

SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL

YOUTH POD

With some reluctance Members have decided that the Youth Pod situated in the Recreation Ground alongside Poynton Road must be removed.

Unfortunately continued vandalism and broken glass in the area has rendered the unit to be unfit for purpose and it is now a risk to health and safety and dangerous to other users of the field. Members feel sorry for those young people who want to use the pod in an orderly way.

Once the pod area is cleared the Council has decided to remove the remaining part of the hedge alongside Poynton Road and replace it with the wooden bollards. This follows favourable comments from many residents who feel that the new layout has greatly enhanced the area.

PRECEPT

For the third year running the Council has decided to make no increase in the annual precept. This is the money it gets from Shropshire Council and is included in resident's council tax bills. Jack Wilson, the Parish Clerk, says that this has been achieved by very careful budgeting but has not prevented a range of improvements and new projects being undertaken. There have been improvements to the Moat Area; the Cycle Track and the Burial Ground, whilst new projects have included the upgrading of the streetlights in Church Street; the refurbishment of the car park; the replacement of the hedge alongside Church Street and Poynton Road with wooden bollards; detailed consultation with residents over future planning proposals and a very successful Christmas Craft Fair.

BURIAL GROUND

A new beech hedge has just been planted outside the metal fencing around the burial ground in an attempt to give more privacy to those visiting relative's graves or attending funerals. Now that this is place the existing paths will be renewed and new ones constructed in the extended part of the area.

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Jill Manley the Council Chairman, is heading up a committee that is in the process of planning a range of activities in the Parish over the Jubilee day. It is hoped to involve the whole community and the committee would love to hear from anyone who has suggestions or who wishes to give help.