

SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL,

NEWS FROM THE DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

Council Budget 2020 – 2021

Members considered and approved the budget for expenditure during the next financial year and set the precept at 5% higher than the current one. This is to take account of inflation and the undertaking of additional work and responsibilities. The precept is the amount of money the Parish Council asks Shropshire Council to provide and that figure is then divided amongst all those in the Parish who pay Council Tax. Because of the number of additional properties in the Parish this year the increase in the Parish Council element of your Council Tax will be minimal.

A full copy of the budget can be found on the Council web site www.shawbury-pc.gov.uk or a paper copy can be obtained from the Clerk at a cost of £5.00.

Sewerage Problem:

Many of you will be aware that there was a breakdown in the sewerage system in the region of The Paddocks and Hazeldine Crescent which allowed effluent to leak out into the surrounding countryside and the stream. Councillors were made aware of this at the start of the meeting and the Parish Council have contacted Severn Trent and the Environment Agency to determine the cause of the leak; also asking what effect this already has and will have on the local wild life and what actions are being taken to prevent a re-occurrence of the problem in the future.

Telephone Box:

The saga of the telephone box continues, as Shropshire Council have now decided to ask B.T. to keep the box in Shawbury as a working telephone. We have advised them that it is leaning and in need of some remedial work so will wait with interest to see what happens next! Watch this space.