

SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL NEWS – MARCH

The March meeting was held in the Village Hall when as usual a varied programme of business was conducted including:

Streetlights

The main item for consideration was the confirmation from Scottish Power that they were increasing the cost of providing power for the streetlights from 12p to 47p per kWh, which means that the annual account would rise from £2,600.00 to £10,200.00, and have a major effect on the Council's budget.

A number of suggestions were considered on ways of reducing the cost but it was finally decided that the most appropriate action was to bring the provision into line with Shropshire Council and many other Parish Councils by operating a dusk to midnight service rather than an all-night one. The cost of converting the lights had been quoted at £3,603.00 but it was anticipated that the annual savings on power would mean this would be paid for in less than twelve months and then give on-going savings. There was a unanimous decision to go ahead with this and to get the conversion of the lights carried out as soon as possible. It was pointed out that the estates in the Parish which are controlled by Shropshire Council are already on the dusk to midnight system.

Community Service Awards

Each year the Council presents awards to residents who have given exceptional service to the Community and in the twelve years it has been running over fifty people have been honoured with the award. A resident in the Parish can nominate anyone who lives or works in the Parish simply by sending details of the person to the Parish Clerk, with the reason they are being nominated. This needs to be done before the next Council meeting on April 12th. when Members consider and confirm the nominations. We are pleased to acknowledge the support RAF Shawbury continues to give by sponsoring the awards and arranging for a Senior Officer to present them at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

RAF Shawbury Nomination.

The Council has always been pleased to have a nominated representative from the RAF Shawbury at Council meetings which allows for the exchange of valuable information and this month Members were delighted to welcome F.S. Matt Lingham as the new representative. Matt has been stationed at Shawbury for four years and hopes to be here for at least four more and welcomed the opportunity to become involved with Parish Council activities.

Grants.

Each year the Council sets aside a small budget to allow it to give small grants to deserving Charities or causes. This year £150.00 has been donated to each of the following - Hope House Hospice; The Severn Hospice; Crane Counselling and the Local First Responders.

Web Site:

You are reminded that full minutes of the meeting and a range of other information can be found on the Council's web site www.shawbury-pc.gov.uk and that issues or concerns can be raised with the Clerk by email on shawburypcclerk@talktalk.net or by 'phone on 01743 236810