

SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL
NEWS ITEM FOR SEPTEMBER

Annual Parish Meeting:

The much delayed meeting caused by the Coronavirus regulations was held in the Village Hall on September 14th. when Councillors were joined by a few members of the public.

Opening the meeting John Kennedy, the Council Chairman, welcomed everyone and introduced the visiting speakers before giving a report on Council activity over the past two years, during which time two long serving Members – Mrs. Jill Manley and Mr. Dave Roberts – had left the Council and had eventually been replaced by Mr. Kelvin Pickering and Mr. Merv Roberts.

He pointed out that the pandemic had made a big impact on the Council but every effort had been made to continue to meet and proceed with planned projects. Council meetings were held remotely by Zoom for fourteen months but this was the first opportunity to hold an Annual Parish Meeting.

He then gave an interesting and informative outline of many of the projects that had been undertaken by the Council as well as continuing to respond to planning applications, report highway problems and deal with the many other issues which constantly arise.

Further reports were made by Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones and Police Inspector Claire Greenaway. Simon outlined the changes that were taking place within Shropshire Council since the appointment of Lezley Picton as the new Leader of the Council and in her report Claire Greenaway confirmed that the Police Commissioner was insistent that rural parishes should be seen as important as urban areas when it came to dealing with crime reports.

Finally Mr. Richard Bailey outlined the work of the United Charities Committee, explaining how the money was raised and how small grants could be made to organisations and individuals in need.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Community Service Awards by Wing Commander Sarah Vamplew from RAF Shawbury, who sponsor the award, to four very deserving people - Mrs. J. Manley, Mr. R. Bentley, Mr, D. Roberts and Miss F. Newby.

The minutes of the meeting which include full details of all the reports can be found on the this site or obtained from the Parish Clerk.

Parish Council Meeting:

The normal monthly meeting followed immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting, when the Chairman welcomed Mr. Merv Roberts who had been co-opted to fill the last remaining seat on the Council.

As well as dealing with planning applications, correspondence and invoices, the following items were considered:

Moat/Glebe Areas:

It was agreed to contract Mr. Mike Varndell to undertake the regular emptying of the bins in the Moat/Glebe area and transporting the waste to the Harlescott site; replacement of waste

bags; regular litter picking in the area and assisting Cllr. Paul Sharp with other necessary tasks that arise from time to time.

External Auditors Report:

The report for the year 2020- 2021 had been received by the Clerk and raised no concerns about the Council's finances or its administration and was adopted by Members.

Mid-Year Financial Report 2021-2022:

The Clerk tabled detailed papers which indicated that in spite of the many expensive projects that had been undertaken the Council's finances were in a healthy state and the report was unanimously adopted by Members.

Details of both these report are listed on this site or can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

The next Council meeting is on October 12th.

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