

ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – JUNE 2026

Cllr Clive Neal Sturgess

As reported to Councillors by email, Cllr Clive Neal-Sturgess sadly passed away on Tuesday 19th May 2026.

Clive had been a Town Councillor since 2011 and was Mayor in 2015-2016. He served as Chair of the Planning Committee and Vice-Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. He was very knowledgeable about climate change and in particular flooding and was the Lead Councillor for Community Resilience for many years.

He will be missed by us all and my thoughts are with his family and friends.

I have taken appropriate steps to inform Stratford District Council, former town councillors and other members of the wider community about Clive's passing.

We await funeral details from the family.

Actions/Issues arising from Full Council

- Updated website with new Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Committee members, meeting dates, Lead Councillors.
- Notified WALC of new Mayor.

ATC Operations

- Burials/interments in May 2026 – 2 cremated remains
- Income from EPCC in May 2026 - £1580 plus VAT.
- I have been in touch with the local police following their weekly report about ASB by children in school uniform in the town centre. I am advised that all the culprits have been identified and spoken to. We do not know if this is the same group who have been causing damage at Jubilee Fields but I am pleased to let you know that we have not had any repetition of damage at Jubilee Fields since my last report.
- I am very pleased to report that we have been successful with our grant application for a new kitchen at the EPCC. Well done to Kyla for an excellent application which apparently was ranked 2nd in terms of points out of 34 applications! We are hoping to complete the kitchen replacement during the school summer holidays.
- I have met with the Deputy Mayor and Cllr Andrews to progress the re-launch of the Visit Alcester website.
- The pavement opposite Ross' garage is very overgrown and impacting the ability to walk along this section. The ownership of the adjacent land is complicated (Historical Railways Estate now part of National Highways). We are therefore reporting direct to

them and also to Warwickshire Highways in the hope that it will be cleared by someone!

- For the second year running , we have Bee Orchids growing in the verge on Eclipse Road. We have therefore paused grass cutting on this area to allow them to flower and then seed.
- The staff had an “away day” at Compton Verney on 20th May. We were particularly interested to see the bio-diversity work being undertaken in the grounds.
- The Holiday Lunch Club is running as usual in half-term.
- The South Warwickshire Local Plan took a big step forward this month. As you will have seen from my email, the Publication Version has been published ready for the joint SDC/WDC Cabinet meeting on 28th May.
- Our Bee Festival at Coughton Court is on 30th May. Staff have been working hard to prepare for this event.
- Please see posters below about the upcoming climate and nature events:



External meetings attended

None to report this month.

Vanessa Lowe

Town Clerk

27th May 2026