

SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL:

Budget for 2018-2019

At the meeting held in December, Members approved the budget for Council expenditure for the financial year starting in April 2018. It was reported that every effort has been made to keep spending under control in the current year and spending has stayed within the planned levels. However, the Council continues to be faced with the increasing cost of repairing and replacing outdated streetlights and ageing play area equipment and repairing wear and tear on the well-used footpaths in the Moat and Glebe area. It has not been helped either by the need to replace vandalised seats and waste bins and undertaking elements of work previously done by Shropshire Council.

It was pointed out that there were some inflationary costs to be met too and in the end the precept has been increased by 2.5%, which means that the average householder will be faced with an increase of about 5p per month on the Parish Council element of their Council Tax payment.

Smartwater:

Representatives from Smartwater and the Police had been invited to the December meeting to talk again about the creation of a Smartwater Community but the inclement weather caused this to be postponed until January. If you have any interest or would like to comment on this please come along on January 9th. and make your views known.

Recurring Problem:

We are sure that many of you will be aware of the arson attack on picnic tables and waste bins in the Moat area but as usual we are faced with a wall of silence. Not only is this a costly exercise but it heart breaking to those who work tirelessly to create a pleasant environment for residents which is the envy of many parishes in the County. If you have any information please let the police or the Council know. We have a few sad and misguided young people who seem hell bent on spoiling it for the many.