



**NEWS**

**Speed Indicator Device**  
 Wellington Road Little Wenlock  
 After several teething problems the device is up and running.  
 Data is being collected monthly to build up a picture of speed and numbers of vehicles driving along Wellington Road.

**Community Library**  
 A community library has been opened at the bus shelter on Malthouse Bank Little Wenlock.  
 Please feel free to borrow a book, or add a book.  
 Enjoy a simple way of sharing books with everyone.

**Platinum Jubilee event.**  
 St. Lawrence, Little Wenlock will be holding a Picnic in the Churchyard on Saturday June 4th to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. There will be music and singing, bells will be rung, everyone in the Community is welcome. Bring your own chairs and rugs, time and other details to be announced in due course. Put the date in your diaries and come and join us.

**PARISH COUNCIL CONTACTS**  
 If you wish to enquire about anything in the Parish or raise an issue at a future meeting, please contact the Clerk, Jayne Madeley, at clerk@littlewenlock-co.uk or phone 01746 785175.

Howard Betts (Chair)	505547	Pauline Mack
Louise Pennells	501342	Dave Cooper 07799768125
Tim Stevens	504030	

All parishioners are welcome to sit in on Parish Council meetings which will take place in the Village Hall again as soon as it is safe usually at 7.30 pm on the second Monday of each month except August. There is a regular agenda item at the start of each meeting when members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business in the agenda.

The date and agenda for the next meeting are always placed on the parish notice boards in the bus shelters at Little Wenlock and at New Works the week prior to the meeting. Minutes on the Parish Council website — [www.littlewenlock-pc.co.uk](http://www.littlewenlock-pc.co.uk).

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Spring 2022

**Annual Parish Open Meeting**  
 This is a meeting open to all residents and is not a Parish Council meeting.  
 Date: Monday 25th April 2022 Time: 7.30pm  
 Venue: Large Hall at the Village Hall

**Agenda**

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman
2. Chairman's Annual Report
3. Parish Accounts for 2021/2022
4. Question Time: Questions from the floor to the Parish Council.
7. Elections May 2023
8. Closing remarks

**Severn Trent Water - Tiny Forest Scheme**  
 Telford & Wrekin Borough Climate Change Partnership asks for the following link to be shared regarding the Tiny Forest Scheme being organised by Severn Trent Water. They are seeking help from landowners to donate suitable land to help them achieve their ambition of creating a Commonwealth Games Legacy Forest comprising 2,022 acres, that will celebrate 2022, the year of the Games.  
<https://www.stwater.co.uk/legacy-forests/>

**The Queens Green Canopy**  
<https://queensgreencanopy.org/>

## The Chair's Annual Report 2022

Since our last Newsletter we have had Covid, lockdowns, vaccines, boosters and the beginnings of the return to a "normal" life. Then in recent weeks more upheaval and anxiety from events in Ukraine.

The Parish Council met throughout using Zoom for remote meetings when necessary, a steep learning curve for us all. I must firstly thank John Marcham, our chair until recently, for helping steer us through those tempestuous times and for his unstinting service to the community over many years as Clerk, Councillor, Chair and member of the village Hall committee. John was made a Freeman of Little Wenlock at the Christmas Fayre, our first community event after Covid. Ray Drakeley also stepped down after many years as councillor, a very valuable contribution from his perspective in New Works. We welcomed as new councillors Pauline Mack and Dave Cooper who bring new skills, experience and ideas to the Council. We have discussed the possibility of increasing the size of the Parish Council.

We considered 2 complex planning applications for 2 solar farms in our parish. After careful consideration of the details and issues, and 2 meetings well attended by the public, we supported the New Works proposal and opposed the Steeraway proposal. We are also mindful of the developments on the power station site which, while outside our parish, may well have an impact on traffic through the village.

Parking at the foot of the Wrekin has continued to be a major issue, helped by the double yellow lines (when they are enforced!) and we are pleased to see the proposals for parking on the Donkey Field finally going ahead after many years of campaigning. The one-way system has been controversial and the parish council has asked our clerk to arrange another meeting with the powers that be for an insight into their long term plans. We still have money in our budget for street furniture to help with the traffic control problems.

The Speed Indicator Device (SID) is now operational and we have arranged to turn around to face the village so it will be looking into the 30 limit area. It records movement and speeds in both directions but only displays for vehicles approaching the screen. We are recording the data systematically so we can see trends during the year etc. I will be encouraging consideration of a solar panel for continuous power.

Rights of way are an on-going concern of the council. The Parish Council will be watching the recent set of DMMO applications in the context of increasing traffic in the parish. I must put on record the painfully slow progress in resolving the issue of the badger set on the footpath on Swan Farm. Our footpaths are well used by dog walkers and we are still troubled by a small minority who allow their pets to foul the footpaths or worry livestock. All are asked to please observe the Country Code for everyone's benefit.

We now have a small community library in the Little Wenlock bus shelter. This was an initiative of Tim Stephens so many thanks Tim. All are welcome to make use of it. Take a book, borrow a book, return a book. We are considering similar for New Works.

The Parish Council continues to support the Village Hall and Playing Field and made a contribution to the new low carbon heating system in the Village Hall.

Climate Change is a particular concern to me. I am pleased that the Parish Council has declared (along with Telford & Wrekin, Shropshire and many other local councils) to recognise the climate emergency and to take what action we can to help address the issue. We are asking T&W planning to consider this when we respond to planning applications.

I must finally thank my fellow parish councillors for their hard work and support over the last long and sometimes difficult year. Thanks also to Jacqui Seymour for her diligent service as our Borough Councillor. And finally thanks to our Clerk Jayne Madeley whose knowledge of the finer points of council procedures keeps us on the straight and narrow. It is a privilege to be chair.

Howard Betts

### The Countryside Code Your guide to enjoying parks and waterways, coast and countryside

#### Respect everyone

- Be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking
- Be nice, say hello, share the space
- Follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available

#### Protect the environment

- Take your litter home – leave no trace of your visit
- Do not light fires and only have BBQs where signs say you can
- Always keep dogs under control and in sight
- Dog poo – bag it and bin it – any public waste bin will do
- Care for nature – do not cause damage or disturbance

#### Enjoy the outdoors

- Check your route and local conditions
- Plan your adventure – know what to expect and what you can do
- Enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory

**This is an extract from the Countryside Code to see the whole code please visit**

**For further information visit [www.gov.uk/countryside-code](http://www.gov.uk/countryside-code)**

**Copies of the code are on the noticeboards in Little Wenlock and New Works.**