

## District Report from Cllr. Keith Flunder April 2026

For the Endon Parish Council meeting April 14th 2026

Please accept my apologies this meeting. I will not be able to attend the Endon Parish Council meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>, as I will be attending the LGR locality meeting in Waterhouses on the same evening. If there are any concerns or questions that parish councillors wish to ask me then please take notes and or they can phone me.

### 1. LGR Update and summary: -

- a) The Government LGR consultation period came to an end on March 26<sup>th</sup>. We, the residents and local politicians, now have to wait for the Government to dictate which of the option(s) will be going ahead. This is likely to be around the end of June / July?? Or it might even be sooner. This will be only part of the announcement for the remaining 12-13 County areas.
- b) Please note there are some cases when the Government may ask for further consultation on the options.
- c) Myself, and the other Champions and SMDC officers etc. are looking at organising locality group meetings during March/April. A meeting for the Biddulph / Brown Edge + locality group did go ahead on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Brown edge Village Hall. A full report from all the planned locality group meetings will be presented in May, with further plans, once the government has chosen the new Unitary Council(s) structure.
- d) These meetings include an agreed up-dated presentation. As well as summarising the LGR process for the coming years. There is a contract with Mutual Ventures to produce locality plans. While Town and Parish plans will also be supported with spread sheets to help Parish and Town councils to log their assets. These will include pubic areas and street furniture etc. It is hoped that this process will help them look at their own assets and support their own local strategic plans.
- e) Future meetings and possible visits to parishes are also available. Although it might be best to get a report on the agenda from the planned locality meetings.
- f) The community transfer policy for SMDC was recently passed at a cabinet meeting. I'm hopeful that there will be some assistance from SMDC as to the best way to transfer any community assets in the remaining time period.

### 2. The Parish Assembly and the SPCA will support Parish and Town councils over the coming years to produce their own plans. This was agreed at the recent SPCA executive meetings in Stafford. There is an extra SPCA executive meeting in April.

3. Brown Bin charges will start from May 1<sup>st</sup> 2026, for residents in the SMDC district. There has also been a small delay in the food bin service / process being delivered over the coming months. More information will be available soon.
4. Other local projects such as play grounds / cycle/skate parks and parking areas to support local activities and community projects are being looked into.
5. Many training opportunities are planned over the next 4 to 5 months, for both district and parish/town councillors. I will send any details to the clerk as details are confirmed.
6. Planning committee meeting was held on March 26th and the next planning meeting will be on April 23rd. Please note there was a training session regarding appeals training, mostly for larger projects. A recording was taken and can be still be viewed on-line.
7. Other case work being looked into include planning issues and enforcement, access to a farm track, a possible boxing club for young people, the building rubble at Spinney Close, the closing of a community hub and its services and parking on local pavements.
8. The CIF fund, which is now fully spent and closed for 2025/26, will be reopened for 2026/27 in a few months' time.
9. There is a footpath plan being looked at by the Counties footpath team and committee. I believe that these plans do not effect footpaths in Endon. This is still on-going.....
10. There are several meetings including, a local plan steering group meeting and the final street furniture working group meetings will be extended. We are still working on a meaningful output for parish clerks and parish councillors.
11. There are a couple of surgeries planned in April and May, dates to be promoted.
12. Questions ? Please call me on 07836 526834 or send me an email at [keith.flunder@staffsmoorlands.gov.uk](mailto:keith.flunder@staffsmoorlands.gov.uk)