

## Clerk's Report to Full Council – 3rd June 2026

### Meeting with Shropshire Council Streetlighting Engineer

I recently attended a meeting with Jason Hughes (Shropshire Council) who explained the regulatory obligations of the parish council when acting as a streetlighting authority. He explained the risks associated with aging concrete columns and the requirement to have the electrical connections checked every 6 years. It was recommended that older steel columns (+15 years) are also structurally tested as they may be subject to internal corrosion. Concrete columns cannot be structurally tested but are all assumed to be a risk due to their age (+50 years). A review of our inventory indicates that we have several steel columns that will need to be tested and we may need to consider a programme of replacements for the concrete ones.

OpenReach have a programme of testing their telegraph poles and have been known to remove poles they consider to be unsound, sometimes without notice. We have many lights fitted to telegraph poles which may be subject to disconnection at short notice. It is recommended we develop a plan and identify a suitable budget in case removal is required.

### Replacement of streetlight column, Annscroft

This work has been programmed for 26<sup>th</sup> June.

### Relocation of Longden VAS to Hook-a-Gate

Shropshire Council's engineer is meeting with National Grid on 26/5 and has promised an update on the VAS.

### Annscroft Footbridge

Shropshire Council has advised me that the rotten handrail has now been repaired.

### Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Further to the recent adoption by both Telford & Wrekin and Shropshire Councils, Lynn Parker will provide an introduction to and update on the work to date of the LNRS.

The briefing will take place via Teams on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 6pm to 7pm. All Clerks & Councillors are welcome to attend. Below is the link for the meeting and no booking is necessary:

#### **Microsoft Teams meeting**

**Join:** [teams meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 394 296 066 755 012

Passcode: A2Wy2ZT2

Please also see below link to the Council's website which provides further details on the strategy:

[Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Local Nature Recovery Strategy | Shropshire Council](#)

## SLCC Regional Conference

I attended a day long conference covering the introduction of a digital AGAR from 2027, issues around English devolution, website accessibility and Assertion 10 and community resilience. (The cost of the conference was covered by another council).

## Shropshire Local Plan Consultation

A series of drop-in sessions have been arranged to give feedback on the new Local Plan. The nearest is at the Shrewsbury Guildhall on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm to 4pm. Shropshire planning policy staff will also attend SALC Area Committee meetings in the coming weeks.