

SC Cllr. Report (Ted Clarke)

July 2022

The Council meeting on 7th of July was a full session from 10am until approx.2pm.

Arriving members were met by an informal group lobbying for the reopening of the main line Baschurch railway station. The successful candidate in the recent Highley byelection was formally welcomed to Shirehall by The Speaker and all members.

It was noted that the final revenue overspends for 21/22 was £2.5m. This shortfall was recovered from balances, which are now £11.5m and well below the recommended level.

It was also noted that in 21/22 £7.6m was received as un-ringfenced Covid-19 Grant. The largest proportion of which was spent on both adult and children's social care costs.

The Council are progressing in-depth training of all employees and members in cyber security and data protection requirements. Sadly, there are now frequent attempts to infiltrate/interfere with local and national government electronic communication systems.

The soundness of the draft "Local Plan" for Shropshire is now being examined, in public session at S'bury football club, by a Government Inspector. Principle councils are required to regularly review and identify all potential development sites within their respective areas.

Locally: The local "Library Friends" raised £200 from their recent plant sales and plan to hold a further sale in the autumn. A possible event to assemble hedgehog nesting box kits in the library garage is also being organised.

A small team of volunteers have now been trained to undertake regular "speed watch" recordings around the village. This initiative is being managed by our NHW coordinator.

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