

June 2026

OVERVIEW

It has been lovely to attend the Annual Community Parish Meetings across the division during May and to hear all the amazing work undertaken by the Cllrs in every parish. Congratulations to all those new and re-elected chairs and vice-chairs for the year ahead.

Well done to members of Sutton-Upon-Tern PC on the competition of their community speed testing. It was great to join members on the A529 and to see first-hand the impact their presence had on the speed of vehicles along that stretch of road.

I was also happy to help marshal at the Hinstock Classic Car and Village Show, although the weather kept a few classics away, it was great to chat to many members of the public. Thank you to all involved.

May also saw the official rebrand of SYA, which will now be known as **All About Youth**. As chair of the board of trustees, 12 months ago we felt that a rebrand would give the charity the clarity and scope to grow and support all aspects of youth work across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin. All About Youth already support a number of youth groups across our parishes and I look forward to seeing these develop further.

At full council on the 14th May, Tania Miles was officially approved as the new CEO (Head of the paid service) at Shropshire Council following an extensive interview process. Although Tanya has lived in Shropshire for 27 years, she is keen to explore every corner of our county as she embarks on her new position. With this in mind, she will be undertaking a "Walk the Wards" exercise, where she intends to meet every elected member and go for a walk around our ward to get a real feel for the challenges faced by residents. I will share more details when I have them.

I have been asked where residents without email/phone can write a letter to me. Please do pass on the following address (I will also include in the footer of this report from now on). The members secretary will scan and email any letters received so there is no delay in answering your questions.

Cllr Neil Bentley
c/o Members Secretariat
Guildhall
Frankwell Quay
Shrewsbury
SY3 8HQ

You may have seen that a consultation is now open regarding the new Local Plan after the previous plan was rejected during the last administration. Please can I encourage you all to complete the survey and share your views. This will help us to shape the plan and to help us secure a local plan fit for the future of Shropshire. The survey is open until the **15th July** and can be found here:
<https://getinvolved.shropshire.gov.uk/consultations/shropshire-local-plan-scoping-consultation/>

BINS

The administration and the council are aware of number of issues regarding public bins not being emptied. This is less than satisfactory especially during the hot weather. I have included below an

explanation from Cllr David Vasmer as to why this issue has arisen. Please do register via Fix My Street any bins that are full/not been emptied when expected.

Cllr Vasmer: *“This [bin collection] used to be undertaken by firm called idverde who Kier commissioned to deliver this work as required by the terms of Kier’s Term Maintenance Contract with Shropshire Council. On April 1st this contract came to an end and Kier took over the litter bin collection service for areas outside Shrewsbury.*

But that was not the only change that took place. The service has been digitised so that every bin is recorded and rounds created to empty them in a more efficient and effective way. This has been a massive task but unfortunately communication of this change was very limited.

Implementation has been hampered by the following issues:

- 1. idverde appear to have stopped emptying litter some two weeks before the end of their contract*
- 2. There are lot more local arrangements where litter bins have been emptied but not recorded centrally*
- 3. Staff have to learn new litter bin collection routes and new ways of working and this is taking time.*
- 4. New vehicles were ordered by Kier to empty the wheelie bins, but they are still awaiting delivery. This has hampered our ability to fully empty those bins.”*

Summary of my meetings during May:

(01/05/26) SEND Portfolio Ofsted Update

(05/05/26) All About Youth | Marketing Meeting

(07/05/26) Equalities Training

(14/05/26) Full Council: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/committee-services/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=125&MId=5224&Ver=4>

(16/05/26) Hinstock Village Show

(21/05/26) Scrutiny Committee Chairs Meeting

CASEWORK

| Casework | Issue Raised / Portfolio | Actions |
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| Ollerton Business Park, Childs Ercall | PLANNING: Various planning applications have been passed yet conditions not met (esp highways) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NB Has been in contact with council legal team. |
| Speed Testing / Signage Childs Ercall | PCC John Campion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEPC Grant application forwarded and acknowledged by Tracey Onslow |
| 23/03138/FUL Mixed 28 Residential Dwellings Childs Ercall | PLANNING: This has gone to 'recommendations/committee' | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (23/03/26) I have emailed Andrew Huntley (new case officer) to ask for an update - awaiting response. • (31/05/26) Still waiting. |
| 25/03608/FUL Chicken Egg Production Caynton | PLANNING: This is still at 'recommendations/committee' | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with the local action group and residents in early May to discuss strategy for potential committee hearing. |

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| Land Ownership Glebe Close, Cheswardine | Overgrown piece of land between Glebe Close and the School. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School will now discuss this at the next full governors meeting in June. |
| 26/01212/FUL 25 dwellings Childs Ercall | Proposal of 25 dwellings just off Eaton Road | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listened to the views of many residents at the CEPC. NB: written a formal letter of objection to the case officer and completed a 'call-in' form. |
| Dodecote Drive Childs Ercall | HIGHWAYS: ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highways have instructed a technician to visit the road and to address current potholes. |
| Tag Lane Chipnall | Overgrown hedge row | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NB has raised concerns over the lack of progress with this case, specifically the lack of commitment from council and the process or reporting. |
| Potholes Chipnall | HIGHWAYS: Serious road defects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This has been escalated as a serious defect. NB also raised concerns with highways over the poor 'fix' quality over the past 18months. |
| Motor X Buntingsdale | Environmental Noise | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have asked for an update to this open case and also passed on new information from Sutton-Upon-Tern PC. |

PARISH COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

Here are questions posed by parish councillors across the division and updates/answers at present.

| Question | Answer / Outcomes |
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| Update on Eaton Road highways fix. | NB Escalated - awaiting response. |
| How much do road signs cost and can a parish move hidden road signs (overgrown hedges etc) to better locations? | No specific answer to this one as it depends on who the responsibility of the sign lies with and who might be their supplier. If any signs are damaged or missing then please register these on FMS - do not move signs. |
| Why was an enforcement restriction put in place in Childs Ercall if the council had no option to enforce? | Internal enquiry started, waiting response. |
| A41 Speed Camera Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputy PCC Tracey Onslow to chase with PCC John Campion - No response Simon D'Vali attended a meeting with T&W highways - no response. |
| Pothole Vehicle Compensation Form | NB emailed the council highlighting that residents raised concerns that the claim form on the council website isn't easily accessible. |