

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS:

At the August meeting, Members expressed concern at the lack of response received to several of the issues that continue to be raised, with companies blaming either lack of staff or problems related to the Covid epidemic

However there was encouraging news from Shropshire Council, where officers dealt with a number of repairs which had been outstanding for some considerable time, although some important problems remain. Before the on-set of this protracted summer with no rainfall, complaints had been received about standing water at the A53 roundabout but we have been advised that this is not a Shropshire Council problem, which seems to indicate that the new estate and its surrounds have not been adopted yet. One other major problem is the disastrous state of the road at the AS53/Wem Road junction by the traffic lights. It is understood that this is being caused by a breakdown of the drainage system and the repairs will need to be carried out by Severn Trent with a full road closure!

Issues which have stalled include the failure of the Housing Association's solicitor to respond to the Council's solicitor, which means the purchase of the allotment is still on hold and Scottish Power failing to deal with a whole range of problems over powering the street lights and working with E.ON to complete the outstanding project in Bridgeway and Millbrook Their response was to simply send an email stating that shortage of staff means that dealing with outstanding issues will be delayed.

The Council finally recruited sufficient volunteers to enable a request to be made for a Community Speed Watch project – this was helped by three residents from Moreton Mill joining the one volunteer from Shawbury and three Council Members. Training will now take place with the hope that the project will be underway by early autumn. The Council will publish further details when it starts and it was interesting to hear that in many other areas a large number of those who are reported for exceeding speed limits are from local residents. There is still a need for additional volunteers to join the team – just contact the Clerk if you are interested in being involved.

The problem of dog fouling has raised its ugly head again with reports of copious amounts of waste being left on or beside the many pathways which are used by walkers and families. It is an offence not to clear up after your dog so please abide by the code for the benefit of everyone.

Members received disturbing news when it was confirmed that Paul Sharp, a dedicated and hard working Member, was having to curtail some of his activities because of a serious sight problem. He has had to resign from representing the Council at area meetings and for the oversight of the Parish Paths Partnership. Councillor Merv Roberts has agreed to attend the meetings and Councillors John Vernon and Chris Kirkup will be looking after the Parish Paths.

Finally, finishing on a positive note Council Members would like to sincerely thank the unknown local resident who took it upon himself to clear away a bush which had fallen and blocked a path in the Glebe area before arrangements could be made by the Council. It is

such a pleasure to acknowledge this type of community spirit and hopefully someone can let the Council know who it was.