Yelvertoft and the A5 layby at Kilsby. Please keep us informed of any particular matters to which you would like us to attend. We are here to serve you and to provide a communication channel to the Authority.

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