

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**Meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022**  
**at the Council Chamber, Shirehall**

**PRESENT** – Councillors Elisabeth Roberts (Mayor), Alan Mosley (Leader), Bernie Bentick, Rosemary Dartnall, Mary Davies, Julian Dean, Phil Gillam, Nat Green, Chris Lemon, Pam Moseley, Kevin Parady, Alex Phillips, David Vasmer and Rob Wilson

**IN ATTENDANCE** – Helen Ball (Town Clerk), Amanda Spencer (Deputy Town Clerk), Ruth Jones (Office Manager), Inspector Ben Tanfield and PCSO Joe Bradley (West Mercia Police) and 1 Member of the public in Person & 5 Members of the Public online

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors Kate Halliday, Alex Wagner & Becky Wall

### **01/23 INTRODUCTIONS**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the Annual Town Meeting, both present at the Theatre but also online. She outlined the role of the Annual Town Meeting. It wasn't a meeting of the Town Council, though the Mayor did chair the meeting and Councillors and Officers were in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to give electors of the Parish of Shrewsbury an opportunity to raise any matters of interest or concern to the Council. She advised that where those in attendance did not live in the town, their resident Parish Councils held similar meetings.

### **02/23 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 had been circulated.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**That the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.**

### **03/23 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising or updates from those minutes

### **04/23 SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL OVERVIEW**

**(i) General Overview** – Councillor Mosley (Leader of the Council gave a general overview of the Council.

Shrewsbury Town Council, serving a population of over 70,000 residents, is one of the largest and most influential in the country. However, we are first and foremost a council that is firmly rooted in the community it serves.

With its motto of "Putting Shrewsbury First", the Town Council prides itself in being the voice of Shrewsbury, supporting local communities and local initiatives, providing good quality play and recreation areas for all, maintaining green spaces throughout the town, providing facilities and activities for the young and generally promoting the town as a great place to live, work and visit.

The Council works very closely with other organisations; namely Shropshire Council, Shrewsbury Business Improvement District, the Emergency Services and Healthcare providers to ensure joined-up services.

2022 has been a year where the Town Council has accepted responsibility for its actions; has been a year when it has championed the concerns of its community on a whole manner of issues and has been a year we have shown that we can deliver.

Three examples illustrate this vital core mission while other key developments in our services are described in the committee chairs reports:

Greenfields Recreation Ground, the sale of a parcel of land and the eventual quashing of a planning permission in the Supreme Court has obviously been a focus for much of our discussions. In June last year the Town Council published the report it had commissioned from a senior barrister and genuinely accepted our mistakes in failing to recognise our full legal responsibility in the sale of a part of the land at Greenfields. We are where we are and can't continue to look back but instead must now focus on how we can return the land for community use. There is a genuine willingness on the part of the Town Council to work with the community group and other stakeholders.

Councillors have actively championed the community's concern about the future provision of GP services in a large chunk of the town. Many residents had expressed their concerns that plans to amalgamate seven GP practices into one building would leave residents not able to access to community-based services. The Council's working group under the Chairmanship of Councillor Kate Halliday has challenged GP practices, the Director of Public Health, the Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group, the Shropshire & Telford Integrated Care Board as well as the NHS Executive nationally as to whether this is a project that truly benefits the patient. We note that Government has withdrawn the concept of the Health & Wellbeing Hub model; we will however maintain that watching brief.

Another campaign that has been initiated by the Town Council has been the cleanliness of the River Severn after it emerged that Severn Trent Water were discharging raw sewage into the river not just during storm period but also periods of dryness. The Town Council held a packed public meeting at the theatre which the Director of Operations for Severn Trent Water and senior officers of the Environment Agency as well as local and national campaigners attended. The Town Council has agreed to set up a working group to champion the need for Bathing Water Status in the town and the resultant activity around water testing that this would bring.

I also think that the work of local members within in their wards brings great credit to Shrewsbury Town Council. They often go well beyond their actual responsibilities to provide advice, support, representation and community development for individual families and groups throughout our town.

Obviously, none of this would be possible without the conscientious commitment of our staff in all areas of the organisation.

2022 saw spiralling costs (in particular for fuel) and this has greatly impacted not just how the Town Council operates, but also how our local residents are affected in their daily lives. The Town Council set up a Warm Rooms Fund to allow community groups to access funding to support their own fuel costs that would allow more community activity. The £5,000 budget was allocated within weeks and has allowed residents to find alternative activity rather than just stay at home. The Town Council has also been working with the Marches Energy Agency to develop a Fuel Poverty and Energy

Efficiency Scheme and £75,000 of funding has been allocated to providing funding to Band A-C houses to access energy efficiency initiatives.

In 2022 Officers worked with West Mercia Police to submit a bid to the Safer Street 4 Fund and were successful in attracting over £500,00 of funding. Over £200,000 of that came directly to the Town Council to develop the Quarry Security and Taxi Marshal projects and to light all Throw line Boards and Lifebuoy Stations around the river. The fund has a primary objective in addressing violence against women and girls but it has proved beneficial in supporting a wide group of vulnerable people including those who are a bit worse for wear after a night out and need assistance to get home safely, to young people at risk of exploitation. Visits to the town not just from the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Local Government but also from the Police Constable and Police & Crime Commissioner have been well received and just shows what can be achieved when a community of partners works together.

The Council has been busy thinking about what the town and the Town Council will look like in the future. We are seeing that the new Local Plan is setting development boundaries for the town beyond the Town Council boundary, and we have been making representations not just to the Local Government Boundary Commission but also Shropshire Council for our boundary and wards to be reviewed. I am pleased to report that at local level we are pushing at an open door. We need to ensure that those new urban extensions feel part of Shrewsbury and we provide the necessary services.

Finally, this year saw both the celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Queens Accession to the throne and her sad death four months later. The Town Council was involved in celebrating Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee with lots of Union Flags and red, white and blue planting but also reflecting the feelings of the people of the Town following her death. In September, Town Council staff rose to the challenge to work with Shropshire Council to organise the County Proclamation of the King in our very own Quarry. I was proud to receive letters of thanks from the Lord Lieutenant, the High Sheriff and the Chief Executive, Leader & Chairman of Shropshire Council thanking the Town Council for their valuable help.

We have a very special team at the Town Council with members and staff working harmoniously together to do what is right for the town and long may that continue.

**(ii) Mayoral Report** – Councillor Roberts (Mayor) gave her report of her Mayoral Year

It doesn't seem two minutes since I signed my Declaration of Acceptance of Office and became the first Citizen of Shrewsbury. My theme for the year has been about community and bringing people together. I have been and shining a light in the neurodiverse community which my family are closely allied with and have been keen to increase the awareness of Autism, ADHD and individuals struggling with over-sensory stimulation and ways that safe spaces can be created for them.

I have been very humbled to meet lots of people, take part in lots of community activities and champion the cause of so many in my Mayoral Year, bringing multi-faiths together and celebrating multi-cultural activities. I have visited many schools to talk to students about my role and this has been very special for me as I work in education.

I have tried to show case the work of my two nominated organisations Omega, the National Association for End of Life Care based in Shrewsbury and the Harlescote Community Centre based in my very own ward. I have been ably supported this year by my twins, Erin & Ewan, and my youngest, Martha, who has been my Mini Mayor throughout.

As Mayor I am required to oversee the installation of Freeman and I was delighted to host an event in the Castle; a very traditional process in which the Town Clerk requires individuals to sign the Oath to be admitted to the Freeman Register. I have held many teas in the Castle this year; anyone who was booked onto the last tour of the afternoon on a Wednesday would finish up meeting the Mayor and it was fabulous to meet tourists from all over the world revelling in our town.

I have had a significant role in organisations who have Freedom Rights of the town exercising those rights. Firstly, the whole of the Royal Yeomanry Regiment alongside their Honorary Colonel HRH Princess Alexandra came to town followed by the crew of HMS Talent to hand back their Freedom Right as the submarine had been decommissioned by the Royal Navy.

As first citizen I had the absolute honour to read out the Proclamation of HM King Charles III in front of residents of Shrewsbury.

I have signed the Armed Forces Covenant on behalf of the Town Council, attended the presentation of British Empire Medals to Shrewsbury residents and opened brand new facilities for both the Ark and Age UK.

Towards the end of my Mayoral Year, I presented my Mayors Awards to so many deserving individuals, community groups and businesses which culminated in my giving out a Lifetime Achievement Award to our Town Crier Martin Wood.

Finally, I wanted to pay my respects to some who are no longer with us. Sue Wood, the Town Criers Consort for 40 years sadly lost her battle with cancer this year; she was a stalwart champion not only of everything Shrewsbury but really championed disability rights. Our former Mayor's Officer Bob Handley passed away suddenly; he was everything Shrewsbury and supported so many Mayors as well as myself in my early days of being Mayor. Also past Mayoress Madeline Butcher who died after a long illness. I send my condolences to all their families.

It has been an honour and a privilege to be the Mayor of Shrewsbury, an office that dates back to 1638 and is one that continues to be steeped in history and tradition. I have met so many wonderful people and made great friends throughout my time in office. I wish my Deputy Mayor, Becky Wall every success as she takes over the chains of office; I am sure she will have a wonderful year.

**(iii) Finance & General Purposes Committee** – Councillor Mosley (Chairman of the Committee) outlined some of the key areas of work this year.

This Committee is responsible for overseeing the general running of the organisation, setting policy and managing finances and is the driving force behind the direction of travel of the Council.

Throughout the year members have been working with senior staff to establish a long-term vision for the Town and the Town Council. This has included thinking about our values and aspirations over the next 5, 10 and 20 years and what do we need to do to make them happen. This work will be completed over the summer. Following consultation with all our staff we will engage with all residents in a major consultation exercise. This programme will also include an Action Plan with details of our specific development projects for the short and medium terms.

One of our biggest achievements this year has been establishing our new base for the Council in the heart of the town centre. We bought 7 St Johns Hill early last year and, following some remodelling, I am pleased to say that we moved in last month. With a few snagging issues to resolve we hope to

start using the premises for Committee meetings soon and it will be a great base to work from. As the only founding Town Councillor remaining and Leader of the Council I am delighted to say that we now have established a lasting and sustainable legacy for the Town that both residents and the Council can be proud of.

Due to sound financial management and despite rising cost we were able to declare a Zero increase in our Council Tax precept. At the same time we have been able to manage substantial projects across the town: Our new HQ, Monkmoor Meadows, Stanley Lane, Abbey Gardens, lifebuoy lighting, Upton Lane BMX and bus shelter replacements. and about to providing funding to the Ark to help rough sleepers turn their lives around, the list is endless.

Much work has also been committed to projects at Moston Road, Kynaston Road, Monkmoor Recreation Ground, River Safety, Bagley Beaver project, land purchase/adoption in Frankwell, Weir Hill and general play area development.

This Committee is also responsible for the Councils Grant giving functions. Each Councillor has his/her own designated pot to allocate and our main fund has awarded substantial grants to 14 different organisations from providing funding to the Shrewsbury Amateur Swimming Club to promote youth swimming to the Shrewsbury Repair Café to help buy equipment to reuse things we might have just thrown out. We have also provided funding to the Shrewsbury Ramblers to create another fabulous walking route guide and given funding to the Ark to help rough sleepers turn their lives around.

We have also set up other very specific funds including the Ukraine Support Fund to support their work in welcoming refugees following the invasion by Russia and also the Warm Rooms project to mitigate escalating fuel prices.

This Committee has addressed some important issues this year like those considered by the River Safety Project. The Town Council jointly funded the commissioning of an independent review of the River Severn following a number of river incidents. The Report has been well received by the families of some of the bereaved and we are seeing many of those recommendations being acted upon, not just by the Town Council but also by other partners. Personally, it has been humbling to work with the families of individuals as they strive to get positive actions out of the tragedies that have befallen their families.

The Big Town Plan and the Movement Strategy work comes under the Finance & General Purposes Committee and the Town Clerk and I have represented the interests of the Town Council on the Partnership Board. The Movement & Public Realm Strategy is developing well and we recognise that if we genuinely do want to reduce car journeys, some of the proposals need to be radical. Issues such encouraging active travel, investing in public transport, the need for a Bus Station and alternative solutions to the North-West Relief Road have always been at the forefront of our minds.

And finally, it's not always the big issues that touch this Committee. It has been wonderful to see that us providing the necessary funding has meant that part of the Sutton Road Cycle Way will be named after Mansel Williams, a dedicated Councillor in the Belle Vue Ward who championed that part of town, the need to cycle safely, his work for the English Bridge Workshop and his great passion, saving the Abbey Foregate Station building which is now the home of the Shrewsbury Railway Heritage Trust.

**(iv) Recreation & Leisure Committee** – Councillor Pardy (Chairman of the Committee) outlined some of the key areas of work this year.

This year the remit of this Committee has been very broad with a huge focus on maintaining and improving our parks and open space.

The Committee receives regular updates on how our parks and open spaces are managed. We regularly review progress of the Council's Capital Programme which includes installation of new play areas and wheeled tracks for BMX and skateboarders; it often includes installation of drainage systems so that football pitches and recreation grounds can be used all year round and it involves installation of infrastructure that mean we can get around better like improved lighting, replacement bus shelters and new paths connecting communities together.

Bloom comes under this Committee, and this not just includes what the Town Council does for the annual campaign but what others can do. We have given funds, staff time and resources to communities to help create community gardens and put a bit of colour into previously neglected areas; we have dug up rather dull grass verges and planted wildflower seed to create a very colourful oasis in the summer and we have facilitated the planting of thousands of trees which we all know are great for capturing carbon.

This year we have worked with the Lord Lieutenancy to promote the Queens Green Canopy. With a legacy donation from a local family, we were able to offer over 700 trees to local people and every single tree that we planted this year was logged on the Queens Green Canopy map to maintain a lasting legacy to our longest serving monarch.

This Committee also oversees events in the Quarry, and it has been wonderful to see all of our major events return after COVID. Every year the Quarry attracts 1.5million people to it; whether they are attending an event, coming to walk the dog, taking the kids to the Play Area & Splash Park or meeting friends for a coffee, it is one of the most visited places in the county and we are all very proud of it.

Our staff manage the events well and public safety is always at the forefront of our mind. We continue to see acts of extremism across the country, and we must always be vigilant. We would like to think there is no reason why such an occurrence would take in Shrewsbury, but we operate on the basis there is no reason why it wouldn't. There will be new legislation about protecting the public shortly and I am glad to report that staff are already knowledgeable about these changes and are ready to respond.

This leads me to Team Shrewsbury and Safer Streets. For the best part of 10 years the Town Council has led on Team Shrewsbury, the collection of all partners coming together to manage ASB and developing solutions to problems. They still work well together, and this Council plays an important part. Key priorities this year have been around River Safety following two tragic deaths last year, addressing rough sleeping and associated alcohol and substance misuse and tackling mental health issues for young people along with their vulnerabilities to exploitation and County Lines. Our senior officers have played a crucial part in being able to attract over £1/2m of funding to keep people safe on the streets. This has helped us to develop the Town Ranger, Quarry Security and Taxi Marshals Programmes keeping people safe across the whole town and into the neighbouring communities both day and night and I know there is work behind the scenes to make this a long-term sustainable project.

And finally, this isn't a committee that looks at the here and now, it is one that plans for open space

and how we use it into the future. With negotiations with developers for the adoption of open space and play on new development sites to developing tree strategies that will outlive our children and grandchildren it is about making sure Shrewsbury continues to be a great place to live work and play.

**(v) Planning Committee** - Councillor Green (Chairman of the Committee) outlined some of the key areas of work this year.

The Planning Committee remains the busiest of the Council's Standing Committees meeting every three weeks. The Committee considers over 1000 planning applications every year, virtually a quarter of the planning applications submitted to the Shropshire Council Planning Authority. With applications ranging from pruning trees in a Conservation Area to major development sites, the Committee uses its expertise of being local to the community to assess the merit of development. We generally look to the local Councillor to give us a flavour of local feeling and whilst I would always advocate registering comments on the Planning Portal in the first instance, do keep your local member informed.

Of interest to the Committee this year has been the work to create a Design Code. This concept came out of the Big Town Plan Vision; the creation of a Shrewsbury Test to ensure that future design reflected the Shrewsbury vernacular and gave a sense of the county town. The Shrewsbury Big Town Plan Partnership sought funding for the Department of Levelling Up, Housing & Communities to develop a Design Code; funding allowed for a dedicated officer post as well as the appointment of LDA Design (who created the original Shrewsbury Vision Document) to develop the code. A number of the Committee have been involved in the workshops and the Town Clerk & Deputy Town Clerk have worked closely with officers to ensure that our views are reflected in the evolving document.

The Shropshire Local Plan continues its path to adoption; the Committee was heavily involved in the sections relevant to Shrewsbury with us setting up a Working Group to look at parcels of land for allocation as development sites. We have also been able to influence many of the Management Development Policies that make sure that we have the right kinds of development in Shrewsbury.

Part of the role of this Committee has been to hold pre-application discussions with major developers ahead of them submitting their applications into the system. These have included the Frankwell Quay Warehouse, the major development by the Meole Brace Park & Ride site, housing at the Shrewsbury West Urban Extension at Oxon, the potential for relocation of the Ambulance Station and the developments at Hencote.

We have also had much discussion about Conservation Areas. Much of Shrewsbury sits within a Conservation Area, but there remain pockets of the town that do not but still have a very distinctive and special character. Some are protected by Article 4 Direction but some aren't and development has been permitted unchecked which has changed the nature of those areas. It is a long process but worth working on with local residents and planning specialists.

This year has seen applications for a number of 5G masts. Whilst there is an acknowledgement that if we want better mobile phone coverage, we have to have these masts, there has been the lack of thought around their placements; some have been suggested in very inappropriate settings and we have managed to influence the application being refused. I would say if anyone wishes to object, do get in-touch with their local Councillor to help press the case for refusal.

Any finally I want to return to Hencote and the latest application to build assisted care accommodation and a care home. The developer attended Committee and we expressed our concerns and went on to object to two applications, the first of which was refused by Planning

Officers at Shropshire Council and subsequently went to appeal. There has been much press coverage about the process around how the unilateral agreement between Shropshire Council and the Planners was signed and ultimately influenced the manner in which the Planning Authority defended the appeal. It has greatly annoyed the Town Council and we did genuinely look at whether the whole process could be interrogated through a Judicial Review. Having received advice from five individual specialists, we had to come to the conclusion that there wasn't enough of a case for us to submit a Judicial Review application. That is not to say we have given up. I am writing a strong letter to Shropshire Council regarding their processes and this Committee will continue to robustly challenge the applicants future Reserved Matters Application given the huge disquiet that this has caused in the community. It has also started a process in what we do as a Council when applications are sent to appeal. We have always relied on the fact that our objections form part of the Planning Authority's Defence bundle. From now on we will make separate submissions to the Planning Inspectorate so that we can continue to make the representations we feel are in the best interests of the town.

**(vi) Climate Change Committee** - Councillor Vasmer (Chairman of the Committee) outlined some of the key areas of work this year.

This has been a very interesting Committee to chair for a number of reasons. First it is the only Standing Committee of the Council that has outside representatives that have a genuine seat at the table. We have members of the Environment Agency, Shropshire Council's Biodiversity Team, the Shropshire Wildlife Trust, Friends of the Earth, the Shropshire Climate Action Partnership which is striving for the county to be carbon zero by 2030, the Civic Society and transport specialists from Gfleet a local company with a national reputation. This year our Committee work has been supported by the recruitment of an Apprentice, Alan Jameson. With a keen interest in Climate Change, Alan has been working on our Commonplace website and undertaking some valuable research.

Secondly Climate Change crosses over everything that we do as a Council and many of our thoughts have been around how the routine projects and every day activity can be rethought to maximise our carbon neutral agenda and I thought I would pick a couple out.

This year has seen the Town Council move from renting offices at the library to buying a building at St Johns Hill. As part of that refit process, we were able to recommend energy efficient solutions to make an old building as carbon neutral as possible. Three members of our committee; Councillor Julian Dean, Rosemary Dartnell and myself were part of the St Johns Hill Working Group and I am pleased to say our suggestions for wall and roof insulation, glazing and heating were taken on board.

Our Recreation & Leisure Committee has been undertaking a large Bus Shelter Replacement project and our Committee was able to provide additional funds to make sure that as many Bus Shelters as possible have Sedum Roofs. Our own team at the Greenhouse are growing the sedum from cuttings and have so far planted three of the new bus shelters and there are plans for more in the Autumn. And every square metre of sedum roof captures 5kgs of carbon as well as other particulates and they are all bee friendly too as well as much prettier to look at.

And our Beaver Project to create a compound to allow a pair of Beavers to be set free at the Old Riverbed. I know the perception is that Beavers build dams and cause chaos, but they are hugely beneficial to our eco system and will greatly enhance the Old River Bed's capacity to capture Carbon.

As I have reported previously the Town Council resolved to become Carbon neutral by 2030 and much of this Committee's work is to understand its own carbon footprint and what we can do to

reduce it. The development of an overall Action Plan has helped to keep the whole Council focused on Climate Change. We have done so much internally from buying electric vehicles to changing all of our footway lights to LED, from changing our maintenance routes reducing car miles to growing trees from seed locally and so much more.

Our carbon footprint is little more than that of 40 domestic dwellings, yet the Town has 35,000 domestic dwellings. So, we have a duty to promote good practice, celebrate where people have done great things locally and provide opportunities to learn from others. One of those best practice projects has been our support for an E-Cargo Bike Trial with the Shropshire Cycle Hub, encouraging residents and businesses to think about those short car journeys.

We are creating a Commonplace site where we can capture all of this great work being done locally; where people can share their stories and where we can begin to work together to get to that point in 2030 when the whole town is net zero. We are in 2023 now, only seven years away and I would very much like to see the Town Council's efforts accelerate over the coming years. We have established a very robust Climate Change Policy which makes us all think about the decisions we take and our Action Plan continues to develop.

My thanks go to all Town Council staff for all of their efforts in helping us to achieve our objectives in this area.

## **05/23 TOWN POLICING**

Inspector Ben Tanfield & PCSO Joe Bradley attended the meeting.

He detailed the policing structure for the Central Area. There were 1 Inspector, 2 Sergeants (Gary Lansdale & Neil Ward), 10 PCs and 12 PCSOs in the Shrewsbury Safe Neighbourhood Team of which 3 PC & 2 PCSOs were within the town centre. There were also 5 Patrol shifts covering 24/7 and other specialist departments based at Monkmoor. They were managed by CI Tracy Ryan under the command of Superintendent Stuart Bill. There were currently 2 vacant posts in the Shrewsbury SNT area which hopefully would be filled soon. The force currently employed 2494 officers, more than the force has ever had.

Between April 2022 – March 2023 there were 94982 incidents across the force (19210 in Shropshire); this equated to 9% rise (11% in Shropshire)

Much of the police work was around community engagement and the police website and the new Neighbourhood Matter platform provided much of that engagement.

The Police follow the Local Policing Charter, their commitment to local policing. All Councillors are asked to detail their Top 3 issues and the Police provide feedback on a quarterly basis. Inspector Tanfield urged elected members to be as specific as possible in detailing issues. SNT Officers would work on the issues over a 3-month period and report back to the Town Council.

Work was ongoing in renewing the Public Space Protection Order. Since 2017 the police had issued 313 notices. Partners were keen to see the PSPO expanded to allow more officers to make use of the powers; there were also requests to expand provision to include leaving toilets, not sitting on the floor and amplification of buskers.

Police were working closely with the RESET Team following their award of £1.4m to tackle underlying issues.

Policing demands has meant that the force has had to consider its involvement in matters which are the responsibility of others; this has the effect of talking officers away from what people expect police to do.

Members raised the following:

- There has been much mention of ASB in the town centre; what of other areas – SNT did cover ASB all over the town
- Feedback from policing issues – these would be fed back every 3 months
- Are there any reforms in relation to police conduct similar to the Metropolitan Police – The Chief Constable had a duty to publicise issues of gross misconduct. The College of Policing operated a Code of Ethics.
- Noise in Pride Hill and the lack of Environmental Protection staff – the BID was seeking expansion to the PSPO to address this issue
- Concerns around the displacement of individuals causing issues in the town centre – it is hoped the establishment of RESET, PSPO updates will help to address matters rather than just displace
- Changes to SNT Staff – there are often cross-boundary issues so invariable SNT staff are aware of matters in other SNT patrol areas. There are two Impact Areas (Harlescott & Ditherington); staff there are never redeployed.
- Challenging Neighbourhood Problems – these are addressed by the Problem-Solving Team headed by Inspector Gordon Kaye

#### **06/23 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING QUESTIONS**

There were no additional questions raised

#### **07/23 CLOSING REMARKS**

The Mayor thanked those present and on line for attending. She felt that meeting had been very productive and showed the scale of work taking place in the town

#### **08/23 NEXT MEETING**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024