

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS:

At the meeting held on March 12th. the following are some of the items which were considered:

Council Vacancy:

As there has been no call for an election the Council has been tasked with co-opting a new member. Advertisements have been placed and it is hoped an appointment will be made at the Council meeting in May.

Community Service Awards:

Members were informed that there had only been two nominations, both of which had to be discounted as one person had already received an award and the other was a serving Councillor. This meant that no awards would be made this year at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 14th.

Grants:

Each year the Council budgets £1,000.00 to enable it to make small grants to deserving Charities or local organisation. This year Members have selected Shawbury Brownies, Guides and Scouts for the major award with smaller grants given to Hope House, The Hospice, Crane Counselling and Shawbury First Responders.

Playing Field Boundary:

After wide consultation it was decided to seek quotations for the erection of a low metal barrier fence between the current wooden posts and the path which goes round the field and then remove the posts as they become rotten. Suggestions that a hedge or trees should be planted had regretfully been discounted as the main purpose of the fence is to prevent unwanted vehicles accessing the field.

Street Lights:

Quotation are being obtained from Highline the Council's contractors to provide an additional light in Carradine Close and improvements to the lighting In Church Street and Poynton Road. These plans had already been discussed with E.On before their contract with the Council was withdrawn.

Shropshire Council:

Councillor Simon Jones reported that Shropshire Council was on track to balance the 2023/24 budget using some of the reserves it has and has set a balanced budget for 2024-25 by making £62 million of savings. This will lead to noticeable reductions in discretionary spending including the library service and increases in fees, charges, car parking, etc. There will be a charge for collecting green waste of about £52.00 per annum with an opt-out option.

RAF Shawbury:

Flt/Lt. Jones gave an interesting report on activities including details of night flying which would commence again on March 25th. and continue until May 9th. He passed on thanks to the Community for their tolerance of this essential training and stated that full details can be found on the RAF Shawbury webpage.

They are also reviewing their list of local contacts to enable more information to be given to vulnerable people or businesses about planned activities which may impact on them. Please let them or the Council know if you want further information.