

## SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL

### NEWS ITEMS

#### CCTV CAMERA

The Council has recently installed a replacement camera on the streetlight in the Council car park. The camera is an updated model with infra-red capability to view and record during the hours of darkness. It has a much better range of coverage over the car parks, the Village Hall and the recreation ground. Councillors Paul Sharp and Anthony Foster have accepted responsibility for monitoring the camera's recordings.

Please report any suspicious activity to the Parish Clerk who will arrange for the recordings from the camera to be reviewed and relevant details to then be forwarded to the police for possible action.

#### STREET LIGHTS

The Council recently requested EON our contractors to carry out a detailed safety review of all the street lights owned by the Council. It is four years since the previous full scale review and a range of issues have been identified including the need to replace some of the old concrete columns which have become unsafe.

The Council has accepted the report and contacted EON to carry out the work, some of it with the support of Scottish Power and EON is planning to carry out the work during October but are unable to give an exact date. We apologise in advance for any disruption and inconvenience caused but we have been assured that this will be kept to a minimum.

#### FACEBOOK

Councillors are aware that many residents use this service to communicate concerns but it is not Council policy to get involved with this means of communication. Please, if you have issues or concerns either report them direct to the police on 101 or get in touch with the Parish Clerk by email or telephone. Jack will ensure that the issue is directed to the right source for action and bring it to the attention of Members if there is anything the Council can do.

#### HIGHWAYS:

##### White Lodge Park:

Members have recently received complaints about HGV's and an articulated lorry travelling through White Lode Park. Contact was made with the owner of TC's Transport on Poynton Road and Members are grateful for the immediate action he has taken to stop this happening.

##### Wytheford Road:

Many people have expressed concern about the traffic dangers on Wytheford Road with vehicles travelling at excessive speed and the state of certain parts of the road.

The Safer Road Partnership has been asked to carry out covert checks on the speed of traffic and contact has been made with Shropshire Council and it has been agreed to list it as a community concern and investigate the erection of signs indicating the hidden dip. Shropshire Council has also been asked to carry out renovation work on the verges and particularly the section which is in a dangerous state by the chicken farm.

##### School Entrance:

Inconsiderate and dangerous parking close to the school are creating a danger to children when they go to and from school and to other pedestrians who wish to walk along the footpaths in Poynton Road. The Council has asked the local police force to look into this problem and take enforcement action and prosecute offending drivers.

Those responsible for children attending school are reminded that Shropshire Council funded a footpath from the Council car park to the school in an effort to prevent this problem.

#### ARSON ATTACKS

Over the past few weeks there have been regular attacks on the waste bin situated in the Glebe Area, which has resulted in damage and difficulty in collecting and removing the resulting waste.

Reluctantly, it has been necessary to have the bin removed for safety reasons although it is appreciated that this may result in litter being left in the area. One of the picnic tables has also been severely damaged by fire.

There appears to be one or two malicious individuals responsible for this, as well as creating damage to one of the new posts erected in the car park and other acts of vandalism. The police are informed of all the incidents and it is hoped that at some stage the culprits can be identified and dealt with.

The Council also gets regular complaints about the amount of rubbish left in the car park and it is clearly evident that this is not always young people who do this, as it seems some people are unwilling to leave their cars and walk the few yards to the bins which are placed there.

Unfortunately, as always it is just a few who spoil it for the many who enjoy the facilities that are provided.

#### PATH CLEARANCE

The Council are very grateful for the support received from a group of trainees from RAF Shawbury who joined up with Councillor Dave Roberts and cleared the footpath leading up to Edgebolton. Fifty bags full of debris was collected on a very wet and windy day – thanks to all concerned.

#### SEASONAL GREETINGS

Council Members would like to take this opportunity to give a special vote of thanks to all those who give continued support in the community, many of them as volunteers running clubs and societies and undertaking a range of other tasks. We hope that they and all of you have a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.