

Unitary Councillor's September 2026 Report

Dear Councillors,

It is a short report this month as it has been a quiet month regarding council meetings and several staff being on holidays.

Stottesdon

Nothing new to report.

Kinlet

Nothing new to report.

Neen Savage

Nothing new to report.

Hopton Wafers

I have had correspondence regarding the proposed planning for 16 houses at Doddington. I have emailed to arrange for an onsite meeting.

Wheathill

I am glad to see that the reduced speed signs are now up after much chasing up. I am looking forward to meeting the new publicans of the Three Horseshoes pub at the next parish council meeting.

Farlow

Nothing new to report.

Aston Botterell

I had requested for a meeting for the highways technician to come out and look at the state of the roads. I have spoken to Jason Davis who said that it is a big job and will most likely be a capital job which takes time to organise. I am hoping to be at your upcoming parish council meeting and look forward to meeting you.

Shropshire Council

Just a reminder to reply to the invitation to meet Tanya Miles the new Chief Executive of Shropshire Council as soon as possible, so I can arrange a suitable room. Tanya is doing the "Walk the Wards" over the whole of Shropshire. It is a big task arranging this. I am planning on taking Tanya to Hobsons to meet local business owners, the market hall for chairs and clerks, the leisure centre for the friends of the leisure centre and local voluntary groups and Hopton Court for larger businesses. I am looking forward to her meeting as many of you as possible and you being able to have your say.

Over the past few weeks, Shropshire council have now recruited to senior management roles. Corporate Director for Connected Communities, Corporate Director for Change and Improvement, Service Director for Inclusive Education, Family Help and Skills and Director of Adult Services. Final interviews for the remaining two roles- Service Director of Housing and Corporate Director for Finance and Governance will take place over the next couple of weeks.

For your information blue badge applications update. There was a recent application that took over 8 months, and after requesting an investigation as to why it took so long, Paula Mawson, Service Director for communities & Customers came back with the following. There will be new increased staff, there will be more considerate communication and outsourcing of medical assessments and that they hope to be able to deliver within the 12 weeks application time as stated on the website.

Kindest regards

David