



## 5. Highways and footpaths

- 5.1 Cllr AA proposes a grit bin for use on the village hall car park. It was noted that there was a grit bin behind and owned by the village hall.  
There were also grit bins on Rectory Lane and at The New Inn. It was agreed to ask George Crump to fill up the two grit bins owned by the Parish Council
- 5.2 It was noted that the implementation of the prohibition of waiting would go ahead on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and narrower, paler double yellow lines are to be used.

## 6. Current Parish Council Projects and progress reports.

New projects were discussed by the Parish Council and the provision of a car park is to be placed on the February agenda. The Clerk will send a list of other parish council projects and funding that may be available to the Parish Council.

- 6.1 Parish Lengthsman update. MD is to resume his position as liaison with the lengthsman and will report back at the next meeting.

## 7 Planning applications

- 7.1 Planning applications for consideration by the Parish Council.

M/23/01594/GPDQ

Church Farm Shrawley Worcester WR6 6TS

Notification for Prior Approval for the proposed change of use of an agricultural building to 5 dwellinghouses.

There was no objection to this application but it was noted that the trees currently shielding the barn from the view from properties on Nutcross Lane and from Church Lane (and from the church and church yard itself) should be retained in perpetuity to protect the landscape and views associated with these areas and the surrounding public footpaths.

M/23/01536/FUL.

Location: Land At (Os 7983 6628), New Inn Lane, Shrawley

Description of Proposal: Erection of one new four bedroom dwelling with associated parking, landscaping and amenity areas.

Shrawley Parish Council had no objection to this application

M/23/01662/AGR.

Location: Land At (Os 8104 6427), Shrawley Description of Proposal: Proposed above ground reservoir for agricultural irrigation.

Shrawley parish council objected to this application due to its size and that it would overshadow the local pub. The Council would like to request that a visual impact assessment be performed on the land in question due to its size and negative impact on the environment.

- 7.2 Planning applications considered since the last meeting of the Parish Council  
Nothing to report.

- 7.3 Planning application decisions notified by Malvern Hills District Council:  
Approval

M/23/01103

Proposal: Demolition of pigsty.

Location: Church Cottage, Shrawley, Worcester, WR6 6TS.

## 8 Correspondence for information only

- Wyre outliers forest plan comments invited until 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

- West Mercia Police - Parish Contract and information on community toolkit re speeding. PC to agree policing priorities. These were agreed as speeding, theft-other and other traffic offences.
- Copy of email from Parishioner re the broadband in Shrawley to SRB
- Emails from S Picken re Councillor disqualification and legal advice obtained.
- District Councillors report for December 2024.
- Thanks from St Marys PCC for the donation to the mowing costs.

## 9 Finance

9.1	Barclays Bank balance	(as at 29/12/23)	
	Business Current account	£6840.55	
	Business saving account	£46.80	
	Cambridge and Counties Bond	(as at 31/12/23)	£8699.64
9.2	Accounts for payment were approved as follows.		
	HMRC for Clerk work October to December 2023		£168
	Clerk work for December 2023		£235.20
	Vodafone November and December		£19.85 monthly
	Web hosting – M A Ishaq		£100
	Shrawley parish hall – hire for Nov meeting		£30
	Items paid since the November meeting		
	St Marys Church – Church yard maintenance donation		£500
	Harper Farming - Christmas Tree		£180
	Coney Green Services inv 73 November 23		£650
	Clerk work for November 2023		£235.20

9.3 Monies received.

Interest has been received from Barclays and Cambridge and Counties.

9.4 The Finance committee to set a date to review the finances July- December

9.5 The Parish Council to discuss and agree the attached budget for submission to the District Council. The Precept was proposed to be £10,000 which is an increase of around 5%. The Parish Council approved the budget and the precept at £10,000.

## 10 Reports from Parish Councillors and items for consideration for the next Parish Council Meeting.

- It was agreed to contact the local policing team and obtain a date for them to meet SPC as they cannot attend any meeting dates.
- It was agreed to put project agenda item earlier in the agenda than highways and footpaths.
- It was agreed to agenda for February provision of a car park and funding opportunities.

## 11 Dates of the next Parish Council meetings confirmed.

These will be held in the Village Hall

12 February 2024

18 March 2024

15 April 2024 – Annual Parish Meeting and ordinary meeting of Shrawley PC.

## Public question time 2

The public can provide information on matters discussed at this point or raise items for consideration at the next meeting. Comments were limited to 3 mins per parishioner.

### **Public question time**

- Parishioner asked if the ownership of the Memorial Cross had been ascertained, which it had not. Cllr AD to investigate the deeds of transfer on the land adjacent.
- It was noted that broadband at the South end of the village was still not acceptable. Clerk to email SRB on the matter.
- RM summarised a letter from two residents who attended the last meeting. They came to the November meeting and since the meeting they have been accused by other persons of unacceptable behaviour at the meeting and wearing clothing that was offensive. The Parish Council would like to note that the behaviour of Steve and Anita Lea at the November meeting of the Parish Council of Shrawley was exemplary and that their t shirts caused no offence whatsoever.

### **District Councillors Report December 2023 Baldwin Ward**

A new Head of Planning has now been appointed, is due to start in February and should therefore be in place to steer the SWDPR through the Inspector's examination.

Meanwhile the Planning Improvement Group's suggestion that there should be a standing committee to monitor Planning performance has been rejected by the Executive in spite of support for the idea from Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It is, however open to reconsideration in six months (me and in the mean(me the PIG will continue its work with the same enthusiasm.

The agreement to commencing a public consultation o a new CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) on new developments was sought at the last Council Meeting, but a decision was referred back to a subsequent meeting due to a feeling that further consideration of the details by councillors was needed. A total of £1.9m has been received to date under the existing scheme and is supplemented by the £1m allocated for infrastructure from additional government grants.

The Transport policy which will also support the SWDPR is still awaited.

The five year Medium Term Financial Plan has been approved and it was revealed that the Council will have to find savings or additional income of £1.5m over that period to avoid cuts in services.

The first set of grants to rural businesses from funds provided by central government has been approved with successful applications from Astley Vineyard situated in the ward, plus the Save The Bell group which is supported by many local people.

Finally, we should like to wish all villagers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Pam and Paul Cumming Baldwin Ward