

Shropshire Council report (Ted Clarke)

April 2023

The full Council on 30th March was largely taken up with the annual reports of the work undertaken by their five Overview and Scrutiny committees. To try and improve the O/S function it was agreed to reduce the number of Committees to four, with 11 members on each, better aligned to the Council's four directorates.

A motion from all opposition parties was carried, to try and increase the Council's influence over the impact of development on untreated sewerage discharge into open water courses.

Major redesign/ improvements of the Council's aging Web Site are now being developed.

Significant reductions in the daily opening hours of the Shropshire general enquiry/help telephone line are about to be introduced.

Locally: Work to bury the present overhead electricity line over lower Lyth Hill is in progress.

The start of the long-awaited housing development on the old Oakland site begins in May.

An application has been lodged for additional class space at the rear of Oak Meadow school.

Reliability of 27 bus service timing is now improving. The controversial proposals for a single combined GP hub facility on Otley Road have been put "on hold".

At time of writing, no planning application has been lodged for the cleared land behind our library – in the former gardens of "White Gates" 53 Lythwood Road.

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