

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the December meeting Members considered the following items:

### Budget:

Next year's proposed budget was given careful consideration and unanimously approved after agreeing to make a small increase in the precept to cover expected inflation increases and planned projects. Full details of the budget can be found on the Council's web site ([www.shawbury-pc.gov.uk](http://www.shawbury-pc.gov.uk)) or obtained from the Clerk.

### Retirement of Mr. Richard Bailey:

Members were made aware that Richard has decided to stop doing most of the tasks that he has carried out for the Council for many years, although he will continue to look after the Floral Gateways and assist with footpath maintenance. Over the years Richard has been a tremendous asset to the Council and the wider Community having been involved in many Parish projects and willing to respond and deal with problems that arise.

We are aware that it will be difficult to replace him with someone who has the qualifications, knowledge and the enthusiasm but if anyone feels they can take on the task please get in touch - we would love to talk to you.

### Post Office Closure:

Conversations with local retailers have indicated that it is highly unlikely that there would be anyone interested in running a full Post Office service in the Village, however, discussions are underway to enable an Outreach Post Office Service to operate in the Village Hall on two sessions each week. This is working well in other Parishes and it is hoped that negotiations can be completed in time for it to start when the current service ends in early March.

### New Year:

Everyone involved with the Council would like to wish all residents a happy and peaceful 2021 with the sincere hope that an antidote to the virus can be used to allow us all to resume a more normal lifestyle.