

## **Chairman's Report February 2026**

Firstly the not so good stuff. The attacks on our village from developers continues with a new proposal for outline planning permission for 28 houses on land south of Jarvis Drive. A meeting to discuss our response to this has been arranged for March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

On the back of the meeting of the Planning Committee to discuss the Bloor Homes application for 200+ houses off Pulley lane, we have sent an official objection to Shropshire Council Planning department outlining the Parish Council's and residents serious concerns about this proposal.

Now for better tidings. The long held planning application for our Pavilion, was finally approved by our esteemed aforementioned Shropshire Planning department, last week. This means that the planned upgrade and extension can now progress to grant applications and then to invitations to tender for the building work.

Please note that the Annual Parish Meeting has been brought forward to the 9<sup>th</sup> March to allow Empowered Ltd to present at this meeting before the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> March the progress with the CEF Funding/Pavilion Project.

Progress has also been made on the agreed changes on the staffing front. An update to this will be given at Monday's meeting.

We will have at least three candidates for the single Parish Councillor vacancy for us decide, by vote, on Monday. I must remind you all that the number of councillors for our Parish is fixed at fifteen and that this is not up for discussion! Because we have one vacancy only, a simple single vote per councillor is all that is required.

Finally, I must, once again, thank councillors for attending the extra meetings that have been held due to ongoing circumstances. For those of us that are retired, this is not so much of a problem. I am very aware, however, that, for the working members of this Council,

these meetings call for time spent above and beyond what we would normally expect of a Parish Councillor. That the majority of you have responded without complaint reflects your continued commitment to our village. Thank You.

Rob Ruscoe.