

Following the sudden announcement of the General Election the Shirehall reaffirmed the policy of no overtly political activity during normal SC business until the election is over.

Over 200 members of staff, including a sizeable number of long-established senior officers, have now asked to be considered for the SC voluntary redundancy scheme; introduced to begin addressing the chronic £64M shortfall in the revenue required for 2024/25. Interim restructuring of the entire Council organisation is now in progress.

Contractors have now been appointed for the demolition of Shrewsbury Riverside precinct.

Free short (90 minute) pavement scooter training sessions for 5/10 year olds are about to be introduced at Shrewsbury Sports Village, off the Sundorne Road. Scooters and other equipment will be made available for use of all course entrants.

The reallocation of 138 self-contained units of university student accommodation in Mardol House and the Tannery is currently being considered.

After four years of repeatedly unauthorised and unlawful trading on Pride Hill in Shrewsbury, the miscreant trader has been fined a total of £11,000 including Court costs.

Travellers are being moved from their chance encampment on Shrewsbury Golf Course.

Locally: SC Highways and Bellway are now discussing the adequacy of the road markings on the approaches to their new housing estate.

Our bowling club are commissioning expensive renewal of their old green irrigation system.

The attractive mixed housing development on the Oaklands site is nearing completion. No re-application for development of the adjoining Glebe Land area has been lodged. The worrying proposals for Lyth Hill field R/O Grove Lane are still being considered by planners.

The seasonal problem of hedges overhanging the foot ways is again giving cause of concern.

At time of writing, we await the installation of the summer planters on the shopping Parade.