

Parish Council News:

The November meeting was held in the Village Hall when the Chairman welcomed Community Support Officer Jamie Robinson who pointed out that there were now only two police officers based in Wem with responsibility for the whole area. As a result it was difficult to attend Council meetings or have a regular police presence in Parishes. He stated that the Police were aware that a major concern in the Parish related to excessive traffic speed but would welcome feed-back on other issues of concern.

It was pointed out by Members that there appeared to be an increase in the use of drugs in the playing field area and that there was great concern about the number of drivers who ignored the red light signals at the A53/ Wem Road junction and the pedestrian crossing by the shops. He promised to try and arrange action on both issues and also get details of the Safer Road Partnership sent to the Clerk.

In the meeting which followed Members considered the following:

Playing Field Posts:

Inspection of the posts around the field showed that eleven posts were missing and several others were showing signs of decay, leaving gaps sufficiently wide enough to allow vehicular access onto the field. It was decided to take emergency action to replace some posts to prevent access and to consider a range of options before getting quotations for replacing all the posts.

Pavement Clearance:

The Council is aware that many of the pavements in the Parish need to be cleared of grass and weed growth and have reported the problem to the local Highways Officer. She has advised the Parish Council to undertake the work using the Community Environment Project grant it receives and an immediate start has been made to clear the worst paths.

Car Park – White Lining:

The Council has received a number of requests to re-line the parking bays on the Council car park and after considering various options it has been decided to carry out a self-help project by repainting the lines using appropriate paint which dries very quickly.

Street Lights:

Completion of the work in Bridgeway and Millbrook appears to be a never ending problem and we can only add our apologies to that of the EON officer who is overseeing the work. Having now got all the staff back to work they find that it is impossible to secure the materials that are needed to complete the connection work and the suppliers are unable to give a date when they may be available. Emailing the Clerk, Garry Johnson, who is responsible for the project, stated that in all the years that he has worked he has never been so disappointed, frustrated, depressed and angry.

Lord Lieutenant's Garden Party – June 2022 – Invitations.

The Parish has been asked to nominate two people from the Community to receive an invitation, who should be people who have been very involved in giving support during the Coronavirus crisis. If you are aware of anyone you feel should be invited, please let the Chairman or the Clerk have their details without their knowledge.

A copy of the minutes is available on the Councils web site www.shawbury-pc.gov.uk and as always, if you wish to raise any issues or comment on Council activity you are invited to attend a Council meeting or make contact with one of your Councillors or the Parish Clerk.