

LATEST NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL:

Playing Field Fence:

It is hoped that most of you will have seen the new fencing round the field which has now been completed with the removal of the old wooden posts. It has been a costly and time consuming project but hopefully you will agree with the many complimentary comments that have been received and it is hoped that it will stand the Parish in good stead for many years.

Moat

Those of you who walk through the Moat will have noticed that some tree felling has taken place. This was simply to remove a number of self-seeded sycamore saplings to allow the more prominent and established trees to develop and grow in the space that has been created.

The Burial Ground:

The area of land used for burials outside the main Church Grounds is the responsibility of the Parish Council and in the past month, with the assistance of a group of enthusiastic service personnel from RAF Shawbury, a range of remedial work has been undertaken. However it became obvious that more needs to be done and plans are being made to improve aspects of the ground, including paving round the recently installed seat, levelling up graves where there has been sinkage and improving the pathways. It is hoped that this work will be carried out in the New Year.

Budget:

The budget for 2025 – 2026 has been prepared and approved by Members and details can be found on the Council's web site or a copy obtained from the Parish Clerk. By careful financial management there has been no need to increase the precept which has been the same for the past three years and means there should be no increase in that element of your Council Tax.

New Trees:

A generous gift of £1,000 from a local resident has enabled the Council to purchase twenty trees for planting in and around the Moat area. Oakgate Nursery provided the best quotation for supplying the trees and as a gesture of good will are going to plant the trees for the Council free of charge.

Parish Paths:

There are a wide range of well used Footpaths, Bridleways, etc. round the Parish which are maintained by a Parish Partnership which tries to keep them clear to allow people to have free access. Shropshire Council makes a small grant for the purchase of tools but the work has been carried out by volunteers. Unfortunately there has been a distinct lack of people willing to give up a little time to help, so in the future it will be necessary to pay for much of the work. A successful trial has been carried out by contracting a company using a new system called Wilderness Mowing and it is intended to employ them to do more work in the future. This will be an added financial burden of the Parish but it is felt the health and well-being of parishioners who use these paths is important.

Awards:

Each year at the Annual Parish Meeting, the Council likes to award people and groups that have given exceptional service in the Community and since it began well over sixty people have been nominated. If you know of anyone who deserves to be commended please get in touch with the Parish Clerk who will be happy to discuss the process with you.

Dog Fouling:

It is annoying to have to raise this issues again but following increased complaints it seems that there are still many dog owners who are either too lazy or inconsiderate to pick up and dispose of their dog's waste. We are trying to get the dog warden to spend time in the area and issue fines to anyone caught ignoring the rule.

Finally:

The Council wishes to acknowledged with sincere thanks a donation of £300.00 which has been made by RAF Shawbury as a 'thankyou' for the continued support given by the Council and the Community. It has been decided that this money can be put towards the improvements in the Burial Ground.