

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – OCTOBER.

At the Council meeting held on October 12th. the Chairman welcomed Mrs. Claire Crackett, a Deputy Lord Lieutenant, who gave an informed and interesting talk on her role in supporting Mrs. Anna Turner the Lord Lieutenant for Shropshire with her duties. She pointed out that Mrs Turner is keen to develop links with various organisations, to learn more details of activities in the County and to ensure that the role of the Lord Lieutenant is more widely understood. This year as well as her normal duties as the County's representative of the Queen she will be concentrating on three major issues – arranging and holding a garden party for people in Shropshire who have done exceptional work during the pandemic; supporting the planting of trees as part of the Queen's Green Canopy and arranging for the creation of a bronze Covid Commemorative Sculpture which will be displayed in Shrewsbury Abbey.

Other business considered included:

Streetlights:

The Clerk reported that he had been advised that the Scottish Power sub-contractors had told E.ON that they would complete their work in Bridgeway and Millbrook on the 2nd. and 3rd. November and E.ON would then be able to complete the project.

Members also agreed to accept a quotation from E.ON for the installation of two new lights in Carradine Lane.

Picnic Table:

In each of the past two years RAF Shawbury have given the Council £300 from their charity events as a 'thank you' for the support they receive from the community. It was decided to use all of this money to help pay for the excellent new picnic table in the Glebe area.

Playing Field Fence Posts:

It was noted that approximately ten of the wooden posts surrounding the field had rotted away and it was decided to seek a quotation for replacing them, whilst at the same time looking to create a reserve fund for a major replacement project in the future.

Pavements:

Concerns were raised about the state of several pavements round the village which were heavily overgrown on both sides preventing access by prams and mobility scooters. The Clerk was asked to discuss this with the local Highways Officer to see if Kier the contractors were likely to carry out the necessary remedial work or whether the Parish Council should carry out the work as part of the Community Environment Project.

RAF Shawbury:

A report was received from Lt. Matt Peters indicating that:

Night Flying would continue for a further three weeks after which there would be a two week break followed by a further six week period leading up to Christmas. He also stated that

requests for help with Community Projects were welcome which would be considered as soon as the base was given permission to resume this type of activity.