

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS:

Council extraordinary meeting:

The Council had to call an extraordinary meeting in January to discuss issues raised for Shawbury in Shropshire Council's Local Plan Review and Members were delighted that over eighty residents turned up to raise questions and concerns in the public session and then stay on to listen to the on-going debate. Minutes outlining the Council's response to the proposals for Shawbury have been widely circulated and can be found on the web site. Members can assure everyone that they will do their utmost to protect the interests of the local community at a time when there is a National demand for increased housing development across the County and the Country.

New Seat:

A seat will soon be placed close to the fitness area on the playing field. This has been purchased with money donated to the Parish by RAF Shawbury, in recognition of the support the base receives from the local community. Their generosity is greatly appreciated and highlights the splendid relationship the village has with the RAF station.

Recent Incidents:

Members appreciate the response from residents in reporting recent damage to play area equipment on the playing field and the alder tree which was blown down in the recent gale.

The parish play areas are checked every two weeks but obviously incidents can occur at other times and we are pleased to report that the play area damage was caused by wear and tear on an item which is regularly used. A replacement part has been ordered and the repair will be carried out as soon as it arrives.

Although the fallen tree is inconvenient, it has been inspected and it is not felt to create a danger and 'Access2Trees', who are contracted to do tree work for the Council will be removing the tree within the next two weeks. As it is an alder tree the wood from it is not valuable apart from being used as firewood.

Dog Fouling:

Recent complaints haven received about the increased amount of dog faeces being left around the Moat and Glebe areas. Volunteers regularly remove some of the waste but Members plead with the owners of dogs to take responsibility for removing their own dog's waste and placing it in one of the bins.