

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The latest meeting of the Council took place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 23rd. July when as always a range of topics were considered including:

Membership:

The Chairman introduced and welcomed Mr. Phillip Kitchen, who had applied to become a Co-opted Councillor and then proposed that his membership be confirmed. This was seconded by the Vice Chairman and unanimously approved.

There is still one vacancy on the Council and attempts will be made to co-opt someone to replace Brian Lyon who has left the Parish.

The Playing Field Fence.

In the past couple of weeks a number of the old posts had to be removed after they had rotted away and it is imperative that the new fence is put into place. It is understood that the units have been ordered and the contractor hopes to start work in mid-September.

Environmental Maintenance Grant:

For several years the Council has received a grant of £1,500 from Shropshire Council which has to be match funded by the Council and the money used to carry out much needed work around the Parish, including the maintenance of a number of footpaths. Unfortunately as part of their cost cutting exercise Shropshire Council has cut this grant by 50% but the Council will ensure that the money continues to be used wisely for urgent work.

Cycle/BMX Track:

The Council has received a letter from a young member of the community seeking to have a permanent and improved cycle track installed in the Parish as the current grass track does not meet the needs of young cyclists. It was noted that a similar idea was considered when the current grass track was constructed and the reasons for not going ahead at that time were associated with a reluctance from the Diocese to agree to a permanent structure on the field and an estimated cost of over £60K. If there is a strong desire in the Parish to proceed with a project such as this, a suitable site would need to be identified then the necessary funding secured. The Parish Council would be willing to support such an activity if a group wished to take on this challenge. Anyone who is interested should contact the Parish Clerk.

Unwanted Expenditure:

Vandals have been at work again and have defaced the picnic table in the Glebe with foul graffiti which means it will have to be sanded down and repainted and the new grey rubbish bin in the burial ground has been removed and will need replacing.

A53 Re-surfacing:

The Council has been aware for some time that Shropshire Council were intent on re-surfacing the A53 from Aries Drive through to the Pinewood Road junction and the dates for the work have now been confirmed. The work will start on 3rd September and end on 13th.

September and be done in two phases - Aries Drive to the B5063 and then from the B5063 junction to Pinewood Road junction.

There will be an enforcement order for Shawbury Monday to Friday 09.30 – 16.00.but attempts to have the work carried out overnight have failed because of the increased costs of night working.

The Parish Council recognises that this essential work will cause major disruption to many residents and has requested that the necessary signs warning of the work are displayed as soon as possible,

The full minutes of the meeting can be found on the Parish Council web site – www.shawbury-pc.gov.uk and the Clerk can be contacted on shawburypcclerk@talktalk.net.