

Chair's Report to Full Council 21.02.2022

- First Carbon Neutral Working Party Meeting held on 7th February 2022. In attendance The Clerk, four Councillors and eight Residents. Next meeting scheduled for 28.02.2022. Draft minutes prepared and will be distributed to Full Council after acceptance at the meeting on 28th February. A positive first meeting with the significance expertise available to the working party. Expectations of membership confirmed, TOR was reviewed including a discussion around the Scope of what this group will look at, to be confirmed at next meeting. Meeting schedule agreed.
- In order to be able to make use of the resources provided by Shropshire Carbon Neutral, a body of expertise established by Shropshire CC the parish council needs to sign the pledge:

“We, the undersigned, pledge our support for achieving net zero carbon Shropshire by 2030, and undertake to align our activities to be consistent with achieving this goal”.

Full Council declared a climate emergency in 2021 with a date of being Carbon Neutral by 2035, it does make sense for us to align ourselves with Shropshire CC to be carbon Neutral by 2030, could I please therefore have Full Council Approval to sign this pledge before the Working Party meet on 28th February.

- On the 9th of February a small ceremony involving Oakmeadow School and a dedication from the rev Peter Hubbard was held to plant a Crab Apple tree in the Sensory Garden to commemorate the 70-year reign of Queen Elizabeth II.
- Weekly meetings have been held with Julie Hodgkiss, our newly appointed Clerk, who is settling in very well. A very positive first thirty-day review has been completed with Julie, The Chair and Cllr Caroline Clode.