

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS January 2022

Having needed to cancel the December meeting of the Council because of unclear Covid regulations, Members were pleased to be able to hold the January meeting in the Village Hall.

Before the official business began, tributes were paid to two long standing parishioners who had been closely involved in Council and Community work but had recently passed away. Gail Matthews had served on the Council for several years and played a major role working with local young people whilst Trevor Creber, had for the past fifteen years, undertaken the unenviable task of collecting litter from the playing field and other areas and regularly emptying the waste bins. Both will be sorely missed.

The business discussed in the full meeting included:

The Budget for 2022- 2023

The budget prepared by the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman had been sent to Members for consideration prior to the meeting and after due consideration was approved. The Council's precept was frozen at last year's level which means there will be no increase in the Parish element of next year's Council Tax.

Full details of the budget can be found on the Council's web site or obtained by contacting the Parish Clerk.

Lord Lieutenant's Garden Party:

Members unanimously agreed that Jenni Jarvis should be the Parish recipient of an invite to attend the planned Garden Party being held in the summer to acknowledge activities carried out to support residents before and throughout the pandemic.

Community Speed Watch:

Are you concerned about the excessive speed of many vehicles on local roads? If so, this is your opportunity to take positive action as the Council is looking for committed volunteers to join a Community Speed Watch team. Team members are trained to carry out checks on vehicle speed and record the registration number of those exceeding the speed limit. These details are passed to the police and the owner of the vehicle is sent a warning letter. If you would like to be involved simply get in touch with the Clerk who will be happy to give you further information.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

It was decided that the Council would not undertake special events for the Queen's forthcoming Platinum Jubilee but would be prepared to offer support to official organisations in the Parish which may wish to arrange activities.

Pavement Clearance:

It was noted that Mr. John Tait had carried out excellent work in clearing several major pavements in the Parish with many residents making complimentary comments about the

quality of the work. This project is part funded by Shropshire Council, who make a grant of £1,500 to the Parish which then has to match fund another £1,500.

Correspondence:

Since the previous meeting of the Council over fifty items had been received by the Clerk on all manner of topics and these had been forwarded to Members for consideration and response.

Reports:

Reports were received from Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones and Lt. Matt Peters from RAF Shawbury details of which can be found in the minutes of the meeting which are published on the Council's web site or can be obtained from the Clerk.

Contact Details:

Full details of Council activities can be found on the Council web site www.shawbury-pc.gov.uk and the Clerk can be contacted by email at shawburypcclerk@talktalk.net or by phone on 01743236810.