

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Next Year's Budget:

Members are pleased to announce that they have set a budget for the next year which will not result in any increase in the precept – that is the element within your Council Tax payment for Parish Council expenditure. Every effort has and will continue to be made to run an efficient and cost effective service, with tight budgetary control and an attempt to raise money from alternative sources. Full details of the budget can be found on the Council's web site – [www.shawbury-pc.gov.uk](http://www.shawbury-pc.gov.uk)

### Shawbury Library:

Over the past few months, Members have given very careful consideration to the proposals for an alternative organization to run the library in the Village Hall and have regrettably decided that the Parish Council is unable to take on this responsibility.

It would mean raising the Council's precept by about £18,000.00 per year and increase that element of the annual tax bill for every householder in the Parish by £25 - £30 which, bearing in mind the limited use of the service, is not justified.

### Fitness Area:

At present the Council has been unable to secure any grants towards the cost of providing a fitness area on the playing field but the Clerk will work with Shropshire Council's Community Enablement Officer to explore other avenues of grant aid.