

Unitary Councillor's March/April Report

This month has been a very busy one. Every parish council are reporting potholes. This has been reported back to Andy Keyland and Heather Kidd. David Vasmer did put out a press release, but that has not answered the questions put forward from local parish councils. I am going to have a meeting with Alex Wagner to discuss local parishes being more involved in fixing the smaller potholes.

Stottesdon

Regarding the planings that were left in the lane after the works had been done at Duddlewick, I have spoken with Andy Keyland and the contractors were under the impression the local farmer was going to have them.

Kinlet

Regarding the potholes along the stretch of the B4194, Andy Keyland said they should be done in the next few weeks.

Neen Savage

Spoke to Andy Keyland and he said there is a CIL fund for Neen Savage Ford. He said he hopes this will go ahead as soon as possible.

Hopton Wafers

I have had several onsite meetings with Andy Keyland regarding the massive pothole on the Catherton to Cleeton St Mary's road. I requested that the pothole be filled temporarily to enable the local residents to be able to continue to use the road. This I am glad to report was carried out swiftly. I also met with the owners of the common, the Shropshire Wildlife Trust, to discuss the drainage issues. Being common land, it is important that the environment is respected. The drainage will need to be sorted before a repair can be made to the road, as it would just be washed away again. I am hopeful that the Shropshire Wildlife Trust and Shropshire Council will work together so that this will be done as soon possible and as resources are available.

Wheathill

I have chased up on the Shropshire County Council BOT regarding when the speed reduction will be in place at Wheathill? Reference CAS-V2K8G1 20032026.

Farlow

Potholes on the road by the Gates Hangs Well have been reported to me again. If you see any potholes, can you please report them on Fixmystreet. They are done in order of safety, and also, how many people report them.

Cleobury Leisure Centre

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Leisure Centre Fund. At the moment, the amount remaining to be raised is £11,500, that is taking into account, the £15,000 from the Town Council, should it be needed. Fundraising events are still being planned.

Shropshire County Council

Full Council met to set the budget for the year ahead (2026/27). The budget for 26/27 relies on Exceptional Financial Support (EFS) from the Government. Shropshire Council has been awarded Exceptional Financial Support and is one of around 40 councils across the country to receive EFS. This is not a bail out, but money that must be paid back with interest.

Regarding the council tax increase, the liberal council voted to increase this by 8.99%. This is more than 4% more than it is normally capped at, which should raise an additional £8.8 million income for the council. If any household is struggling, there is help available, they can contact the Council Tax support pages Council tax assistance Shropshire Council.

Shropshire Council has approved a new Town and Parish Council Asset Transfer Policy. The policy is designed to strengthen local decision making, protect community assets and enable town and parish councils to take a more active role in managing buildings and spaces.

Kindest regards

David