Parish Council Unitary Councillor's Report – April 2026

Local Plan setback

Wiltshire's Local Plan is at a critical turning point after government-appointed Planning Inspectors concluded that the draft plan is unlikely to be 'found sound', citing insufficient housing allocations. The Inspectors have given Wiltshire Council two options: withdraw the plan from examination and restart under the new national plan-making system or proceed to a final report that would recommend non-adoption, not much of a choice.

This situation creates a potential policy vacuum as the current Core Strategy period ends, heightening the risk of speculative development amid a housing land supply shortfall.

For more information, please go to

https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy-local-plan

Future Waste Service Survey

Your views would be appreciated. For more information and access to the survey, please click on this link

https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/wiltshire-council-invites-residents-to-share-views-on-future-waste-and-recycling-services

MyWilts Task Group – Key Points Summary

The group reviewed how well the MyWilts reporting app is working for residents and highways teams. They identified several issues and improvements now underway.

- Technical issues are being resolved, including photo visibility for engineers, Android map failures, and login difficulties. Improved instructions, system upgrades, and clearer Citizen ID wording are being implemented.

- A major synchronisation bug between MyWilts and the highways system has caused cases to appear 'closed' incorrectly. Fixes are underway, with a new 'Follow a Case' feature launching soon to reduce duplicate reports and improve transparency.

- Email updates will become clearer, with better explanations, images, location details, and improved formatting.

- A new Councillor Portal is being developed to allow better tracking of reports, with potential future access for town and parish councils. Integration options through APIs are also being explored.

- The Task Group recommends continued monitoring, quarterly performance updates, improved dashboards, and further enhancements such as push notifications and optional What3Words support.

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