

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL**

**Meeting of the Recreation & Leisure Committee  
Held in Committee Room, Livesey House, 7 St John's Hill  
At 6.00pm on Wednesday 10 July 2024**

**PRESENT**

Councillors: P Gillam (Chair), E Addams, A Mosley, K Pardy & A Wagner.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Helen Ball (Town Clerk), Stuart Farmer (Acting Operations Manager), Danny Powell (Acting Operations Manager) Ian Thorpe (Commercial, Markets & Events Manager) and Michelle Farmer (Committee Officer).

**01/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**RESOLVED:**

**That apologies be received and accepted from Councillors Bentick, Davies, Lemon & Wall, as well as from Ruth Jones (Office Manager).**

**02/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

Shropshire Councillors	Those twin-hatted members declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Town Council's relationship with Shropshire Council.
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**03/24 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Recreation & Leisure Committee meeting held on 8 May 2024 were submitted as circulated and read.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the minutes of the Recreation & Leisure Committee meeting held on 8 May 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.**

**04/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

There were no Matters Arising from the previous meeting.

*Councillor Mosley joined the meeting.*

**05/24 CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

- The War Memorial in the Quarry had now had its dome sealed to avoid ingress.

- The Beaver Project was nearing completion. They were now on the final snagging for the project, and it was hoped all would be ready to receive Beavers between September – March.
- The Dana Footpath was progressing. Shropshire Council's Legal Team were in discussions around the formal lease of the land from the Horticultural Society and it had been ascertained that permission was required from Shrewsbury Prison to breach the wall between the footpath and the outer bailey. The Town Clerk had met with the Prison who were supportive of the initiative.

Councillor Mosley commented that the progress on the Dana Footpath was good news and thanked the Town Clerk and Officers of Shrewsbury Town Council along with Tim Pritchard from Shropshire Council for the extra work completed to get this project moving forward. The Castlefields Action Team had fought for this over a number of years and with the Town Council contributing towards the costings he had hoped that the footpath would be open in the early summer of 2025.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Capital Programme report be noted.**

**06/24 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) DOG CONSTRAINTS**

The Town Clerk reported that Shropshire Council had put in place a new Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) in relation to dog constraint. It was very similar to the old Dog Control Orders that the Town Council sites were still covered to allow officers to instruct dogs to be put on lead, restrict dogs from certain sites like play areas and sports facilities and to issue penalties for dog fouling.

The Town Clerk had spoken to Shropshire Council about the potential of devolving the powers to others, very similar to the Town Centre PSPO. Shropshire Council were generally in agreement with this, so the Town Council were currently looking at the logistics of doing so. The next step was the requirement for signage and the Town Clerk had asked how Shropshire Council intended to do that. Naturally, the Town Council would be happy with arranging their own signage in areas but if it meant having more economical signs with a bigger countywide procurement it was worth exploring options. Like the Town Centre PSPO, it wasn't necessarily the number of PCRs that would be issued, more the fact that officers had the power to issue them. They would look to expand the Quarry Security remit to potentially visit problem areas around the town to have a targeted approach and working with the Dog Warden, as there was only one in the county. The Town Clerk commented that it would be helpful if members could flag up dog fouling hotspot areas within their wards.

Councillor Mosley commented that he had never observed this within his ward and queried how staff time could be allocated to enforce this. Powers should be given to certain people. The Town Clerk replied to say the order is observed in certain places i.e. the County Ground and the Quarry and this action would hopefully educate the public.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the report be noted.**

## **07/24 BATHING WATER STATUS**

The Town Clerk reported that DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs) had granted Bathing Water Status in Shrewsbury following an application for designation in the area by the canoe launch at the Frankwell County Ground. Bathing Water Status was not saying the river was safe to swim, more that statutory measures were in place to measure the quality of the river and undertake rectification work in the event pollution was found. The status also required the Town Council to erect signage to notify the public of the designation and any pollution/flooding/incident which might trigger a recommendation not to swim. This might be flooding but also any known pollution 5km upstream of the designation. The signage had been drafted and forwarded to DEFRA for sign-off. The Town Clerk had meetings with both the Environment Agency and Severn Trent, and it was proposed to expand the designation from the Welsh Bridge upstream past the Marina and the Canoe launch, right up to where the Coton Hill Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) discharged into the river. Testing would take place at Welsh Bridge which meant that all CSOs in that stretch were covered. It also meant that Severn Trent had the potential of accessing Water Industry National Environment Programme funding for the purpose of improving those CSOs. Regular meetings had been scheduled with Severn Trent and the Environment Agency as this was a learning curve for all.

Members enquired if this would take up Town Council staff resources, but the Town Clerk confirmed that the river bailiffs were happy to change signage along the river when it was requested to be changed, it would not be a Town Council staff resource used.

### **RESOLVED:**

**That the update be noted.**

## **08/24 FOOTFALL**

Stuart Farmer, Acting Operations Manager, updated the committee on footfall. Visitor numbers throughout the Quarry had continued with a similar trend over recent months.

Visitors to the Quarry through May and June had remained fairly stable when compared with each other. Although down on previous years, this appeared to be following the national trends.

Events in the park had now commenced with the Circus and Food Festival being well attended as well as the evening memorial service for the Battle of Britain. Events such as Lets Rock and the Flower Show were due to increase visitor numbers considerably within the park over the coming months. The canoe concession and bouncy castle operator had been back in the park over recent months also.

The counters that were located in the Market Hall had now been confirmed as operating correctly. The Market Hall was showing steady figures of 7169 visits for May with approximately 231 visits per day, however due to the non-trading days it was difficult to show this on a graph similar to the Quarry counters due to spikes in the week. Fridays and Saturdays were the busiest days in the market.

The Square continued to be the busiest counter of all with May's total count of 55,024 and an average 1774 visits per day.

Stuart, along with Ian Thorpe (Commercial, Markets & Events Manager) would be meeting with the provider to discuss the footfall figures to see if they could obtain more accurate readings.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Footfall Report be noted**

**09/24 FISHERIES**

**09.1 Shrewsbury Town Fisheries**

The Town Clerk reported that Shrewsbury Town Fisheries fishing season opened on 16 June. Permit sales for June were up on last year for full season and day permits by 10%. The river seemed to be fishing well with good numbers of fish being caught so it continued to be a very popular pastime.

Shrewsbury Town Fisheries had now completed six replacement platforms on river stretches in the Quarry and Sydney Avenue to a high standard, of which was partially funded by the Angling Trust Environment Agency AIF grant. They had also had to complete some significant repairs on platforms in all areas on their river fisheries due to last winters prolonged periods of high river levels. These were all now completed and they had received a number of positive responses from passing members of the public whilst completing them.

Major repairs had been undertaken to the Monkmoor Lane lower stretch which was in very bad condition with massive potholes. This had been done by a contractor and helped by Mr Davies the local farmer.

Mousecroft Pool had been fishing very well and remained very popular. There was a need to thin out some more water Lilies as they were spreading in the pool again and needed to be kept under control.

Later this summer the last five fishing platforms at Radbrook Pool would be replaced and an additional footpath area added. In the autumn some tree works around the pool would be completed by Shrewsbury Town Council Countryside Team. This would improve the Radbrook Pool area, to achieve the same result as at Mousecroft Pool.

Coaching events with the Shropshire Recovery Forum had been taking place every fortnight on Mousecroft Pool and they had now combined with these events, persons and staff from Shrewsbury Ark. These events were proving to be successful and met with positivity by all who took part. The next Junior Event was on Saturday 27 July at Mousecroft Pool and was almost fully booked.

Think Fish Release was a new low-profile project that was recently launched to help people who were suffering with mental health and wellbeing, generally men. The scheme was run by two of their team who themselves in the past had experienced problems. Groups of four were taken fishing for the first time and could as a small group enjoy the fishing experience, the calming surroundings and more importantly, talking. The response by the individuals had been great and they had expressed how much it had helped them. Some local businesses

had sent them small donations to help fund the project and fully supported it. Their aim in this was to help prevent possible suicidal river deaths.

Councillor Mosley enquired as to who owned the land on Sydney Avenue as there were issues at present with people parking their camper vans there. He asked if this could be investigated.

The Town Clerk confirmed it was Shropshire Council as it was a highway, and this should be put into the Place Plan.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Fisheries report be noted**

### **09.2 Rowley & Fenemere Angling Association**

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that she had met with Councillors Mosley & Vasmer regarding the request for siting fish swims. There were three swims requested that were all upstream of the footbridge and were enough away from the desired path that had been created by public usage. The damage to the bank was minimal and vegetation clearance would be restricted to the swim with no landscape clearance from the pathways being allowed. These swims will be 4' square, built from railway sleepers with grasscrete installed and vegetation allowed to grow through so impact would be minimal. The club had sought a Flood Risk Activity Permit (FRAP) from the Environment Agency which had been granted. They had also sent the details to the Planning Authority and Kelvin Hall, the planner who had responded to residential concerns, had advised that no planning permission was required. Members were minded to approve the locations but were abjectly opposed to any installation of swims downstream of the pathway towards the weir as the desired path was so close to the riverbank. Councillors also wished to be assured that participation was controlled to the approved locations and anglers could not fish if they turned up and there was no swim available. They wished to be assured that swims were discreet, and any other locations needed to be positioned so as not to be impactful on the community. Councillor Mosley was keen to stress local opposition, particularly from the Castlefields Action Team, but not withstanding the fact that the Angling Club had rights to fish, they may be amenable to working with the community as Castlwalk Recreation Ground was a valuable amenity area. The Club had been asked to meet with Councillors Mosley & Vasmer so that they could convey resident concerns and the appropriate Memorandum of Understanding was approved.

Councillor Mosley had hoped to come to a reasonable arrangement and that they recognised the importance of this land to residents. It was a countryside site with new interpretation boards installed. There were still many fishing points within Shrewsbury, so he still believed this was not needed.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the update be noted**

## **10/24 TEAM SHREWSBURY**

### **10.1 Update on the work of Team Shrewsbury**

In the absence of the Office Manager, the Town Clerk provided an update on Team Shrewsbury activities.

Over the past 3 months issues had reduced, however May had seen a slight increase in a number of the incident types, however this was predominately repeated issues which criminal enforcement had taken place.

On reviewing the yearly comparisons, the issues had reduced quite significantly. The reduction in incidents did not represent the great work and support that the Town Rangers/Quarry Security and Taxi Marshals undertook on a daily basis. A recent comment from an elderly gentleman thanked Security for the work they did and stated that in the eleven years he had lived in Shrewsbury, the change since the rangers had been patrolling was phenomenal.

Safer Streets 5 discussions continued regarding intensive engagement work and how the Team Shrewsbury partnership could be extended.

Councillor Addams reported that there was a rise in knife crime in the Harlescott ward including an incident at the Shrewsbury Academy. There was one prolific offender, and it would be nice if there was more of a police presence within the area.

Councillor Pardy commented that ASB was also increasing in the Sundorne area which he had reported to the Police and was informed they were patrolling the area. He fully appreciated that Police resources were stretched, and they were busy but when incidents were happening at certain times in the day, and being reported, it would be nice if the Police could be in the area.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**That the contents of the report be noted**

### **10.2 Policing Priorities**

In the absence of the Office Manager, the Town Clerk provided an update. This quarters Policing priorities had been submitted to the Police for a July start. They were presented to Committee at this meeting for ratifying.

A number of Members had identified parking as a priority. The Inspector had advised that parking on pavements was only illegal in London and a couple of other locations. The Police obstruction powers were only reserved for emergency situations for example, collisions where the road was blocked.

Councillor Wagner asked if they ever received any feedback from the Police. The Town Clerk stated that the Police should be responding back to Councillors and that she would talk to the Inspector about the lack of responses.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the contents of the report be noted**

**11/24 QUARRY**

**11.1 Quarry Events Programme for 2024**

The Town Clerk updated the Committee on the Quarry Events for 2024.

The Events Programme for next year had the majority of the larger events confirmed whilst some minor events were awaiting clarification. The Confirmed larger events were starting to feed in their event planning arrangements.

Ian Thorpe (Commercial, Markets & Events Manager) provide Committee with an update stating that they were in the middle of their busy period in regard to events in the Quarry. The Race for Life, Shrewsbury 10K Race and the Food Festival had all gone well with no complaints.

Lets Rock would be the next event held in the Quarry. He was being more present at the Quarry with the event organisers and ensuring that all events were treated the same and all paperwork was received before the event started. Sadly, there would always be issues with the weather, but it would be dealt with.

Councillor Mosley enquired if the fairs had stopped in the Quarry. He was informed that there was still one in the Quarry, the second had attracted ASB issues so that was currently being dealt with, and September was already full for the Quarry bookings.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the contents of the report be noted.**

**11.2 5G Connectivity in the Quarry**

Acting Operations Manager, Stuart Farmer, provided an update on the installation.

The Committee would recall approving this project to improve IT connectivity in the Quarry at a previous meeting in March 2024. Existing IT could not cope with the large-scale events which lead to operators having to buy in temporary IT connectivity. This scheme would bring this to an end. He had been in regular contact with the Economic Growth Officer from Shropshire Council regarding this project.

To date the works had included installation of two new columns and a comms cabinet within the park, the vast majority of works were completed using existing underground ducting however some excavations were required. These had been reinstated to a high standard with the contractor returning at agreed intervals to apply top surfaces to hard standing areas these works had been signed off by Officer's.

The installation of the radios and antennas was unfortunately delayed due to sourcing issues however, this began last week with all hardware installed to columns, Telet, who are the company installing the equipment would now be carrying out commissioning and testing of the system. They had asked for a contact at Shrewsbury Flower Show following the testing

as this would be the first event to use the new system. Completion would be the end of July 2024.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the update be noted**

**12/24 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS**

**12.1 Grounds Maintenance Update**

Danny Powell, Acting Operations Manager, provided members with a general update.

For the Amenity Team, the summer bedding, tubs and hanging baskets had now been put out around the town. No tubs had been placed outside the sorting office this year due to the current roadworks taking place there. Floral poles would be finished next week, and the poles would also be re-attached to the river fencing along Smithfield Road.

Staff had started to tidy up the Library, Castle, Quarry, Rowley's House, Bear Steps and Fish Street. The large wooden planters in the town centre would be repositioned in some locations and replanted. General maintenance of shrub beds had continued across the town and maintenance on the Heart of England in Bloom route had also started.

The mobile bed maintenance team were now cutting around road signs, lamp posts and trees when they were box mowing floral islands. They had also started to box mow three of the splitter islands at Meole roundabout.

Seasonal waterers had started work with the Town Council with two located within the town centre and a part time person driving the 4x4.

For the Open Spaces & Recreational Team, the overseeding of football pitches was complete. The topdressing on the football pitches was still to take place. Aeration of the Quarry and several football pitches to remove surface water had taken place, with a programme of pitch aeration being put together. Town Council football pitches would be ready from the 1 September. Staff were also busy marking out for school sports days. They were now halfway through the bowls and cricket seasons. Sadly, they had lost a number of fixtures due to the weather but there had been worse seasons than the present. Ladies' social rounders league had now completed their fixtures.

The Golf Course and Sports Village had been tidied up following the visits from travellers. The Town Council assisted Shropshire Council in securing the sites better i.e. height barriers and Ram barriers.

The tractor mowing round was still on its 2-week cutting cycle but as grass growth was slowing down not as many arisings were being left on the grass surface.

For the Countryside Team, the grass verge mowing was keeping to schedule and at times due to holidays and sickness, the number of operators reduced to four.

Hay making was taking place and the yearly ash die back survey had started. The staff were carrying out normal summer maintenance across the countryside sites and staff were mowing out on the rural rounds and carrying out emergency tree work when required.

For the Logistics Team, normal duties were being carried out on playground maintenance and grass cutting. One day a week, they had been cutting around street furniture, lamp posts and trees on main roads across the town. This would carry on through the summer months.



In the lead up to Heart of England in Bloom, one team would be used to tidy up areas on the bloom route. Staff had also been removing graffiti from Town Council noticeboards when it was reported to them.

Councillor Addams raised a few maintenance issues at the meeting. She raised the issue of strimming around obstacles on York Road. Danny informed her that this was not within the Service Level Agreement they had with Shropshire Council, but they would be doing the work soon.

Councillor Addams stated that the planters on New Street were looking very tired but was told the Town Council had no agreement to maintain these planters. She also stated that Kynaston Park was flooding again as there were pools of water by the toddler play park & BMX track. Danny informed her that they had invested in a Mole Plough, and they could investigate using it on this site to make holes to the new draining system.

Councillor Pardy wished to thank the team for the siting of the benches on the recreation ground and he had received many positive comments.

Councillor Mosley enquired if the yucca plants on Pride Hill would be replaced. He was informed that they would be changing the location of some of the planters and more plants had been ordered. Although they belonged to Shropshire Council, the Town Council would be taking more ownership of them.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**That the update be noted.**

#### **12.2 Himalayan Balsam**

Danny Powell, Acting Operations Manager, reported to Committee on the impact of Himalayan Balsam.

Himalayan balsam was now a naturalised plant, found especially on riverbanks and in waste places where it had become a problem weed. Himalayan balsam tolerates low light levels and shades out other vegetation, so gradually impoverishing habitats by killing off other plants. It was sometimes seen in gardens, either uninvited or grown deliberately, but care must be taken to ensure that it did not escape into the wild. Himalayan balsam was considered an invasive non-native plant and was listed on Schedule 9. Under the provisions made within Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, it was an offence to plant or cause Himalayan balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*) to grow in the wild.

Himalayan balsam is a tall growing annual, 2-3m (6-10ft) in height. Between June and October, it would produce clusters of purplish pink (or rarely white) helmet-shaped flowers. The flowers were followed by seed pods that opened explosively when ripe. The flowers of Himalayan balsam produced large amounts of nectar and were therefore very attractive to bees. This in turn had a negative impact on more acceptable native species.

Each plant could produce up to 800 seeds. These were dispersed widely as the ripe seedpods shoot their seeds up to 7m (22ft) away. Whilst Himalayan Balsam is an annual plant (it germinates, flowers and sets seed before dying all in the same year), its reproductive strategies made it highly invasive, and it could be a very difficult plant to manage.

To attempt to fully eradicate Himalayan Balsam from a site, a key objective was to exhaust the plant's seed bank. This was done by repeatedly removing adult plants before they set seed. Control of this species should generally be carried out before flowering, and it was especially important to carry out any management before seeding.

Traditional control methods, such as manual removal of Himalayan Balsam had limited scope for eradication on a large scale. However, a concerted effort to control the species with targeted, strategic efforts goes a long way towards containing Himalayan Balsam and avoiding further spread. Effective management of Himalayan Balsam required a joined-up catchment-based approach. If this species was growing in an adjacent site (consider the explosive nature of the seed pods), or upstream of a site on a riverbank, then no matter how good on-site control was, re-colonisation was likely. An understanding of distribution in the wider area was necessary to determine if eradication or control efforts were likely to be successful.

The most widely used approach for the management of Himalayan Balsam tended to be the manual and mechanical control activities – hand pulling and cutting – reflecting the suitability of these activities for volunteers with little or no training, as well as being cost effective.

Large scale physical removal was costly and chemical control required training, which could also be expensive. Great care needed to be taken with the movement and disposal of cut or hand pulled material and any contaminated soil to avoid further spread. Non-chemical methods were generally suited to smaller, more isolated populations.

Whilst labour intensive, if done in the correct manner hand pulling could be a very effective strategy where an infestation was relatively low. Pulling should be seen as a constant control mechanism, predicated by monitoring of the site in order to tackle any late germinating or small plants that may have been missed in the initial pulling regime. This method was potentially the gentlest for native species (so a good choice in sensitive areas), but as well as being very time consuming, in areas should occur before the plants had developed seed pods should into the autumn to 'catch' plants which had germinated late, or which had been 'hiding' in brambles and scrub. Himalayan Balsam had a relatively small, shallow root network which was easily pulled out with the rest of the plant if the plant was pulled firmly and steadily from the base of the plant. Hand-pulling could start as early as March, but by May the plants would be large enough to recognise easily. Pulling should continue at least through June, prior to seed formation, though some plants could germinate later in the season so hand-pulling may need to continue through the autumn. The optimum time for control was when the Himalayan Balsam was just starting to develop flowering buds.

Cutting could be done before the flowering stage in June. Plants must be cut at ground level, below the lowest node. Any cuts above the lowest node would lead to regrowth and re-flowering. Cutting too early would promote greater seed production from the plants that re-grow. Mowing however did result in other more acceptable native species also being cut, which could have an adverse impact on wildlife in the area.

It was essential that a competent and qualified person carried out the herbicide treatment. Himalayan Balsam was often interspersed with desirable native species, so chemical control needed to be planned more carefully. Chemical control was often most practical for high density stands of Himalayan Balsam, where cutting or hand pulling would be difficult.

Ideally cut/pulled/sprayed plants should be left on site, but it was crucial to prevent them for re-growing or producing seed. With a small amount of Himalayan Balsam, it was best to leave plants in an exposed place where it was not in contact with the ground to dry out and die quickly. These plants may need to be scattered, rather than collected into piles for composting, as you wanted the roots to dry out quickly to kill the plant. If there were large amounts of waste plants, they could be left in piles to compost if they were securely covered with a tarpaulin to prevent re-growth. If disposal of the plants cannot be done on site and they needed to be transported off site, the material was to be treated as controlled waste and could only go to licensed waste disposal stations at a cost.

Himalayan Balsam was generally not found on sites away from the various water courses. It was the fact that all rivers and tributaries flood which is the greatest carrier of seed that had exploded. The most prevalent sites were Castlewalk, Reabrook and Monkmoor Riverbed. To make a significant impact required an all or nothing approach. Recently a volunteer day was organised to help pull Himalayan Balsam at Castlewalk. This resulted in about 20% of growth being removed. This was likely to do more damage than good as the pulled area had created bare soil which would inevitably be re-seeded as the other 80% goes to seed.

Currently the Operational Teams do not have the level of resources to combat all areas therefore a strategic approach needed to be taken to attempt to contain over colonisation.

Councillor Mosley stated that they needed to determine a plan over the winter months to try and combat this issue for next year and which areas were vital. They could then look to start work in the spring and possibly bring in a consultant to oversee it.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) **That the report be noted**
- ii) **That the Countryside Manager was tasked to set an action plan for the removal of Himalayan Balsam.**

**13/24 SHREWSBURY IN BLOOM**

**13.1 Shrewsbury in Bloom Group meetings**

The notes of the Shrewsbury in Bloom Group meeting held on 4 July 2024 were submitted as circulated and read.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the notes of the Shrewsbury in Bloom Group Meeting held on 4 July 2024 be accepted and approved.**

**13.2 Shrewsbury in Bloom Group preparations 2024**

The Town Clerk reported that the Bloom Group continued to meet on a monthly basis on the run up to the Bloom judging which would be held on 23 July. The bloom route had now been set and they were working with community groups to meet the judges. The portfolio had also been completed and an electronic version was available on our website.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the update be noted.**

#### **14/24 COMMUTED SUMS**

The Town Clerk gave an update on negotiations with developers and transfer arrangements. They had not reached any trigger points for any further Town Council involvement and would continue to liaise with planners on development progress:

- (i) *Copthorne Barracks Play and Open Space*** – offsite contributions to play (£30,498 - £20498 for Shorncliffe Drive & £10000 for Silks Meadow – to be paid on 75% occupancy) and open space (£115,000 for sports pitches & associated facilities at County Ground – paid on 50% occupancy) - **funds in relation to landscaping at the County Ground have been drawn down.**
- (ii) *Barratt Homes/Bovis Homes – Mytton Oak Road*** – Phase 1 adopted; Snagging Phase 2/3 commenced. No identified date for transfer. **Developer has request early transfer, but certain works need to be completed ahead of transfer. Staff have walked the site recently.**
- (iii) *Shrewsbury South Urban***

  1. Sutton Grange site – ongoing – likely transfer in 2023/24 – **recent meeting with Taylor Wimpey to discuss logistics for transfer.**
  2. Bellway Homes site – discussion on land adoption and adoption of acoustic fencing
  3. Galliers site – early discussions on land adoption
  4. Community Centre – location on the site
- (iv) *Harlescott Infants/Juniors site*** – Offsite contributions to sport. Approvals for use of the funds at Kynaston Road Recreation Ground for drainage works – **contribution for the drainage has been received so this item will now be discharged from the list.**
- (v) *Radbrook College site*** – Open space adoption – officers met with Floreat Homes on site – likely adoption once all phases are complete.
- (vi) *Weir Hill*** – Agreements to adopt the land at a future time have been signed - **meeting with Taylor Wimpey looking at the possibility of the countryside land to be transferred ahead of the POS on the development site.**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the update be noted.**

#### **15/24 CLOSING REMARKS**

In closing the meeting, the Chairman thanked Councillors for attending and taking part in this Town Council meeting and thanked the staff involved in this meeting. All papers related to the meeting could be found on the website [www.shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk).