

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS:

The October meeting was held in the Village Hall when the following main items were considered:

Playing Field Name:

The suggestion that the playing field could be called Queen's Park had raised so much adverse reaction from residents that there was unanimous support from Members when the Chairman proposed that further discussion of the idea should be cancelled and plans abandoned.

Electricity Costs:

With the assistance of Shropshire Council's Street Light Officers, it appears that the difficulties the Council has been having with Scottish Power have been resolved. The Council has joined a consortium of Councils linked to Shropshire Council, which has been able to secure a slightly lower price per unit of electricity and the money due to the Council for nearly eighteen months has been re-paid. Even with the reduction in the time the lights are lit, powering the lights will still cost the Parish over £5,000.00 per year which is over £1.00 per week for each light.

Environment Maintenance Grant:

The Council has again secured a grant of £1,500.00 from Shropshire Council to carry out various maintenance work within the Parish. This grant has to be matched with a similar amount from Parish Council funds and has mainly been used to improve the standard of badly neglected pavements, some of which were virtually unusable. JST, who have received many complements on the work they have carried out in the past, have been contracted again and if you are aware of any work needed on pavements in your area please let the Council have the details and hopefully they can be dealt with.

Playing Field Security:

When the original hedge surrounding the playing field was removed a few years ago it was decided to replace it with the current set of posts, which were designed to prevent access to the field by unwanted vehicles. These posts are all rotting away and are being replaced by similar ones which will only have a limited life span. This is an expensive operation and there is a need to consider alternative methods of protecting the field. A few Members have agreed to consider this in more detail and would welcome any suggestions.

As always the full minutes from the meeting as well as all Council information can be found of the Council's web site - www.shawbury-pc.gov.uk