

# Parish Council News

## January/February 2024

### A Frosty Start



As I kick off the first newsletter of 2024 with some lovely frosty pictures of our local area, I am reminded of how fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful village.

After the misery of all the recent storms, it is good to finally see some drier weather, allowing the Jubilee Park to be utilised once again by our resident football teams.

Please be mindful the freezing temperatures and wet roads, could mean there will be a few spots of black ice around, so do take care to reduce your speed, particularly around the entrance to the park, where there may be emerging traffic. A gentle reminder also to allow extra room when passing riders on horseback, slowing down and passing with care.

### In and around...

#### The new benches have arrived!



I am delighted to let you know that the new benches have now arrived and have been placed on the green for permanent installation to enjoy once the weather improves.

The new picnic style benches are made of a more durable, composite material and replace two of the wooden, park style benches, which had deteriorated into a poor state.

These are soon to be accompanied by a new cycle rack, which will hopefully prevent the path across the green being obstructed by the bikes of visiting cyclists, taking a moment to rest and admire our lovely village as they pass through.

## Website Update - Planning Tracker

Thanks to Councillor Barnes, our community website has now been updated to include a useful planning tracker.

 Pending Consideration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 Application Granted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 Application Refused	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 Application Withdrawn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 Application Appealed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If you are interested in potential developments in the local area, the tracker's traffic light display, allows you to see at a glance the application status.

There is also the option to view the location on a map, and full details can be obtained by clicking on the link, which will take you directly to the appropriate section of the Shropshire Council website.

You can use the 'Refine Results' menu for specific searches and sign up to email alerts to have updates sent directly to your inbox. Give it a try!

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## Pothole Pain



The recent spell of wet weather has once again opened up a number of potholes along our country lanes. When filled with rainwater, deep potholes like this could be disguised as innocent puddles, but can be real tyre shredders if you drive over them.

The council can only repair them if they know where they are, so if you spot any in need of fixing, here is the link to report them:

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/roads-and-highways/highways-maintenance/potholes/report-a-pothole/>

Please note, any potholes outlined with paint will already have been reported and inspected by the council and awaiting repair.

## Lighting Up

The Parish Council are considering using some of its available funds to replace the remaining 6 sodium streetlights with LED bulbs. The replacement costs, whilst not insignificant, will be offset over time by the reduced energy usage and as the LEDs use less power, there will also be long term environmental benefits.

Although it might take 2-3 months for the bulbs to be replaced by the company installing them, we can look forward to a greener, more cost effective and reliable street lighting solution in the village.

## Have your say...

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.00pm on 21<sup>st</sup> February at the Jubilee Hall. All are welcome.

We would love to have your input and hear your thoughts on our plans and priorities for 2024. We hope to see you there!

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