

## **Shawbury PARISH COUNCIL NEWS April 2025**

It is pleasing to report that ten residents decided to stand for election to the new Council and as this is less than the number of available seats, they are automatically elected to serve for the next four years. Seven of those elected were members of the existing Council, whilst the four who decided to stand down – Paul Sharp, Adrian Brown, Chris Forshaw and Robert Pinches who were thanked for their contributions to Council activity. Because there are still two vacant seats, efforts will be made to fill these by co-option. The first meeting of the new Council will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup>. May, when members will be registered and officers and representatives appointed. As always, residents are invited to attend and raise items before the meeting begins.

This meeting will be followed a week later at the same venue by the Annual Parish Meeting, which is an open meeting when residents are encouraged to attend and discuss Council plans and initiatives and any other items of concern. The retiring Chairman will report on Council activity in the past year, there will be a report on the local Charity and if staffing issues permit, a representative from the Wem police division will be present.

Presentation of Community Service awards will be made to six local residents by a Senior Officer from RAF Shawbury, who sponsor the awards.

This is an excellent opportunity to find out what is happening in the Parish and make your views known to Councillors, and also meet Daniel Evans, the new Parish Clerk.

One Item which has already been approved is the general maintenance of the Council-owned Burial Ground, and this will be taking place during the next few weeks. It will involve work on hedges and paths and using soil to top up some of the graves, where the surface has sunk slightly.