

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS MAY 2021

Parish Council Election:

Following the decision by six existing Members not to stand for re-election only eight residents sought election for the available ten seats. This meant that there were two vacancies which the Council could fill by 'adopting' members who would have the same rights as elected Members. Following some publicity, two applications were received and both people were co-opted at the meeting meaning that there is now a full Council.

Council Meeting – May 13th.

Changes to the regulations governing Council meetings meant that this month's meeting could not be held on line using Zoom, so for the first time in twelve months the meeting was held in the Myddle Village Hall under strict Covid distancing rules. This meant that it was not possible to allow members of the public to attend and raise issues without an appointment and the same regulations will apply to the meeting in June, which will be held in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

As this was the Annual General Meeting of the Council the first business was the election of officers and representatives. Councillor Colin Ruck was re-elected un-opposed as Chairman with Councillor Ian Anderson appointed as Vice Chairman also un-opposed. Councillors then took on board responsibility for attendance at various committees and details of these can be found in the draft minutes which are already posted on the Council's web site.

Items considered at the meeting included:

Wem Road pavement

Members were advised that this pavement had been included in the plans for the housing development that had taken place on Wem Road but had not been constructed by the developer. The Parish Council had put pressure on the planners and the developer to have the work completed but no action had been taken.

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams had been giving support for the past eighteen months and confirmed that the issue was now going to be subject to an enforcement order.

Play Area Inspections:

It was reported that Shropshire Council had appointed a new Play Ground Inspector and an annual contract had been agreed with Shropshire Council for six two monthly inspections and an Annual RoSPA inspection.

Under Covid restrictions some swing seats had been removed at both sites and it was agreed that a request should be made for these to be replaced.

Annual Litter Pick:

The Chairman reported that because of the on-going Covid lock down regulations it had not been possible to arrange the litter pick again this year. However residents could borrow the equipment and carry out a project in their own locality.

