

SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL

News Items from the Council meeting held on October 8th.

Playing Field Security:

Following the incursion of a group of Travellers over the Bank Holiday weekend the Council has purchased and fitted a high security lock on the field gate and keys have been issued to those who require regular access. No further keys will be issued and alternative arrangements are being put in place for those who need casual access to carry out essential work.

Members considered a suggestion that a heavy duty barrier gate which would cost in the region of £3,000.00, should be installed for added security. However, as this was the first time the field had been accessed by Travellers, it was felt that the new safety lock would be a suitable deterrent to future attempts. If there are any future problems the Council will review this decision.

Thefts from cars:

Public concerns had been raised about the police response to the spike of vehicle crimes that occurred in Church Close and Poynton Road on September 11th. An effort had been made to get a police officer to attend the Council meeting but unfortunately because of shift patterns, rest days and previously arranged commitments no-one was available. A written response was received from Inspector Tracy Ryan stating that because of the volume and nature of the incidents it was now being handled by the CID. Investigations are on-going and all concerns will be addressed but anyone with additional information is urged to call 101 and report the details. The Council will be reviewing the street lighting in Church Close and Park Avenue and looking at the possibility of an additional CCTV camera in that area.

Poynton Road – No Waiting and Loading Order:

The Council had received information from Shropshire Council stating that as two objections had been raised to the published proposals to restrict parking and improve the safety of children attending the school, it was necessary to review the project. This will result in a delay in producing a solution to the current problem but every effort will be made to speed up the review.

Telephone Kiosk:

The Council has accepted a proposal from B.T. that the public telephone in Drayton Road should be removed as records indicated that it had hardly been used over the past few years. It has been decided to ask for the kiosk to be left on site and sold for £1.00 to the Parish Council for an alternative use. Suggestions for suitable projects would be welcome as well as assistance with the on-going maintenance.

Parking by the Co-op Shop:

Following numerous complaints, Members welcome the efforts taken by the Co-op to improve the parking situation by the shop. The restrictions appear to have been well received and as a result the area is much safer for residents.