

## **Councillor's Summary of Parish Council activities 2017 to 2018**

Firstly I would like to thank all my fellow councillors for giving up their time as volunteers to work on the Parish Council. I would also like to thank our Clerk Lorna Pardoe and our County Councillor Claire Wild for their support and hard work on behalf of the Parish Council.

I am sad to say we have lost a few of our councillors this year. Paul Brewer and Roy Harper have both left the Parish area and so had to leave us. I thank them for their hard work over the years. Their support was much appreciated and we will miss them both. We have also lost our Chair Janine Hayter recently who has had to retire from the Council due to work commitments. Thank you Janine for your support and hard work .We will miss you too .We hope to co-opt new councillors soon.

### **Statistics**

- The Parish Council held 6 meetings during the year – May, July, September, November, January plus an extraordinary meeting in February
- Cllr. Janine Hayter was elected Chair at the May meeting
- Cllr. Malcolm Corrie was elected Vice-Chairman at the May meeting
- There are a total of 7 councillors on the Parish Council. All unpaid. The Clerk is the only salaried employee of the Council
- Severn Valley County Councillor Claire Wild attended all the Council meetings except for the extraordinary meeting in February.

### **Planning matters**

- Our Parish is designated as 'Open Countryside' in the current Shropshire Council's 'Site Allocation and Management of Development' Plan, which is a document that gives planning guidance when looking at planning applications.
- The Local Plan is currently being reviewed. In the past Parish Councils could choose whether they wanted to become a building 'Hub' or 'Cluster' or remain 'Open Countryside'. That is changing and a criteria based point system is to be introduced based on the type and number of services within the parish. The points will determine whether the parish

will be made a building 'Hub' where sites will then be allocated within the parish for development. Parishes who remain 'Open Countryside' will have the opportunity to become a 'Cluster' if they so wish. The difference from now will be that 'Clusters' will have no development boundary to contain development. It appears, from what we have been told so far that we will remain 'Open Countryside'. For more information please visit the Shropshire Council website [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk).

- Part of our Parish lies within the Shropshire Hills AONB (Area of Outstanding natural Beauty). Details and maps can be found at [www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk](http://www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk). The AONB can put in strong recommendations for/against planning applications but does not carry particular weight on decision making.
- Once a Planning Application is validated the Parish Council has 30 days to respond. The Parish Clerk is designated to respond on behalf of the Parish Council online. The Parish Council may have to call an extraordinary meeting of its councillors to comment on an application if it cannot wait until the next bimonthly meeting.

#### **Planning Applications received this year:**

- Reference: 17/01846/REM  
Baxters Farm, Eaton Constantine, Shrewsbury SY5 6SF  
Proposal: 6 Approval for Reserved Matters (appearance, landscape, layout and scale) pursuant to Outline Application 14/04154/OUT for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling to include means of access.  
*Permission Granted 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017*
- Reference:17/01869/FUL  
The Villa, Eaton Constantine, Shrewsbury  
Proposal: Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey infill between garage and dwelling with terrace above; internal alterations to dwelling.  
*Awaiting decision*
- Reference: 17/02576/TPO  
1The Grange, Eaton Constantine, Shrewsbury SY5 6RQ

Proposal: To fell 1 Scots Pine tree protected by Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council ( The Grange, Eaton Constantine 2004) Tree Preservation Order 2004. *Permission refused 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017*

- Reference: 17/03053/TPO

The Manor House, Leighton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY5 6RN

Proposal: To crown lift 2 Sycamore trees to 5m( T2 and T4) , remove major deadwood from 1 Lime tree and fell 2 Holly and 2 young Ash trees (G2); 2 Sycamore trees (T3 and T5) , 6 young Ash trees(G2), 5 Silver Birch trees(G2) protected by Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Manor House , Leighton) Tree Preservation Order 1976

*Permission Granted 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017*

- Reference: 17/04251/FUL

Morrells Wood Farm, Leighton.

Proposal: Use of existing buildings to allow a mixed use of up to 20 events per year as a wedding venue and the use of two existing Hardstanding areas and part of existing field for additional car parking provision.

*Permission granted 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017*

- Reference: 18/01546/FUL

The Manor House, Leighton

Proposal: Erection of a single storey side extension (ammendment to previous approval ref :18/00108/FUL)

*Awaiting decision*

- Reference:18/00269/FUL

Proposed Agricultural Building North East of Eaton Constantine, Shropshire SY5 6RH

Proposal: Erection of a general purpose agricultural building

*Awaiting decision*

- Reference: 18/00387/FUL

18 Rural Cottages, Eaton Constantine, Shrewsbury

Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension

*Permission Granted*

## **Financial**

After seeing where the Parish Council could make savings it was agreed to set the Precept for the financial year 2018-2019 at £5282. This represents a charge of £25.71 per Band D property in the Parish. This is a rise from last year of £4.88 per Band D household. The main reason for the rise is the proposed loss of our Environmental Maintenance Grant for this financial year. This Grant is used for grass cutting and road sign cleaning in our Parish.

## **Highways**

The parish Council has submitted a 'Community Led Concern' for Upper Longwood, Lower Longwood, and Leighton.

We have been told by Shropshire Council that Leighton has been approved to have Traffic Calming Measures. We have seen the plans drawn up by Mouchel and are now waiting for the funding to become available.

Potholes are a real problem this year, especially after the cold winter. We do regularly report potholes to Shropshire Council . Residents can also report potholes themselves on the Shropshire Council website.

## **Crime**

Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion attended our Parish Council Meeting in November. He was asked why the police will not enforce the 30mph speed limit in Leighton but would enforce a 40mph limit. He said he would look into why this is the case. He said he would support our application for Traffic Calming Measures.

As fly tipping is a big problem John Campion asked that anyone who saw a van that was fly tipping should take a photograph and forward it to the police. He said that the police forces share information across the districts

Mr Campion was asked if there was a way of increasing police presence in our area. Our local PC has a huge area to cover. The PCC said that he was unlikely to be able to increase manpower. He feels that with introduction of better IT that Police will be able to spend more time out in the community.