

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The latest meeting of the Council took place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December and as usual a range of issues were considered. These included:

### Council Budget for 2024-2025:

By careful budgeting and with the help of volunteer work it has been possible to ensure that this financial year ends well within the planned expenditure and has enabled the Council to request the same precept from Shropshire Council for next year. This means that the Parish Council element of the Council Tax should not be increased for residents living within the Shawbury Parish boundary.

The full budget can be found on the Council's web site or can be obtained from the Parish Clerk by sending in a request accompanied by a stamped and addressed envelope.

### Allotment:

As the Council now owns the allotment, it has submitted a planning request to allow it to erect a new substantial shed on the site of the old dilapidated one. This will enable the Council to store a range of hand tools which currently have to be kept in Councillors sheds or garages.

### (b) Playing Field Fencing:

It was decided that there is a need to find a suitable more permanent solution to the fencing round the playing field and it was decided to seek quotes from at least three companies early in the New Year. It was noted that a sizable grant had been offered by a local resident if the Council opted to plant trees along the boundary. Although this was a splendid suggestion it could not be accepted as the fencing needs to be substantial to prevent unwanted vehicle access on to the field.

### Cars Parking:

Numerous complaints had been received about cars parking on pavements, causing problems for pedestrians, wheelchair users and people with pushchairs. The police have been advised of the problem and will be undertaking suitable action.

### Tree Problem:

A report had been received from a Shropshire Council Tree Officer pointing out that a problem had been raised about three trees (two oak and one sycamore) growing at the junction of the A53 and Wytheford Road. No one seems to know when and why the trees were planted but if you have any information please contact the Parish Clerk. It is being suggested that the sycamore needs to be removed to allow the oak trees to develop properly. However that can only be done following a properly submitted planning application.

### War Memorial:

A detailed report on the history of the Shawbury War Memorial has been completed by Ms. Natasha Leigh Willets and was offered to the Parish Council for a small payment to defray some of the cost of materials. Members were so impressed by the report that it has been purchased and donated to the Church, where it is hoped local residents can view it.

As always the full minutes of the meeting can be found on the Council web site - [WWW.shawbury-pc.gov.uk](http://WWW.shawbury-pc.gov.uk) and the Clerk can be contacted at [shawburypcclerk@talktalk.net](mailto:shawburypcclerk@talktalk.net)  
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