

Parish Council News – November.

Council Meeting:

Covid restrictions continue to prevent the Council holding meetings in the Village Hall as was the normal practice. Members are frustrated and disappointed by this and realise that it makes it difficult for local residents to meet with them and raise issues of concern or comment on Council activity. However, you are reminded that you can speak to your local Councillors; contact the Parish Clerk who is happy to give you advice or where necessary bring it to the attention of all the Members; gain computer access to the meetings by asking the Clerk for the necessary code. Modern technology is a wonderful asset – sometimes!

The latest well attended meeting was held on November 10th. In the meeting Members considered and discussed a full range of issues including:

Street Lights:

A contract has been agreed with E.ON to upgrade the Council owned lights in parts of Bridgeway and Millbrook and it was planned to carry out the work before the early December but the current 'lock down' may delay the work

Highways Issues:

There were no reports of any action having been taken to deal with the issues raised at the last meeting and Members have become so angry about the lack of action that it was agreed that the Clerk should compile a list of all the issues that have been forwarded to Shropshire Council over the past four to five years, which had still not been actioned. When approved by the Chairman, the details would be sent to the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer at Shropshire Council. A list of seventeen items has been identified.

Play Areas:

The RoSPA Inspection Report indicated a number of safety issues at both Play Areas and quotations were agreed for the work to be carried out. The major work will be done as quickly as possible but because of the weather conditions some aspects will be deferred until the spring. Failure to carry out these repairs and up-dates would mean that the play areas would need to be closed.

An application for grant aid from Shawbury Community Sports & Recreation Project.

The application was considered in detail and note taken of the different responses received regarding the use of CIL (Neighbourhood) Funds. It was unanimously agreed that a sum of £27,000.00 should be made available to cover the cost of providing the youth pitches and held in trust by the Council. This money, together with the £10,000 already promised, would be transferred to the Project Committee when a quotation had been accepted for constructing the pitches and the work was underway.

Members noted that local businesses had agreed to install the footpath and carry out drainage work on the site which had to be completed before the pitches could be laid.

Correspondence:

The Clerk always forwards to Members relevant items of correspondence he receives to enable prompt responses to be made where necessary. Since the last meeting there had been many items and particular note was made of the following: Acts of vandalism in the Moat area. Mr. Richard Bailey stepping down from many of the tasks he has carried out in and around the Village, especially in the Moat and Glebe areas. Complaints about tarmac surfacing being placed

on parts of School Lane. A reply from the Safer Road Partnership stating that they would be carrying out speed checks on the A53 when the current 'lock down' regulations were eased.

Items of Concern:

Post Office:

Concerns were raised about the closure of the local Post Office and it was felt that efforts should be undertaken to get it re-located; Members agreed a project to discover if any local retailer was interested in providing facilities to enable this.

Additional Street Light.

A request had been received from local residents for an additional light in Carradine Lane. This will be considered at the next Council meeting.

Planning:

As usual a number of planning applications had been received, considered and responded to with no objections raised.

RAF Shawbury:

The RAF Shawbury representative attending the meeting, thanked the public for supporting night flying and gave an up-date on activities.

Council Web Site:

As always the full minutes from the meeting and other Council information can be found on the following site – www.shawbury-pc.gov.uk where you will also find details of your local Councillors.

Alternatively you can contact the Clerk at shawburypcclerk@talktalk.net or on 01743236810