

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Council continues to hold online meeting using Zoom and the latest on was held on January 12th. when as usual a range of topics were discussed.

Projects:

The Clerk reported that because of the Christmas and New Year break and the new coronavirus restrictions, planned developments had not taken place including the installation of the new lights in Bridgeway and Millbrook, the replacement of road name plates and urgent repair work. All these projects would be kept under review and it is anticipated that there will be action very soon.

Concerns:

All Members expressed concern and disappointment on receiving reports of increased amounts of litter in the Moat and Glebe areas and dog fouling both there and on the playing field. There appears to be a minority of people who are prepared to flout the laws and spoil it for those who are responsible and care about these areas. Mr. Creber works hard to remove the litter from the field but the increased amount of dog faeces is a danger especially to children, many of whom use the field for regular exercise. We would like to remind dog owners that dogs should be kept on leads on the playing field and by law you should pick up any waste and dispose of it in one of the bins which are provided. Under new regulations pick-up bags containing dog waste may be left in normal waste bins.

Footpath Clearance:

We have received a number of complimentary comments about one of the Wem Road footpaths which has been cleared by Mr. John Tait, who has been contracted by the Council to carry out community environmental work. Having waited for a long time for Shropshire Council to do the work it was decided to use part of a grant they have given to the Council for environmental highways maintenance and Members are pleased with the result. It is hoped that it may be possible to extend the work to other paths in the Parish but please let us know if there are issues you would like to see addressed.

Elections:

We have been advised that elections for both Shropshire and the Parish Councils are planned to be held on Thursday, May 6th. If you feel that you have the interest and enthusiasm to deal with community issues then look out for further details that will be published over the next few weeks. You can also contact one of the current Councillors or the Parish Clerk to discuss what is involved and how to put your name forward for consideration.

Web Site:

As always a draft copy of the minutes from the last meeting together with a host of other information can be found on the Council's web site - www.shawbury-pc.gov.uk and if you have an urgent concern about issues in the Parish then contact the Clerk on shawburypcclerk@talktalk.net or 01743 236810.

The next meeting of the Council is planned for Tuesday, February 9th.