

Shawbury Parish Council:

November 2014 Meeting

New Member:

At the last meeting of the Council, Members were delighted to co-opt Miss Rachel Ward from White Lodge Park on to the Council to fill the vacant seat created by the resignation of Mr. Davies earlier in the year. Speaking on behalf of the Council, the Parish Clerk said it was pleasing to co-opt a younger Member who would be able to relate to and advise the Council of the needs of that age group of residents.

Planning Application:

Members considered an outline application for the development of twenty five properties on land east of Wem Road. It was decided to object to the plans as this would take the proposed development in the Parish well above the fifty properties which were agreed at the public meeting three years ago and form part of the Parish Place Plan.

Firework Event:

Members gave sincere thanks to Richard Bailey and his band of volunteer helpers for providing another splendid evening's entertainment, enjoyed by all. Organising an event of this nature takes great skill as well as much time and energy and Members appreciate all the effort that is put into make it so successful. In spite of the inclement weather Richard was able to report a small profit and Richard has promised to carry on doing this for the next two years – so watch this space.

Shawbury Library:

Members received a report that Shropshire Council is planning to close all the libraries in the County, other than those based in the Market Towns. This means that from next April, Shawbury is likely to lose its Library unless an alternative way of running it can be identified. The Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee have been offered the opportunity to take over responsibility but this would mean finding in excess of £20,000.00 and this would entail the Parish Council seeking this money from Council Tax funding. After carefully considering this, it has been decided that this is not a feasible proposition. Shropshire Council are still looking to see if there is a volunteer group willing to provide the finance and if this fails will then go out to public consultation to decide how the library service can be delivered in the Parish.

Local Crime:

Following a meeting with the Police, when it was stressed that Shawbury has a low level of serious crime but a developing problem with vandalism, it was stressed that there is a need for members of the community to report any such incidents quickly and directly to the police, by phoning either 101 or Crime Stoppers.

Under new legislation Housing Associations are permitted to take action against any of their tenants who create acts of anti-social behaviour. If you are aware of any such acts you are urged to contact the relevant Association in confidence and ask for action to be taken.