



Snow Liaison Volunteer

It has been some years since the last serious snow issues in Telford and Shropshire. Stories abound in the office (home) of the clerk about incidents in the past. The clerk has been working with Telford and Wrekin to ensure the best possible service is provided in Little Wenlock for residents. As part of that a new snow liaison volunteer has been nominated and is working with Telford and Wrekin to ensure the service is top notch. Councillor John Marcham whose contact details are below will liaise with Telford and Wrekin in Times of inclement weather. In an emergency when life is in danger you should still contact 999 but to report issues relating to snow and ice contact Councillor Marcham.

Litter Picking and Fly Tipping

Thank you to residents who litter pick as they go about their day to day lives. Telford and Wrekin Council have a scheme called Street Champions. There is one volunteer signed up at least in the Parish if you are litter picking or would like to please go to Telford and Wrekin website and search for street champion and sign up. You will be provided with some equipment and bags.

Fly Tipping is a massive problem in the Parish. Please report via the My Telford app as soon as you spot it. If you are unable to use this system please contact the clerk who will report it for you.

PARISH COUNCIL CONTACTS

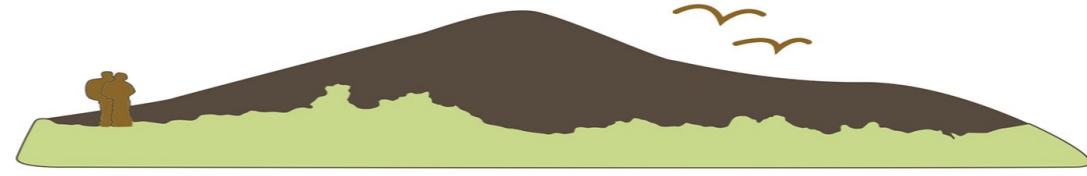
If you wish to enquire about anything in the Parish or raise an issue at a future meeting, please contact the clerk Jayne Madeley clerklwpc@gmail.com or 01746 785175

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All parishioners are welcome to sit in on Parish Council meetings which take place in the Village Hall, usually at 7.30 pm on the second Monday of each month except August. There is a regular agenda item at the start of each meeting when members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda.

The date and agenda for the next meeting are always placed on the parish notice boards in the bus shelters at Little Wenlock and at New Works the week prior to the meeting. Minutes, once approved, are on the notice boards and on the community website. Parish Email—clerklwpc@gmail.com

LITTLE WENLOCK PARISH COUNCIL



Spring 2018



Annual Open Meeting/Parish Meeting

The Annual Open Meeting/ Parish Meeting

Will be held on

Monday 23rd April 2018

7.30pm

Little Wenlock Village Hall

All residents are invited to attend.



Chair's Report 2018

I'd like to thank the Councillors for their continued support and hard work throughout the year. Thank you to Councillor Davidson for chairing the parish council so well during her time as chair. Also the residents of the Parish who help with litter picking, police neighbourhood updates, and for the emails communicating any issue found. Without this continued communication, it would be impossible for the Parish Council to be aware of all situations that arise within the parish. New Clerk Jayne Madeley has been in post for almost 12 months.

Little Wenlock Parish Council has not requested any increase in Council Tax and has managed to maintain the precept at the same rate for the last 3 years. This has been made possible because of good budgeting and stewardship of funds.

Footpaths: This parish has the largest number of footpaths. Rights Of Way are under constant discussion on how to improve and maintain them for safe use by the public. There are around 6 or 7 outstanding issues that have been reported to Telford and Wrekin Rights of Way officer. These should be corrected in the new financial year.

Planning: The Parish Council Continues to comment on all planning applications it receives for consultation. During 2017 a new system was started which enables the parish to comment on pre applications submitted as well. So far none of the pre applications seen have been submitted as full planning applications.

Fly Tipping: Continues to be reported To Telford and Wrekin Council. The Parish Council encourages you all to report any fly tipping you find straight to Telford and Wrekin Council or to the clerk if you are unable. This is an ongoing problem and hotspots are highlighted to Telford and Wrekin Council for covert camera operations.

Dog Fouling and Litter: This is an offence! anyone reported can be fined. FREE Dog Poo bags will be available for collection again at, Atalaya The Alley Little Wenlock (and at Clee View New Works in the porch). A slight Glitch during 2017 has meant there have been no bags available for a few months. The box of bags was stolen.

Highways: Little Wenlock Parish Council continues to work with Telford and Wrekin by reporting issues within the highway. This has resulted in some major works on Wellington Road from the village to The Wrekin.

Projects: During late March early April all the Parish Council owned street lights will have been replaced with new LED lights. You should notice a difference in the light colour and direction. The project has been funded from reserves. The new lights should reduce light pollution and will cost far less to run and maintain.

The damaged village sign has also been replaced. Before finally replacing the sign with like for like other options were explored to ensure this was the correct option.

Parking around the Wrekin: A small group of land owners, local authority, West Mercia Police and other major interested bodies have started a process of trying to ensure parking around the bottom of the Wrekin becomes safer. So far two meetings have been held and the clerk has been investigating all options to ensure everything that can be done is.

The bus shelter and notice boards are due for a small amount of renovation along with the only cast iron sign remaining in the Parish at the bottom of Malthouse Bank.

Parish council meetings continue to take place on the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the village Hall.

All members of the public are welcome to attend as your valuable contributions are appreciated.

Doggy Doo Bags.

The Parish Council has spent a little time over the last few months reviewing the provision of dog doo bags. The theft of the box storing the bags in Little Wenlock village seemed a good time to do this. After the review it was agreed to continue the practice of providing bags in both Little Wenlock and New Works. In Little Wenlock they are available at Atalaya The Alley and in New Works at Clee View. The Parish Council will monitor the use of this facility provided by two Parish Councillors in their homes. Thank you to Telford and Wrekin Council for providing the bags via the Dog Warden Service.

New Parish Councillor and Farewell

During 2017 Mr Alan Lees resigned from the Parish Council leaving a casual vacancy. Recently after the due process was carried out Mr John Marcham has been co opted to fill the vacancy. Mr Lees was thanked for all his work by the Parish Council and Mr Marcham has been welcomed to the table.

The Parish Council has also said farewell to former chair Jayne Davidson who has moved to Oxfordshire. Jayne's departure has caused another casual vacancy which is currently being advertised in line with legislation.

LED Street Lights

The Parish Council owns and manages all except the five streetlights in Crofters View. (these are owned and managed by Telford and Wrekin Council). It was decided to change the lamps to LED to benefit from modern technology and cheaper power costs. An LED street light is 75%-80% cheaper to light than the existing SOX and Fluorescent lights. Since the decision was taken to replace it has been announced the manufacturers of SOX bulbs were ceasing production. The new lamps should be in place by late spring early summer. They have been ordered and are subject to a 4-6 week order time.

The bulbs will be 19kw bulbs. There is one in place at the end of Witchwell Lane. There is also a 15kw bulb at the end of The Alley both at the junctions with Church Lane.