

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

As has become the norm, this month's Council meeting was accessed by Members online using Zoom and a full range of issues were considered, including the acknowledgement that this was the last meeting of the current Council before nominations had to be made for the Parish Council elections taking place on May 6th. Current Members have to stand for election alongside any other residents who feel that they would like to serve the community. With very few exceptions anyone in the Parish over eighteen years of age can stand for election, so if you have plenty of energy and enthusiasm this is your chance. If you are interested, look out for information in the press or give the Parish Clerk a call and he will advise you what you need to do. Failing that you can apply to the Elections Officer for an application form – 0345 678 9015.

During the meeting the following topics were considered:

Projects:

Disappointment was expressed that planned projects had been delayed either because of the lockdown regulations or the inclement weather but it was hoped that by the time of the April meeting the up-grade of the children's play areas, the replacement streetlights in Millbrook and Bridgeway and repairs to the footpath on the playing field from the car park to opposite the school entrance would all be completed.

Highways:

It was noted that repair work had been carried out on the A53 in the Edgebolton area but that there were still outstanding problems and concern was raised that little effort had been made to clean the road after the repair work, with debris left which could cause danger to cyclists and motor cyclists.

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones stated that repair work on the B5063 had been delayed because of Issues with Kier Contractors and following an inspection additional repairs had been included in the project. It was planned for action to be undertaken within the next few days.

The Chairman congratulated Shropshire Council on its effort to keep the road behind RAPRA clear of litter and it was noted that they were planning to clear litter from the sides of the A53 between Shrewsbury and Shawbury.

Post Office:

Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones reported that although the Post Office was closing on March 10th. it was unlikely that the Out Reach Office would be opening until the end of April because there had been a delay in connecting a telephone for the office which was essential, as well as unforeseen staffing issues. Because of a reduction in a Government grant the new office would only be open on one day each week.

RAF Shawbury:

Lt. M. Peters who regularly attends Council meetings reported that Night Flying would be resuming on March 15th. and will last for six weeks and that the Aries magazine published by the base could again be accessed on the web site. He had been asked to pass on thanks to the community for their continued support of planned activities.

Correspondence:

Since the last meeting over forty items of relevant correspondence had been received by the Clerk and forwarded to Members for consideration. These messages included complaints, praise, requests for information, up-dates on the virus and legal reports and when necessary had been responded to in appropriate ways by the Clerk acting on advice from Council Members.

Next Meeting:

The next Council meeting is planned for April 13th. and as always details will be published on local notice boards and here on the web site.