

Shropshire Council report to Barrow PC 201805

1) **WW1 remembrance**

Since I saw you last I attended St Chads Shrewsbury to remember Pioneer Frederick Powell, 26, Royal Engineers 10Apr1918 Rem'd at Barrow. Pte Arthur Wilde, 19, The King's (Liverpool Regiment) Killed in action 16Apr1918 Rem'd at Benthall

2) **Local Plan Review**

The Local Plan Review 2016-2036 continues. The call for sites closed in December and the Planning Policy team are currently assessing the submissions. They will invite town and parish councils to discuss the submissions with them during the summer.

3) **Speeding**

I arranged a meeting for the Parish Council at the end of March with the local police officer and one of Shropshire Council's principal highways officers. There was a fruitful exchange of views, but there have not yet been any practical proposals.

4) **Highways**

From the beginning of April Shropshire Council has formed a new seven-year partnership responsible for delivering a wide range of highways maintenance and environmental maintenance services in the county with WSP, its engineering consultant, and Kier – the council's new highways maintenance contractor. Kier will be responsible for highways projects and schemes, pothole repair, gritting, bridge maintenance, grass cutting, drainage, street lighting, emergency responses, vehicle maintenance and more.

Shropshire Council has also welcomed the award of almost £1.86m from the Department for Transport (DfT) to help repair potholes and protect the county's roads from future severe weather. This money will be added to the council's 2018/19 highways budget so that proper engineering treatments can be applied once the weather improves.

5) **Future Fit**

The consultation about the location of various hospital services as between Shrewsbury and Telford goes out to consultation this month. I anticipate that the Much Wenlock Local Join Committee will provide a vehicle for the residents of Broseley and Much Wenlock to hear from the NHS managers about the two options. It will provide an opportunity for questions from local residents. I suggest that this is of considerable importance to local residents and would urge you to encourage them to attend once the details are known.

6) **Energy advice**

I have organised an energy advice session at Much Wenlock library on 22nd May from 10am 'til 12:30. Expert advice about tariffs and deals is one hand and all local residents should do is turn up with the last couple of electricity bills.

7) **Broadband**

In February I referred to the latest part of the Connecting Shropshire programme. The Airband high-speed wireless broadband mast at Bourton Westwood is now live. A month ago a receiver was fixed on my house and I am consistently getting 30Mbps download and 2Mbps upload. A Shirlett resident contacted me a little while ago about slow broadband speed and I was heartened to learn from the Connecting Shropshire team that an Airband (fixed wireless) pole will be able to serve some properties in Shirlett from the end of May. There are around 100 premises in Barrow parish in the current Airband deployment plan (which is subject to change). According to the information to hand, roughly one-third of these are already able to order a service from Airband. I'd suggest that you advise parishioners to check availability with Airband and register their interest if a service is not already available. I'm sure that Airband would be happy to attend a future meeting of Barrow parish council to provide an update, if required. Also, Airband are always on the lookout for landowners willing to host their infrastructure

8) **Advice surgery**

My next advice surgery is on 9th June at Much Wenlock Museum TF13 6HR. It runs from 10:30am, and I hope to be joined by a Much Wenlock Town Councillor and a representative of the police. Of course, if any local resident has a problem that they think I can help with, they can contact me at any time by telephone or email.