

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Shrewley Parish Council

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At our meeting on Monday 6th September we co-opted two new Parish Councillors, Rachel Hinton and Jen Cleary. We welcomed both Councillors who are keen to be involved in local matters. We would like to thank Cllr Jo Day for her contribution to the Parish Council. Her resignation has created a vacancy. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor at shrewleyparish@aol.co.uk. Training is available if required and meetings are bi-monthly on Mondays.

WDC Report – Officers are investigating arrangements for more staff to be operating in Riverside House again due to the change in Covid restrictions. Smaller committees are already meeting in the Leamington Town Hall but a full Council meeting will necessitate a relaxation of the rules. Now that people are out and about in the fine weather we have a District-wide (actually nation-wide) problem with the amount of litter for disposal which far exceeds the capacity of the normal litter bins. Much of the litter is related to take-away food and drink under current hospitality arrangements. Birmingham Airport is to become the only airport other than Heathrow designated to accept flights from Red list countries. A dedicated terminal and special buses to isolation hotels will ensure that there is no mixing possible with any other passengers. We have started a consultation on the potential merger of Stratford & Warwick Councils to form a South Warwickshire District. We would welcome comments from councillors and residents to understand their views further before a potential vote of 13th December 2021. We are working on submitting our accounts for the year ending March 2021, where we will get a better understanding of the costs of the pandemic to the council and then reprofiling how we afford services over the next 5 years.

WCC Report – Elections took place in May with a conservative majority. New Councillors have been receiving training. In Warwick district 85% of people have had 1 dose of the Covid vaccine.

A £140 million Warwickshire Recovery Investment Fund has been launched. Parents/carers can now apply for secondary school places, the deadline is the 31st October. The decision to introduce 20mph speed limits in residential areas is out for consultation.

Highway and Public Footpath/Towpath Maintenance and Repair – Cllr Jan Matecki is to chase the progress of the new Vehicle Activated Speed sign on the Hockley Road outside Barn Close Nurseries. The original sign was demolished in a road traffic accident over a year ago and the PC have been asking for a replacement since then. The installation of the traffic calming gates at either end of Shrewley Common is delayed. The Bramblers (Solihull Ramblers footpath maintenance group) will replace the broken way marking post when WCC supply a replacement. Thanks were given to Cllr Matecki who organised the diversion of traffic away from Stoney Lane when the A46 was being resurfaced

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

Village Hall – Redecoration of the interior of the hall has just been completed. The Committee has been considering upgrading the hall as other local halls have, but anything more than a minimal further extension (less than 5%) will not be allowed by WDC Planning Department because of Green Belt regulations. We are therefore considering internal rearrangements to improve the efficiency of use of the existing covered space.

An informal local group has been formed to use the telephone box as a library. The facility will be formally opened on 8th September.

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 November 1st at 7.45pm

All residents of Shrewley are welcome