

Unitary Councillor's October 2026 Report

Dear Councillors

Cleobury Mortimer

I have continually chased up with the local police by email and phone, regarding the speed-watch and have not, received a reply. I was concerned that the volunteers who have very kindly offered to give their time, would lose interest as it is taking so long to get set up. I eventually wrote to the head of the speed-watch, and I have had an email back! Good news, he will be arranging training in October depending on the volunteer availability. I have forwarded details on to Ben Williams the speed-watch co-ordinator.

As I mentioned at the last Council meeting, I have managed to get confirmation from Perry Muir the Capital Delivery Manager that the Tenbury road is scheduled to start on 2nd November. Fingers crossed.

I had the pleasure of being invited to the BBC Radio awards alongside the Friends of the leisure centre. There were 8 categories and the Friends were in the fundraising category. There were 4 nominations for each category. The friends although they did not win, received a "highly commended" glass award. It was very emotional and heartwarming and I think everyone nominated were winners. The Friends have done an exceptional job of fundraising.

Coreley

I have chased up again with Andy Keyland regarding the missing cats' eyes, road markings, 50 mph speed signs and the village hall sign being on the wrong side of the road. On speaking with Andy, I mentioned the road from Doddington to Clee Hill as well. The edges of the carriageway are giving way and Andy suggested when he gets any waste material, it be put to fill in. I am making enquiries from the Commoners Association to see if that would be agreeable.

Boraston

Regarding the planning for barn conversion at Lower House Farm I received a very detailed reply from the planning department, which I have forwarded onto the Clerk.

On discussion with the highways manager, I have been advised that the white lines are scheduled to be done between 12th – 14th October, depending on the weather.

Neen Sollars and Milson

It was a pleasure attending your recent Parish meeting. It is good to hear that the Road Warden training has been completed. I have since contacted Juan Hernandez who has asked for a meeting to be held to discuss the next stage.

Shropshire County Council

I attended the full council meeting at the Guildhall this month. Some issues raised were:-

There was a public question about the Meole Brace park and ride. The authority had originally planned to withdraw the service, but the decision was voted on, and it is to continue temporarily.

Senior Management roles all agreed by Full Council.

Director of Adult Social Services (DASS) – Chris Atherton
Corporate Director Growth & Connected Communities – Helen Martin
Corporate Director Change & Improvement – Jo Brown
Service Director Housing – Ravi Kaur Phull
Service Director Inclusive Education, Family Help & Skills – Amanda Smith

Unfortunately, no appointment was made to the Corporate Director Finance & Governance (S151) and this post will be re-advertised shortly. The current interim S151 officer contract has been extended.

Council Finances. The Quarter 1 report forecast at £2.291 million underspend for 2026/27 and a reduction is anticipated in Exceptional Financial Support from £121 million to £90 million. Pressures remain severe, particularly in children's services and adult social care.

Arrangements for the Walk the Wards are being finalised. There has been a good response.

Just a reminder it is 9th October.

Hobsons Brewery for local businesses.
The Market Hall for Chairs and Clerks of Town and Parish Councils.
Leisure Centre for the Friends of the Leisure Centre, also heads of both primary and secondary schools
Hopton Court for larger businesses.

I hope everyone who attends will get the chance to speak to Tanya the Chief Executive.

I will be at the Market Hall as usual alongside the Town Councillors.

Kindest regards
Pamela