

## **SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **News Up-date:**

#### **Council Meeting:**

The September meeting was again held on line using Zoom when a range of issues were discussed. It had been hoped that the October meeting could take place in the Village Hall and plans were discussed about holding the Annual Parish meeting before the Council meeting in December. Unfortunately new Government regulations issues later that same evening meant that neither of these events could take place as planned.

#### **Issues discussed included:**

##### **Mid- Year Financial Statement:**

The report was prepared and presented by the Clerk indicating that the Council were keeping well within the planned expenditure. The full report can be found on the Council web site or can be obtained by post from the Clerk

##### **The School Road Safety Project:**

The Council had been promised by Shropshire Council that this would be in place before the start of the autumn term but as everyone will have noticed nothing has taken place. Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones has promised to raise concerns with senior Shropshire Council staff.

##### **The Traffic Lights:**

Delays at the traffic lights have been an on-going problem for over a month with various repairs undertaken which have failed to identify and improve the situation.

Again Councillor Jones has been in touch with those who are responsible for the lights and it appears that a solution has been found and the lights will hopefully be back to normal after replacement of faulty sensors on receipt of replacements.

##### **Parish Improvements:**

Three new seats have now been put in place and four others are undergoing maintenance work and re-painting and work is well underway to replace a number of street name signs where they have become severely damaged.

Members have also decided to go ahead with replacing concrete streetlight posts and installing Led lighting units. The next planned area is in Bridgeway but we will keep residents informed of any planned work.

Work is also planned to up-grade the footpath from the car park to the school entrance where it has become difficult for those using a wheelchair or pushing a buggy.

##### **Highways Problems:**

Members are acutely aware of the drainage problems at many sites round the Parish; poor quality footpaths and road surfaces and missing signs. Shropshire Council is continually reminded that all these need urgent attention but the current financial situation means they get set to one side.

##### **Use of the Playing Field:**

Because of the many constraints and new regulations it has not been possible to agree to the field being used for junior football matches as the necessary control of access is outside the capabilities of the Council and the organisers.

**Separate Item:**

**Vacancy for a Councillor:**

Members are seeking to co-opt a Councillor to replace Mrs. Jill Manley who stood down last month and if you are interested in becoming a Member please send your details to the Parish Clerk.

You will need to be over eighteen years of age, a resident of the Parish, have computer access and be able to attend evening meetings on the second Tuesday in each month.

Applications should be received by the Clerk before October 30<sup>th</sup>. and you will be invited to join the Council meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>. when you will be able to talk to current Members about your application.

The Clerk's contact address is: Jack Wilson, 6, Primrose Drive, Sutton Park, Shrewsbury SY3 7TP.