

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS:

Two Council meetings were held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 9th. May. The first one was the Annual Parish Meeting which was open to residents of the Parish and enabled them to meet with Councillors and take part in the discussions and it is also when presentations were made to people who had been nominated for providing exceptional service in the community.

Twenty five people attended the meeting and heard reports on Council activity from Brian Lyon, the Parish Council Chairman; Simon Jones, the local Shropshire Councillor and Richard Bailey who gave an update on the work of the local United Charities. Details of all these reports are attached to the Minutes of the meeting which can be found on the Council web site or can be obtained from the Clerk.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of Community Service Awards by Group Captain Andy Baron from RAF Shawbury. These awards which are sponsored by RAF Shawbury were given to Mrs. Margaret Powell, Mrs Barbara Cross, Mr. Ronnie Box, Mr. John Kennedy and Squadron Leader Kim Leach who has recently retired from the post of Corporate Engagement Relations Officer at RAF Shawbury,

A group award went to River Meadows Nursing Home for encouraging residents to participate in activities but especially for the Yarn Benders Knitting Group that meets regularly at the Nursing Home, producing exceptional work. Many people will have seen the splendid display in Shawbury over the Easter period.

If you would like the minutes of the meeting and full details of all the reports these can be found on the Councils web site or obtained from the Parish Clerk.

The second meeting that followed was the Council's AGM, when Brian Lyon was re-elected as Chairman and Adrian Brown as Vice-Chairman with Council Members agreeing to take responsibility for overseeing various aspects of Council activities.

As usual a range of topics were discussed including:

The Safer Road Partnership:

It had been hoped that this would be operational after a small group of residents had volunteered to be involved. Unfortunately work commitments had led to the withdrawal of three members which left the group unable to continue unless further volunteers can be enlisted. So if you care about speeding traffic and can spare a few hours please get in touch with the Parish Clerk for more details of how you can get involved.

Streetlight Contract:

Highline Electrical Services from Oswestry have taken over the maintenance of the streetlights owned by the Council and we will be asking them to complete the up-grading of the lights in Bridgeway and Millbrook which E.ON, the past contractors failed to do. We have stressed that after so much delay this is an urgent project.

Remedial Work on Trees in the Moat:

Under Government and Insurance regulations it is imperative that the condition of trees are regularly inspected for safety purposes and all the trees the Council are responsible for have recently been checked. The check indicated a range of remedial work was required including

the felling of some trees and this work will be carried out as soon as the bird nesting season is over.

Inconsiderate and Illegal Parking by the School:

Several reports had been received about problems on roads around the school and Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones promised he would arrange for Enforcement Officers to visit and take appropriate action.

Again the full minutes can be found on the Council's web site www.shawbury-pc.gov.uk or from the Parish Clerk – email shawburypcclerk@talktalk.net or by phoning 01743 236810.