

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS April 2021

The April Council meeting was again held on line and virtually a full complement of Members accessed it dealing with the following topics:

### Election:

The Elections Officer at Shropshire Council had reported that there was no call for a Parish Council election as only eight nominations had been received for the twelve available seats and those eight people would automatically be elected. This means that there are four vacancies and an attempt will be made to co-opt people to fill those seats. So if you were too late with your application; failed to see the advertisement or were not sure what to do, now is your chance. Just get in touch with the Parish Clerk who will tell you what is involved and how to apply and any applications received will be considered at the Council meeting in June.

### Outreach Post Office:

Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones reported that the telephone had now been connected to the Village Hall and plans were in hand for the project to start in the first week in May and it is understood that the office will operate for three hours on one day of each week.

### RAF Shawbury:

A report had been received from Lt. Matt Peters, who attends Council meetings as a representative from the base, which asked for the Community to be thanked for their continued support of the recent night flying phase and the essential training activity being undertaken under Covid restrictions.

He also reported that the Gliding Club intend to fly every Saturday and Bank Holidays throughout the summer. From September 1<sup>st</sup>. to February 1<sup>st</sup>. flying will take place on Sundays.

### Playing Field:

The Council has given agreement for the Football Club to resume holding junior matches on the marked area and dog owners are reminded that dogs have to be kept on leads on any area designated for this type of activity. This is to ensure it is a safe area for children and the Council will be erecting appropriate notices.

We have also been given an assurance that before the end of April Shropshire Council's Outdoor Partnership will be carrying out repairs to the footpath which runs from the car park to opposite the school entrance.

### Vote of thanks:

Before the meeting closed it was noted that Councillors Dave Roberts, Sam McIntosh and Robert Pinches had not sought re-election to the Council and the Chairman, on behalf of all the Members, expressed sincere thanks for the valuable contributions they had all made in supporting the Council and the Community over many years and wished them good health and happiness. His comments were supported by all the Members.

### Other News:

The meeting planned for May will be the Council's Annual General Meeting with the

election of officers and representatives and we are planning to hold it in the Village Hall under the strict regulations issued by the Government. This means that if members of the public want to attend they will have to contact the Clerk beforehand so that the necessary arrangements can be made. By the time we hold the July meeting we expect that if the road map progresses as outlined by the Government meetings will be held as normal.

Just to remind you that if you want to attend or have any issues or comments please make contact with the Clerk who will be more than happy to help. You can telephone 01743 236810 or email [shawburypcclerk@talktalk.net](mailto:shawburypcclerk@talktalk.net) and that there is plenty of information on the Council's web site [www.shawbury-pc.gov.uk](http://www.shawbury-pc.gov.uk).