

February report Cllr Gwilym Butler and Cllr Simon Harris

1. Following on from last month January has been quiet and we are still awaiting the final decisions on The Local Plan and the final financial settlement from Government. The Devolution agenda is a moving feast and it appears that the government has realised that making 16 Councils into Unitarys in one go is going to take a huge amount of Civil Service Capacity. The impact of this on Shropshire is that we believe at present that we will be merged in a second wave once the Unitarys are well underway. We are however taking the front foot on this and are in dialogue with MHCLG (Ministry for Housing Communities and Local Government) on a regular basis advising the ministry we are ready for business, whether we like it or not it will happen and it is best that we move on a positive open footing and lead any changes. We will bring any updates in future reports.
2. We are now getting regular visits from the Parking enforcement team in Cleobury Mortimer High Street, Lower Street ,Childe road etc and last week cars were ticketed for parking on yellow lines and on the pavement . If there are other areas that need monitoring please let us know.
3. Dog Fouling is a constant nuisance both in Cleobury Town and on Public footpaths in the Countryside. We recently spoke with the dog warden and we need to collate data where people are not picking up. If we can report on FIX MY Street App or online each time we see an uncollected poo we will then have the ability to get the Dog Warden down to patrol and enforce areas of constant concern. If anyone knows of a regular offender when and where they can report it directly to Streetscene@Shropshire.gov.uk F.A.O. Dog warden, giving address and culprits name and where and at what time it happens , alternatively contact Gwilym who can report it .The warden will then try and make contact . The Warden will also be rolling out training for Town and Parish Councils to nominate a person so they can issue fixed penalty notices and warnings locally. Signage is also available by contacting the Dog Warden by the Streetscene email address.
4. Local elections are on the 1st May, please have conversations with all you know to ensure they are registered to vote and or if they want a postal vote and have the correct identification. Apply now via the Shropshire council web site or via the telephone should you need a paper copy on 03456789000. Purdah also starts on the 10th March which restricts the actions of sitting councilors.
5. Consultation will be coming out for a speed restriction of 20MPH on Love lane round Lacon Childe School and the Sports and Social Club . This is an area where we have experienced problems over the years with speeding and we have fought for funding from the Safer Schools Grant which Cleobury is lucky to be awarded. There will be signage and traffic calming measures .

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