

The meeting on 22nd September commenced with respectful silence for the late Queen. All subsequent business was completed, in somewhat subdued mood, by 12 noon.

Council unanimously agreed the formation of a climate change and carbon reduction advisory board to act as a “critical friend” in the ongoing ambitions to achieve carbon neutrally across the County.

Council also unanimously supported production of an annual report on anti-slavery and human trafficking measures that are being undertaken across the County.

Funding for a replacement public baths complex in Whitchurch was approved unanimously.

Three Multi- Hog Road repair machines are now operating right across the Shropshire highways rural network.

The preparatory work to introduce 20mph zones around all schools in the County continues.

Inflation forecasts indicate that Council are now facing a likely budget shortfall of at least £4.5 million in the current year.

Officers are hopeful that their bid for government “levelling up” funding for the various subsidised bus services in Shropshire, including 544 Shrewsbury/Lyth Hill, will be successful. In the interim all threatened bus services will now remain operational until April.

Locally: The Memorial Hall committee are working on plans to extend their small “Burgs” meeting room. And the sound and film projection equipment in the main hall has been upgraded; for resumption of the monthly “Flicks in the Sticks” film shows on 8th October.