

November 2025

OVERVIEW

The long awaited engineering report for the A41 was finally produced by Amey. This report concluded that using the data collected by Amey and following National Guidance, they believe that speed cameras would not produce the desired outcome and instead have suggested making considerable changes to 4 locations along the A41. Telford & Wrekin (lead) and Shropshire Council highways teams have met and are hopeful to meet up with PCC John Campion to discuss the next stages. No decisions have yet been made.

In October I have spent a considerable amount of time working with residents regarding several planning issues. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all Parish Councillors of their duty of care towards all members of the public especially when discussing planning applications that effect our communities.

Interim CEO of Shropshire Council Tanya Miles has accepted the administration's offer of maintaining that position whilst the council navigates through the current Financial Emergency. You may have been made aware of an increase to the predicted overspend since my last report. This is a developing picture and various factors could tip the balance either way. The council staff are working hard to make emergency savings where possible. The administration is working with an Independent Improvement Board from November 2025.

(24/10/25) An emergency Lib Dem Cllr meeting held to keep all councillors informed on progress with the Improvement Board and I will pass on information as appropriate.

(01/10/25) I attended an extraordinary parish council meeting at Stoke Upon Tern (not my division) but with all local parishes invited to meet Cllr Alex Wagner, dept Leader of Shropshire Council to discuss the Shropshire Partnership. Several questions were raised and Alex has promised to circulate a more detailed plan to all parish/town councils ASAP. I am happy to discuss the overall direction of the Shropshire Partnership with cllrs at any stage.

(08/10/25) Cheswardine Charity trustee meeting.

(09/10/25) Portfolio Meeting, Guildhall.

(20/10/25) Full Governors meeting for Cheswardine and Hinstock school.

(20/10/25) SYA Board of Trustees meeting, Shrewsbury.

(26/10/25) I attended a special service at St Swithun's Church to mark the end of Rev. Becky Richards time as Team Rector across the Cheswardine & Hodnet divisions. I wish Rev.Becky and Dr.Rob all the best as they embark on their new journey in Cumbria, closer to their growing family.

(15/10/25) Full cabinet meeting, agenda and decisions can be found here: [Agenda for Cabinet on Wednesday, 15th October, 2025, 10.30 am — Shropshire Council](#)

CASEWORK

Casework	Issue Raised / Portfolio	Actions
Ollerton Business Park, Childs Ercall	PLANNING: Various planning applications have been passed yet conditions not met (esp highways)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident communication shared with planning portfolio holder. (03/06/25) Emma Green (<i>Planning Enforcement Leader</i>) has replied directly to a resident concern outlining the stages for legal involvement. I will continue to chase. planningenforcement@shropshire.gov.uk can be used to report any breaches of planning. I am still chasing updates on this one.
A41 Safety	HIGHWAYS/POLICE: Update on the installation of average speed cameras along the A41.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See above report.
23/03138/FUL Mixed 28 Residential Dwellings Childs Ercall	PLANNING: This has gone to 'recommendations/committee'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (09/06/25) I have contacted the case officer regarding the general position of this application having been made aware of community concerns. (17/07/25) No communication received, concerns raised by the Lib Dem administration over the lack of response from officers. (01/09/25) Email received from case officer to confirm the current position of this application (updates available on the planning portal). (21/09/25) Request for this to be called-in to the Northern Planning Committee.

PARISH COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

Here are questions posed by parish councillors across the division and updates/answers at present.

Question	Answer / Outcomes
What services are specifically provided by SC across our Parishes?	I have asked a question but I am awaiting a solid response. This should help our parish councils decide which services they may want to take on under the Shropshire Partnership.
Eaton On Tern Solar Farm - Will residents benefit financially?	Officers still investigating. I have had no updates.