

# CHESWARDINE

## PARISH COUNCIL

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### Attendance

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|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Chairman:</b>          | Cllr J Hislop                                                                                                                |
| <b>Councillors:</b>       | Cllr N Stallard, Cllr B Maskell, Cllr N Partridge, Cllr M Pound                                                              |
| <b>Also Present:</b>      | Cllr Bentley, attending in his capacity as both a member of the Parish Council and as the Unitary Authority Ward Councillor. |
| <b>Apologies:</b>         | Cllr I Jacobson, Cllr S Lewis, Cllr A Thomson                                                                                |
| <b>Not in attendance:</b> | None                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Clerk:</b>             | Mr Wayne Salisbury                                                                                                           |
| <b>Other:</b>             | None                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Public:</b>            | None                                                                                                                         |

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### Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Cheswardine Parish Council held at the Parish Hall on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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**Meeting started at 7:00 p.m.**

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr I Jacobson, Cllr S Lewis, and Cllr A Thomson

**2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Considerations**

- a) Cllr Stallard declared an interest in item 11, authorisation of payments.
- b) Cllr Bentley declared an interest in item 13, Highway Speed Signage and an interest relating to his role as a Unitary Councillor for Shropshire Council.
- c) No dispensations were requested or granted.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**4. Policing Matters**

**a) To receive a report from the local PCSO and neighbourhood policing team.**

Representatives from the police were not in attendance.

**b) To consider the response to the Police Community Charter and current community issues and priorities.**

Members considered the Council's response to the charter, which the police review every three months.

Members agreed that the three priority issues reported to the police be antisocial behaviour, antisocial driving, and drugs.

The Clerk would submit the Council's response to the police on this basis and would request parish-specific crime information.

**c) To consider the request received from SALC for specific rural crime issues affecting the parish.**

Members considered the separate request received from SALC regarding specific rural crime issues affecting the parish.

In addition to the charter priorities, members identified fox hunting, hare coursing, fly-tipping, and doorstep peddlers.

**5. Public Participation**

There were no members of the public in attendance, and no questions or statements had been submitted to the Clerk.

### 6. Shropshire Unitary Councillor's report

Cllr Bentley shared a report with members ahead of the meeting, which is included in the appendix to these minutes on pages 943 - 945.

Cllr Bentley shared the following Cheswardine specific updates.

- A change in legislation now means that councillors' home addresses are no longer published, following a national rise in abuse directed at elected members. A contact address at the Guildhall is available.
- On waste collection, contract changes are affecting some areas of the county. Residents are encouraged to report missing or overflowing bins on Fix My Street, which now feeds a new digital map of assets. Cllr Bentley confirmed that he continues to chase the dog bin collections.
- The potholes on the road outside Venables had been addressed and a complaint had been logged regarding the standard of earlier repairs. New pothole inspectors are now operating in response to substandard contractor work.
- A dip had appeared in the road on the approach to Cheswardine from Chipnall direction, which Cllr Bentley is investigating, with a collapsed pipe that formerly served the walled garden at Cheswardine Hall identified as a possible cause.
- A Shropshire Local Plan consultation briefing note has been shared with members. Two parcels of land within the parish have been put forward, and the larger strategic site at Tern Hill. Members were encouraged to respond to the consultation individually.

Cllr Partridge shared disappointment with a road in Soudley which is disintegrating.

The Chair added that they are aware of residents contacting neighbours to encourage them to respond to the local plan consultation.

Cllr Stallard shared concerns that school and GP provision would not be increased to support new homes.

Cllr Bentley noted that the area currently has a 4.6-year housing land supply, which is below the required five years, and that a 40% affordable housing target has been set across Shropshire.

The Chair raised that they are aware that developers are being asked to provide playing field and playgrounds within new developments and that, if these are not completed within 5 years, by the Council then the funds can be claimed back by the developers.

Cllr Bentley confirmed that the proper distribution of section 106 and CIL funds is being actively pursued.

### 7. Playing Field, Playground and Car Park

The Clerk shared with members details of the May playground inspection report from Kompan, which had highlighted the swing sets as a moderate risk and provided an indicative replacement quote. The figure noted was £9,359.42 including VAT.

The Clerk had emailed members to gauge views on the preferred route, to fund replacement from the Council's own budget and reserves, or to direct grant applications towards it. Members noted that £15,000 is held in reserves. Members agreed that the swing sets should be replaced this year.

It was agreed that the Clerk will seek further quotes for the swing set replacement and that they will be considered at the July meeting.

Cllr Pound agreed to progress a National Lottery grant application towards the wider planned playground improvements. It was noted that lottery funding cannot be applied retrospectively, so the swing set replacement may need to be funded from the Council's funds, with any lottery award directed towards additional equipment or path works, as previously discussed.

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Cllr Stallard asked how many members had responded to the Clerk's email on this matter. Members noted that only Cllr Stallard's response had been received and agreed that such requests should be responded to promptly in future.

### 8. Chair's Report

The Chair reported on the SALC meeting held on 27th May. The key points were the Local Plan and the response regarding parish specific crime issues, both of which had been covered earlier in the meeting.

The Chair had been unable to attend the Chairs' Network meeting and invited any member who was available to attend the Local Nature Recovery Strategy briefing being held on Teams at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

Cllr Stallard reported on his attendance at the North Shropshire Area Committee, where the distribution of Community Infrastructure Levy funding had been discussed.

### 9. Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report was received by members, which detailed updates on actions since the last meeting, including:

- Work since the previous meeting had focused on the Annual Governance and Accountability Return and the internal audit, both of which were items later on the agenda.
- The bin at the bottom of the playing field had been emptied by the Council's odd jobs contractor, and a Fix My Street report had also prompted action by Shropshire Council.
- Ahead of the July meeting, the Clerk advised that a review and update of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations was in progress.
- The odd jobs contractor had declined the milestone repainting. Cllr Bentley had offered to carry out the work, and the Clerk confirmed that the cost of any materials would be reimbursed.

### 10. Planning (Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Sched 1, para 8)

To consider any planning applications which have been received since the publication of this agenda.

No further applications were received.

### 11. Authorisation of payments

**RESOLVED:** the schedule of payments for June 2026 correctly states the invoices presented and that **£2,190.87** is approved to be paid. **£552.94** has been paid under 6.6 and **£247.00** has been paid under 6.9 iii. (as detailed on page 940)

### 12. Finance – Annual Payments List

Members considered the annual list of approved payments for 2026-27. The Clerk advised that an additional column had been added showing the highest payment value for each line.

The Clerk added that these are the Council's standard recurring payments, which is of particular importance for August, when no meeting is held. No transactions had been added.

**RESOLVED:** that the annual list of approved payments for 2026-27 be approved.

### 13. Highway Speed Signage

A supporting document prepared by Cllr Bentley was shared with members before the meeting.

Cllr Bentley updated members on the background of ongoing speeding issues across the parish and on efforts to reduce the speed limit on the national speed limit road at Soudley to 30 mph. Cllr Bentley raised the challenges in achieving a speed limit reduction and how that the Parish Council could be pro-active by considering introducing a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) or a Speed Indicator Device (SID). Cllr Bentley added that Shropshire Council would not fund such a sign so it would be down to the Parish Council to progress this if desired.

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Members discussed the option of investing in an interactive sign as a Council asset, which could be moved between locations across the parish. Cllr Bentley advised that Shropshire Highways had indicated no objection in principle and potential mounting sites had been identified.

The Clerk provided information on suppliers and devices, noting his experience of operating SIDS for other councils, the value of the data they capture, and that displays can be configured not to show excessive speeds. Cllr Partridge commented that everything should be done to reduce the speed limit.

Cllr Pound agreed with the idea of using a VAS or SID but had concerns about misuse.

Cllr Stallard asked if speed calming road markings such as 'slow' were still being applied where needed.

Members also discussed wider measures, including gathering data on local road use and undertaking community speed watch activity with the police.

**RESOLVED:** that quotes for a vehicle activated speed sign be obtained and considered at the September meeting, with no commitment to purchase at this stage.

Members agreed to consider, ahead of September, how supporting data might best be gathered.

### 14. CCTV System Servicing and Maintenance

Members considered the servicing and ongoing management of the CCTV system at the Parish Hall, following difficulties with access.

The Clerk advised that he had obtained a quote from Camtek, a contractor he uses across other councils, to conduct a full service of the twenty-camera system, reset it, and set up new user access for the Clerk, Cllr Pound, and Cllr Partridge.

The previous contractor had been unresponsive and had not provided evidence of a service paid for in 2024.

**RESOLVED:** that the quote of £380 from Camtek for the servicing and reset of the CCTV system be accepted.

The Clerk would arrange a suitable date, with Thursday afternoons noted as preferable, and any upgrade to the recording equipment would be considered as part of the budget setting process for next year once the service visit had confirmed the system's capabilities.

### 15. Internal Audit Report 2025-26

Members received the internal auditor's report and the Chair shared information from the supporting document prepared by the Clerk.

One matter raised by the internal auditor remained outstanding regarding the historic charity associated with the playing and recreation field, which has existed since around 1963 with the Parish Council as sole trustee.

The Clerk advised that this accounting method could cease immediately and that a way forward, including possible dissolution, would need to be determined.

Cllr Partridge agreed to make further enquiries, and the matter would be brought to a future meeting for decision once further information was determined.

**RESOLVED:** that the internal audit report for 2025-26 be received and approved.

### 16. Annual Governance and Accountability Return

**RESOLVED:** that Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2025-26 be approved.

(as detailed on pages 941 - 942)

**17. Notice of Public Rights**

Members noted that the dates set for the notice of public rights are 19<sup>th</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

The Clerk informed members that the notice and copies of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return would be displayed on the noticeboard.

**Meeting concluded at 8:32 p.m.**

Chairman..... Date.....

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### Schedule of Payments - As resolved under Item 11.

#### Cheswardine Parish Council

#### Schedule of Payments

16th June 2026

|    | Date of Debit or Cheque Raised | Recipient                 | Purpose                                               | £              | £      | Payment Method   | Power of expenditure          | Scribe |
|----|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
| 1  | 17/06/2026                     | AJT Carpentry             | Odd Jobs - Litter Bins May/June                       | 75.00          |        | BT - Unity Trust | Litter Act 1983 ss.5          | Yes    |
| 2  | 17/06/2026                     | JDH Business Services Ltd | Internal Audit 2025-26 Fee                            | 476.40         |        | BT - Unity Trust | LGA 1972 S 111                | Yes    |
| 3  | 17/06/2026                     | PG SKIPS                  | Rubbish Removal - Skip Emptied 22/05/26               | 36.11          |        | BT - Unity Trust | Litter Act 1983 ss.5          | Yes    |
| 4  | 17/06/2026                     | Shropshire Council        | Streetlighting - Joint Energy Agreement - 1st Quarter | 276.08         |        | BT - Unity Trust | Highways Act 1980 s301        | Yes    |
| 5  | 17/06/2026                     | Kompan                    | Playground Inspection May                             | 173.11         |        | BT - Unity Trust | Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 10 | Yes    |
| 6  | 17/06/2026                     | North Salop Wheelers      | Journey Subsidies - May                               | 12.00          |        | BT - Unity Trust | LG Rating Act 1997 s26-29     | Yes    |
| 7  | 17/06/2026                     | Scribe Accounts           | Accounting Software Renewal 2026-27                   | 446.40         |        | BT - Unity Trust | LGA 1972 S 111                | Yes    |
| 8  | 17/06/2026                     | Cllr N Stallard           | Mileage Claim - NSAC Meeting 36 miles x 0.55          | 19.80          |        | BT - Unity Trust | LGA 1972 S 111                | Yes    |
| 9  | 17/06/2026                     | W Salisbury (Clerk)       | Giff Gaff - Phone Monthly Payment - June              | 6.00           | 26.90  | BT - Unity Trust | LGA 1972 S 111                | Yes    |
| 10 | 17/06/2026                     | W Salisbury (Clerk)       | Mileage (19th May - 38 miles x 0.55)                  | 20.90          |        | BT - Unity Trust | LGA 1972 S 111                | Yes    |
| 11 | 17/06/2026                     | W Salisbury (Clerk)       | Clerk Salary - June                                   | 495.00         |        | BT - Unity Trust | LGA 1972 S 112                | Yes    |
| 12 | 17/06/2026                     | HMRC                      | Tax & Contributions on Clerks salary - June Month 3   | 123.80         | 154.07 | BT - Unity Trust | LGA 1972 S 112                | Yes    |
| 13 | 17/06/2026                     | HMRC                      | Employer NIC - Month 3                                | 30.27          |        | BT - Unity Trust | LGA 1972 S 112                | Yes    |
|    |                                |                           | <b>Total</b>                                          | <b>2190.87</b> |        |                  |                               |        |

| Payments made as resolved under the approved payments list 5.5b |            |                                |                                         |               |  |                  |                               | Scribe |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------|--|------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
| 14                                                              | 08/06/2026 | BT                             | Parish Hall Broadband - 1st to 31st May | 53.94         |  | DD - Unity Trust | LGA 1972 S 133                | Yes    |
| 15                                                              | 28/05/2026 | Shropshire Grounds Maintenance | Grounds Maintenance Contract - May      | 499.00        |  | BT - Unity Trust | Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 10 | Yes    |
|                                                                 |            |                                | <b>Total</b>                            | <b>552.94</b> |  |                  |                               |        |

| Payments made under Financial Regulations 5.5a to avoid late payment |            |                     |                                  |               |   |             |                | Scribe |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|---|-------------|----------------|--------|
|                                                                      | Date of    |                     |                                  | £             | £ |             |                |        |
| 16                                                                   | 11/06/2026 | Cheswardine Fun Run | Grant as resolved at May meeting | 240.00        |   | Bank Charge | LGA 1972 S 145 | Yes    |
|                                                                      | 31/05/2026 | Unity Trust Bank    | Bank Charges                     | 7.00          |   | Bank Charge | LGA 1972 S 111 | Yes    |
|                                                                      |            |                     | <b>Total</b>                     | <b>247.00</b> |   |             |                |        |

Invoices checked and verified at the meeting held on 16th June 2026

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cllr N Stallard 17/06/26  
Cllr - Proposer - Sign & Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cllr B Maskell 17/06/26  
Cllr - Seconder - Sign & Date

| DEPOSITS RECEIVED |       |      |
|-------------------|-------|------|
| May               | 2026  |      |
| Date              | Total | From |
|                   |       |      |
|                   |       |      |
|                   |       |      |
| Total             | £0.00 |      |

**Annual Governance Accountability Return – Section 1 - As resolved under Item 16.**

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### Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2025/26

We acknowledge as the members of:

Cheswardine Parish Council

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2026, that:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Agreed |     | ‘Yes’ means that this authority:                                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Yes    | No* |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.                                                                                                                           | ✓      |     | prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.                                                                                               |
| 2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.                                                                                                           | ✓      |     | made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.                                                                     |
| 3. We have assured ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances. | ✓      |     | has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.                                                                                     |
| 4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors’ rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.                                                                                                        | ✓      |     | during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority’s accounts.                                                               |
| 5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.                                                     | ✓      |     | considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.                                                                                          |
| 6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.                                                                                                                                   | ✓      |     | arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority. |
| 7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.                                                                                                                                                                         | ✓      |     | responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.                                                                                                           |
| 8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.           | ✓      |     | disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.                                           |
| 9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.  | Yes    | No  | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | ✓      |     | has met all of its responsibilities where, as a body corporate, it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.                                                               |
| 10. We have put in place arrangements for the effective IT and data management in accordance with proper practices during the year under review.                                                                                                                         | ✓      |     | has made suitable arrangements for its IT and data management and has complied with proper practices in doing so.                                                                       |

\*Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each ‘No’ response and describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified. These sheets must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:

16/06/2026

and recorded as minute reference:

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Signed by the Chair and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:

Chair

Clerk

*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*

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\*Box 7 & 8 - Figure restated due to typographical error on 24-25 section 2. Boxes 1 to 6 were correct.

\*\*Box 9 - Figure restated due to formula error on Asset Register spreadsheet which was carried onto 24-25 section 2.

### Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2025/26 for

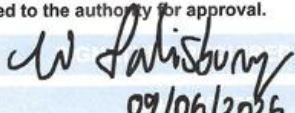
#### Cheswardine Parish Council

|                                                             | Year ending           |                    | Notes and guidance                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                             | 31 March 2025<br>£    | 31 March 2026<br>£ |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1. Balances brought forward                                 | 31,483                | 35,240             | Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value <b>must</b> agree to Box 7 of previous year.                                                       |
| 2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies                          | 23,388                | 24,446             | Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.                                                                                 |
| 3. (+) Total other receipts                                 | 24,699                | 6,999              | Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.                                                                   |
| 4. (-) Staff costs                                          | 6,294                 | 7,666              | Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments. |
| 5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments                     | 0                     | 0                  | Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).                                                                                      |
| 6. (-) All other payments                                   | 38,037                | 16,158             | Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).                                                                      |
| 7. (=) Balances carried forward                             | 35,240<br>RESTATED*   | 42,861             | Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. <b>must</b> equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).                                                                                                                |
| 8. Total value of cash and short term investments           | 35,240<br>RESTATED*   | 42,861             | The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – <b>To agree with bank reconciliation.</b>                                              |
| 9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets | 114,988<br>RESTATED** | 122,409            | The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.                                                                      |
| 10. Total borrowings                                        | 0                     | 0                  | The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).                                                                                                        |

| For Local Councils Only                                                              | Yes | No |                                                                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11 Do the figures in the accounting statements above exclude any trust transactions? |     | ✓  | For guidance refer to the Practitioners' Guide sections 2.31 to 2.33. |

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2026 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval.

  
Date 09/06/2026

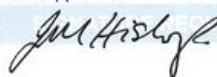
I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

16/6/26

as recorded in minute reference:

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Signed by Chair of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved



## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 **15<sup>th</sup> 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

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

# CHESWARDINE

## PARISH COUNCIL

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

### 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"> <li>Deputy PCC Tracey Onslow to chase with PCC John Campion - No response</li> <li>Simon D'Vali attended a meeting with T&amp;W highways - no response.</li> </ul>                    |
| 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.                                                                                   |