

Dear Councillors

It has again been a very busy month attending parish meetings, AGM meetings, Teams meetings and the Full Council meeting at the Guildhall, Shrewsbury.

I had the pleasure of meeting Stuart Anderson on 22nd May at Neen Sollars Parish Hall. I have highlighted the urgent need and asked for his help pushing forward and getting the works done at the Blount, also the Hopton Wafers bridge works. Regarding the Blount, I was advised by Highways some time ago that the works were due to commence between June and October of this year! Also, I asked Stuart to chase up a blue badge application for a local constituent that is taking much too long.

Cleobury Mortimer

Regarding the Cleobury to Tenbury Road, it has been reported back to me that the defects being marked were due to a safety inspection. Temporary repairs are to be done rather than spend time cutting out and doing permanent repairs, as there is a scheme on the horizon. It won't look pretty but it will keep the road safe until surfacing is done. Funding is allocated this year.

I have had several meetings now with Juan Hernandez trying to bring forward the Road Warden Scheme. If any parishes are interested there is training available for the lengthsman or person to oversee the volunteers. This training is free of charge funded by SCC. I was asked the question if the Parish Councils have signed up to MOU (Memorandum of Understanding)? If you can let me know please, I would be very grateful. There will be more information coming out regarding this Road Warden scheme.

I attended the Mowtown evening in aid of the Cleobury Mortimer Leisure Centre. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and more than £600 was raised. A big thank you to the Friends of the Leisure Centre. There are more fundraising events planned, the food and ale trail, also an afternoon tea.

Shropshire Council have invited interested parties to tender for the leisure centre contract and I have been informed several have already been and taken a look around.

I volunteered to help at the Food and Ale trail on Saturday. It was a beautiful day. I checked everyone in who took part. It was a very sociable event and everyone I spoke to thoroughly enjoyed it. I believe 112 people took part. It was such a success I hope it will be done again next year.

I joined the Town Councillors surgery at the last farmers market. I like to make myself approachable, if anyone has any concerns they can email me and I will always try to do my best to get back and take any necessary action.

I had the pleasure of meeting Jackie at the Flourish & Nourish gardens in Cleobury. This is an amazing achievement, cared for by volunteers. I know more volunteers are needed, and I am looking at ways to try and get more help. I particularly enjoyed the garden of rest.

I was invited to attend the Cleobury Sports and Social club meeting. A few issues were raised and one item I would like to get some more information please. Their lease has expired and it needs to

be renewed. As I understand, both the Town Council and Shropshire Council own it. The club would like to apply for grants and funding, and they really need future assurance.

Boraston

I was made very welcome at the recent parish meeting at Boraston Church. A few issues were raised. Signage to stop HGV vehicles going through this unsuitable road was brought up. It has been reported on Fixmystreet and I have also chased up. Also, the damage to the Ford bridge which has also been reported and chased up. The planning at Burford I know is an ongoing issue which I enlisted the help of my colleague Councillor Charles Shackerly-Bennett who is the Shropshire Councillor for that area.

Coreley

I was a bit late getting to the Coreley meeting as I was at Boraston meeting beforehand, but I still managed to meet the Councillors and discuss any issues, such as the cats eyes, potholes and the tree. All have been chased up again. Thank you to the ladies who provided refreshments, it was very welcome.

Neen Sollars and Milson

A lot has been going on behind the scenes regarding the Road Warden Scheme. I have had several meetings with Juan Hernandez who is heading up this scheme and is very keen to get parishes involved in taking care of their own areas. I know Neen Sollars have already been proactive doing most of these works for the past ten years, but this scheme will also allow minor small potholes to be fixed by volunteers under the direction of the lengthsman or other fully qualified person. I am having a meeting with Andy Wilde on 11th June, if anyone has any questions they would like me to put forward, please let me know.

Shropshire County Council

I attended the Full Council meeting at the Guildhall. Tanya Miles the interim chief executive was officially elected Chief Executive.

A query regarding Cornovii housing was brought to my attention, and it was raised at Full Council. Shropshire launched Cornovii in 2019. Their aim was to deliver 582 homes over 10 years backed by a £69 million council loan. The question asked was “have they delivered the 582 houses over the 10 years?” The answer is “no – the original target has not been achieved.” A recent report from the Lib Dem controlled council says forecast delivery has dropped by 50 units, reflecting updated viability and scheme changes.

Shropshire Council Cabinet approved a public consultation on 6th May on the Shropshire Local Plan- Scoping Document. The consultation will run for 8 weeks until 15th July. It's purpose is to seek early views from all interested stakeholders on what the next Shropshire Local Plan should contain. For more information visit 'get involved' webpage at:
[https://getinvolved.shropshire.gov.uk/consultations/shropshire-local-plan-scoping-consultaton/.](https://getinvolved.shropshire.gov.uk/consultations/shropshire-local-plan-scoping-consultaton/)