

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The latest meeting of the Council took place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>. September when a wide range of issues were debated including:

### The Playing Field Fencing:

Members were disappointed to hear that the appointed contractor was unable to start the work on the planned date and has indicated it would now start in early October. The Chairman had advised him of the urgent need to get this work completed as more posts were continuing to rot away.

### A53 Re-surfacing.

It was noted that work was progressing and we were still being assured it would be finished by the stated date. The Chairman raised concerns over the alleged repair carried out in the road by the Co-Op shop and his concerns were shared by other Members.

*Post Meeting Note: The repair did fail and the resulting works by Severn Trent caused significant disruption on top of the already planned works. The Chairman was particularly disappointed as the Parish Council had written to Shropshire Council Leader, Lezly Picton, on 27 July, highlighting our concerns with the work that was required by Severn Trent ahead of the Resurfacing work. On 30th August we were sent a note that stated Severn Trent Water have completed their works in advance of ours, both to their mains leak and to their waste water network. On the first day of the resurfacing the Chairman spoke to the Foreman of the Works and said that the Parish Council was deeply concerned that Severn Trent had not completed to proper repair on the water leak and had not broken ground in the area. He said he had been assured the work was complete.*

The Council has been grateful for the help Councillor Tim Davies-Moss has done in liaising with the team and keeping the public aware of the progress of the work.

### Council Vacancy:

No requests had been received from members of the public interested in being co-opted onto the Council to replace Brian Lyon who had to resign as he was leaving the area. If you are interested it is not too late – just give the Parish Clerk a call and he will be happy to discuss the process with you.

### Vandalism:

It was disappointing to discuss two acts of mindless damage with the recently re-painted picnic table having graffiti drawn on it before the paint had fully dried. Then someone decided to trample down the new autumn flowers in the floral gateway on the Council car park. The police have been informed and have promised to patrol the area but any help from the Community in identifying the culprit would be appreciated.

### Mid-Year Financial Statement:

Members considered a Statement prepared by the Clerk which showed that there were no concerns over financing this years planned activities and that the Council was in a sound financial position. The Statement will be placed on the Council's web site or a copy can be obtained from the Clerk.

Report from Shropshire Councillor S. Jones:

Mr. Jones had been unable to attend the meeting but had forwarded a written report which was considered by Members. It included full details of the decisions made regarding the collection of garden waste and accessing the Household Recycling Centres.

He also provided details of the Ofsted Focused visit to the County, to survey the Councils arrangements for looked after children and young people. Overall there was a favourable report and the Council was addressing areas that needed improving.

Dog Waste:

Concern was expressed about an increase of dog waste in the Parish and owners are reminded of the need to pick up and dispose responsibly of dog faeces. It is an offence not to do this and a fine for non-compliance has been raised to £100. By the way Shropshire Council are seeking members of the public who would like to train as volunteer wardens.

Grass Mowing:

Each year it is necessary to flail cut the grass and vegetation in the Glebe and Moat areas as this allows the areas to stay healthy and the smaller plants to survive. Last year we got caught out by a very wet spell of weather, so the contractor has been asked get the work done whilst it is still relatively dry.

As always the full minutes of the meeting can be found on the Councils web site - [www.shawbury-pc.gov.uk](http://www.shawbury-pc.gov.uk) and the Clerk can be contacted on [shawburypcclerk@talktalk.net](mailto:shawburypcclerk@talktalk.net) or by 'phone on 01743 236810.