

SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL

FEBRUARY NEWS

Council Meeting:

The latest meeting was held on February 8th. when as usual a range of topics were considered including:

Highways:

There were a number of reports relating to potholes and broken signs but Members were particularly concerned about the two incidents which had taken place on the crossing by the shops, when cars had failed to stop when the red light was on. It has been suggested that the crossing should be relocated but this appears to be the most appropriate position and is was agreed that Shropshire Council should be asked to re-paint all the warning white lines and consider the erection of a warning sign. The Council is still pushing Shropshire Council to make improvements to the roundabout on the A53, which has proven to be not fit for purpose.

Streetlights:

(a) Bridgeway and Millbrook;

In spite of continuous pressure, Eon have still not been able to complete the work and it appears that they are still suffering from staff shortages and the ability to purchase equipment. We can only apologise and hope that the removal of Covid restrictions will enable them to catch up on outstanding work.

(b) Church Street and part of Poynton Road:

Members considered a detailed report prepared by Councillor Adrian Brown which highlighted the need to improve the lighting in this area of the Village. It was decided that a meeting needed to be held with the contractors to discuss the feasibility of the improvements before seeking a quotation for the work.

(c) Electricity Charges:

It seems likely that there will be a substantial increase in the cost of electricity and a detailed survey is being undertaken to try and limit the impact on the Council's budget.

Litter Collection:

The Council is pleased to announce that Mr. Varndell has been contracted to collect waste from The Playing Field, the car park and the Moat and Glebe areas.

It would help him and all the users of these open space areas if irresponsible dog owners took the trouble to pick up the waste that their dogs leave by using the bags and the bins that are now provided. If they can't be bothered then it is questionable as to whether they should own a dog

Play Area:

In the latest safety report it was noted that bolts on some equipment had been loosened and this can leave the equipment in a dangerous state. This has happened in the past and it is thought to be an act of vandalism and we would ask you all to keep an eye out for anyone acting suspiciously.

Shropshire Council News:

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones was unable to attend the meeting but had forwarded a detailed written report of Shropshire Council's activities and this was distributed to Members.

The report covered a range of topics including Economic Development; Children's Services; Resources and Staffing; Climate Change and Adult Services.

A copy of the report can be obtained from the Clerk

RAF Representative:

Lt. Peters had notified Members that he was unable to attend the meeting as he had been posted and would be leaving Shawbury towards the end of the month. He thanked everyone for their kindness and support and wished the Council future good fortune. The new representative would be FS Matt Lingham and he would be attending the March meeting.