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## OFFICE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2024 MEETING

### Highways & Paths

The street lighting has finally be restored to the Talbot Car Park for the street lighting. There is also electric capacity for the new EV charging points too.

The overgrown hedges on Childe Road and up the Viols path were sided up on 29<sup>th</sup> November. We expected the top as well as the residential pavement side to have been done too and as such have asked again for a meeting with the Streetscene Officer as proposed by our Unitary Councillor to discuss our expectations and Shropshire Council's work maintenance programme capacity so that we can discuss how we can work together.

Street cleaning under the Environmental Maintenance Grant

Both sides of the main street from Tenbury Road to the Church/Thai have been completed.

Letters have been delivered to a number of properties to request residents cut hedges back to the boundary for public safety and visual amenity.

### Neighbourhood Development Plan

84% of residents voted in favour of the NDP at the Referendum. The next stage is for the NDP to be formally adopted by Shropshire Council. This was due at their February Council Meeting but we have been informed that the February meeting is purely for financial matters and nothing else but it will go onto an Agenda for an extra meeting in March. We raised concerns about the interim period but Cllr Butler feels that the Local Plan is unlikely to be ready for adoption by then as it is taking months with the inspectors, as it is across the country. Until the plan is adopted no major development will be forthcoming as the proposed land is not in the existing plan. He is confident that the NDP will be adopted prior to the adoption of the new local plan and it will therefore become part of the supplementary planning document for further development in the town.

### Christmas

There have been a few issues with the Christmas lights on the lower half, south side (from Londis to the Wells). The breaker was tripping due to a faulty motif light above chip shop/scaffolding. The motif was removed and a bulb placed in the socket to put lights back in order.

A timer for Memorial Garden has been installed to ensure a consistent display.

The Christmas Window Competition winner is Severn Hospice. Thanks to Cllr Winward, Cllr Clarke and Mr Reynolds (Cleobury Clarion) for their judging efforts.