



OFFICE REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2025 MEETING

SEPTEMBER MARKET FEEDBACK

Cllrs James, Smith & Hobin attending the drop-in surgery at the Market Hall on Saturday 20th September. Unitary Cllr Davies also attended. Councillors reported that no feedback was received from residents.

PRIMARY SCHOOL FENCE PROPOSAL

Since the last open meeting in St Mary's, there was a meeting with school representatives where various options were discussed. Currently Shropshire Council is looking at the legal implications of a fence in relation to the lease with the school and the deeds.

TEME LEISURE FEEDBACK

We have received numerous emails and correspondence from residents with regards to the potential closure of Cleobury Mortimer Sports Centre. The Chair of the Friends of Cleobury Sports Centre has requested a further update meeting with Council members over the next couple of weeks.

It was noted, with disappointment, that the Friends posted on Facebook saying we are going to ask for residents' agreement to a £45,000 increase in the precept. We communicated this to the Friends, saying there are many aspects to the Sports Centre matter which need clarifying before any consultation goes out. Further information has been sought from Teme Leisure as well as an update from Shropshire Council.

REMEMBRANCE

Staff attended a meeting regarding upcoming community events including Remembrance and the Christmas Lights switch on. Just a reminder that Remembrance Sunday is on 9th November. Any Councillors attending are to meet in the Talbot Car Park at 10.25am ready to Parade with the uniformed and voluntary organisations. A councillor will be required to lay a wreath.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Prysmian have completed the required works to the street lighting column at the Wells to enable access to electricity for the Christmas Lights in Church Street.

YOUTH WORK FUNDING

We have received a request through the Grant Award Scheme for monies to fund outreach youth work. Before this goes on a Council Agenda for consideration, can two councillors meet the Youth Leader on Monday 6th October at 6.00pm to meet with the team and see how last year's monies have been spent. This would greatly help towards our audit requirement to monitor and evaluate the spending of public money.

SEVERN TRENT TREATMENT PLANT VISIT

Cllrs Abbatiello, James, Hainsworth, Smith, Burns and the Clerk attended a Site Meeting at the new Severn Trent Treatment Plant at Townsend on Wednesday 24th September. Following a presentation in their office they provided a guided tour of the site. Severn Trent and the contractor will attend a meeting with the Town Council towards the end of November to provide an update on progress.

CHARTER DAY SERVICE

Cllrs Abbatiello, Smith, Hobin and the Clerk attended the Charter Day Service on Sunday 14th September at St Mary's Church.