

SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STATEMENT
GIVING PEOPLE A VOICE

Community Involvement:

Shawbury Parish Council is committed to:

- 1. Engaging parishioners by encouraging them to become actively involved in decisions that affect them and the community.**
- 2. The delivery of better services by creating a more active and informed community.**

The Parish Council aims to achieve this by the use of the following strategies:

Making information available on the plans that are being considered and how residents can give their opinions.

Publishing this information on the Council Notice Board; the Council Website; in the Library; Council Newsletters; Shawbury Village Newsletter and where appropriate, the local press and radio.

At various times, consultations and surveys will be carried out.

Parish Council Meetings:

Dates and details of Council meetings will be published annually

Agendas and minutes will be posted on the Council Notice Board and the Council web site and in the Library and the Post Office.

Parish Council meetings are open to the public and a time is set aside before the start of the meeting for residents to make comments or ask questions.

Residents may also submit to the Clerk, items they wish to have raised at a Council meeting. Details on how to do this are available from the Clerk

Details on how to contact the Clerk or Parish Councillors are displayed on the notice board on the Council website and are available in the Library.

Annual Parish Meeting:

This meeting is held in May and affords the public an opportunity to participate in the full meeting.

It is well publicised and is used by the Council to report on the business carried out during the previous year and to obtain the views of residents on issues affecting the community.

General:

Where assistance has been requested, the Parish Council will deal with the request promptly or, where appropriate, ensure that the resident is referred to the correct department of Shropshire Council or to any other relevant authority or organisation.

When dealing with Shropshire Council, or any other authority or organisation, regarding issues affecting the community, the Parish Council will ensure that the views of the community are made known.

Individual Parish Councillors have taken responsibility for areas of Council work and details are available on the Council website, in the Library or from the Clerk. Councillors will be pleased to meet with members of the public to discuss relevant issues.

The Council is determined to maintain close contact with all members of the armed forces and their families stationed at RAF Shawbury and a representative of the RAF is invited to all Council meetings

Shropshire Council's Community Action Officer and the Police Beat Officer are both invited to attend all Council meetings.

Informing the Public:

The Parish Council will at times produce newsletters giving details of Council activities and decisions. These will be delivered to every household in the Parish and be available in the Library. Regular news items will be sent for inclusion in Shawbury Village Newsletter and to the local press and posted on the Council web site.

Flyers advertising meetings, annual events or special meetings will be placed on the notice board, in the Post Office and the Library and on the Council website.

The Council aims to be proactive in getting information to and obtaining information from all sections of the community, especially the hard to reach groups such as the elderly or housebound.

Where information affects a specific section of the community, the Council will ensure that the information is delivered directly to the Parish organisation representing that section e.g. the over 60's, teenagers, mothers and toddlers, etc.

The Parish Council will continue to support, assist with and participate in community activities e.g. the annual firework display, the Village Fun Day, maintenance of the Moat, etc.

How to contact the Parish Council:

Contact with the Council and Members is through the Parish Clerk:

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Telephone: 01743 236810 email: shawburypcclerk@talktalk.net

Website: www.shawbury-pc.gov.uk