

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Council Meetings:

It is hoped that the meeting held on July 13th. was the last one to be held under Covid regulations and that at future meetings members of the public will again be able to attend and have an opportunity to raise issues prior to the start of the meeting.

At the July meeting it was reported that the up-grading of the two children's play areas had been completed within budget although one of the older units had developed a fault with the bearings and had been removed for repair. As usual a number of planning applications, mainly for up-grading properties, were considered with no objections being raised. Details of correspondence received by the Clerk were noted.

At all Council meetings there is an opportunity for reports to be received from the local Shropshire Councillor and RAF Shawbury. In this month's report Councillor Simon Jones pointed out that the plans for housing development in the County for the next fifteen years had been completed and would be discussed by Shropshire Councillors later in the week. If approved the plans would be sent to the Government appointed Inspector for consideration and comment - a process which would take about twelve months. He also reported that in spite of many received objections it seemed likely that the proposed Shrewsbury Northern Link Road would still go ahead.

Reporting on behalf of RAF Shawbury, Lt. Matt Peters pointed out that night flying would be continuing until August 13th. and that from August 28th. the Gilding Club activity would move from Saturdays to Sundays. He made special mention of the RAF Shawbury charity 10K run being held on September 25th. which was open to all and the hi viz kits which are available free of charge for local horse riders.

The next Council meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, August 10th. at 7.00pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting:

This will be held in the Village Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday, September 14th. and is an opportunity for residents to meet with Council Members and participate in discussions about Parish Council and Community issues. It is over two years since we were able to hold this type of meeting and Members will welcome support and participation. The meeting will include reports from Councillor John Kennedy (The Council Chairman), Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones and a representative from West Mercia Police.

Awards for Outstanding Service in the Community, which are sponsored by RAF Shawbury, will be presented by the Commanding Officer or his representative from the base. We already have three agreed nominations for an adult award and one for a junior award but would welcome other suggestions provided they are received by the Clerk in time for them to be considered at the Council meeting on August 10th. The awards were introduced in 2011 and since then 37 residents have gained an award which speaks highly of the spirit and endeavour that exists in the Community. Serving Councillors cannot be nominated and except in exceptional circumstance a person can only receive one award.