

**Lighthorne Parish Council 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018**  
**County Councillor's Report**

**Finance** – Warwickshire County Council was one of the first Shire Counties to set their Budget for next year and thus the Council Tax. Since then our neighbouring Shire and unitary authorities have set comparable rises. Use of reserves for revenue is a short-term measure as reserves do not last for ever. We will be investing £100,000 to expand the capacity of our Transport Planning Team to maximise the funding received from developers to deliver the infrastructure requirements associated with housing and business growth across the county. Such is the growth we are experiencing in Warwickshire we need to strengthen our capacity to meet that demand and deliver projects on time.

**Highways** - This last month has seen some unprecedented bad weather and once again credit must go to the Gritting Team for their round the clock operations. Communities have rallied to the emergency and in particular 4X4 drivers and farmers have responded to calls for help. One of the consequences will be the deterioration in some of the roads and an increase in potholes. Please continue to report the bad ones but expect a delay in their repair as the teams prioritise work across the whole of Warwickshire.

**Blue Light Services** - It was announced at the end of last month that a memorandum of understanding has been agreed between the West Midlands Fire Service and Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service. In the short term this will have little effect on our fire service, indeed it will improve cross border cooperation, and could streamline response time. The Warwickshire service is due a government inspection later this year.

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**12.03.18.**