

MAY NEWSLETTER Shrewley Parish Council

This newsletter is published after the Parish Council meeting. It is also available on the website – www.shrewley.org. If you would like to receive a copy of this newsletter by email, please send your email address to the Parish Clerk at shrewleyparish@aol.co.uk

Due to existing government legislation not permitting local councils to hold remote meetings Councillors returned to the Village Hall on 20th May for the Annual Assembly and Parish Annual Meeting. The annual reports from local organisations are available on the shrewley.org website. The meeting was Covid secure with social distancing measures in place. Cllr Wesbury was unanimously voted as Chairman. Unfortunately, Cllr Soutter resigned from the Parish Council due to work commitments and he will be sadly missed. Thanks were given to Cllr Soutter for all his hard work and commitment. We now have two vacancies on the Parish Council which we are very keen to fill, so please do not hesitate to contact the Chairman or Clerk if you think you may be interested or have any questions. To qualify you will need to be a resident living in Shrewley parish or have worked in the parish for more than 12 months. Meetings are bi-monthly and full training is available if required.

WDC Report – As a result of the recent District Council Annual Meeting there have been some changes affecting WDC councillors. Richard Hales remains Deputy Leader of the Council but takes on a new portfolio primarily concerned with the closer working with Stratford District Council and related changes. John Cooke continues to hold the portfolio for development concentrating on the new Local Plan and infrastructure issues, whilst a new portfolio holder is taking on the responsibility for the areas of development management and enforcement. George Illingworth returns to his pre-District Chairman role as Chairman of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee. Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils are working together to produce a new South Warwickshire Local Plan to cover our combined geographic area. More details can be found at <https://www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/>

WCC Report – Cllr Caborn did not stand for re-election. Our new WCC Councillor is Jan Matecki who we will welcome at our future meeting.

Tree Charter - Shrewley Parish Council is looking for landowners and local volunteers to join this National tree planting project to make our post Covid-19 Parish a healthier and more beautiful place to live, enhancing wildlife and helping to combat climate change. Further details on the project can be found at www.treecharter.uk

Highway and Public Footpath/Towpath Maintenance and Repair – For some months, the PC has been asking for a new Vehicle Activated Speed sign on the Hockley Road outside Barn Close Nurseries, to replace the sign demolished in a road traffic accident. This was planned to be installed by late Spring and has not yet been done. Following a number of recent accidents on this bend, we have been pressing the Council. Unfortunately, another car has come off the road this week. The installation of the traffic calming gates at either end of Shrewley Common will be delayed due to a delay in parts caused by Brexit. The Bramblers (Solihull Ramblers footpath maintenance group) have cleared the path to Quarry Lane and are looking to fix all our reported footpath problems by the end of June. Thanks were given to John Miers who repaired the broken stile near Barn Close Nurseries.

Warwickshire has an online Fault Report System for roads and footpaths <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reportaproblem>

Village Hall – The hall has been closed except for Children's tuition (when permitted) during the pandemic, but it has been regularly and carefully maintained so that it will be ready for resumption of normal social activities when the law allows. Shrewley Parish Parents have been very successful in amassing the funds needed to construct the children's play area on the field at the back of the hall, and it has now been passed by the safety inspector for use as soon as the ground dries out sufficiently.

For all Village Hall events see the Parish/ Village Hall notice boards and website www.shrewley.org.

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Next Parish Meeting – Monday July 12th at 7.45pm

All residents of Shrewley are welcome