

Chairman's Report Sep 2026.

Firstly, may I say I hope everyone is suitably refreshed after the summer break.

Thank you to all the Councillors who gave their time to the four sessions of Library consultations with the residents. These proved to be very useful in giving villagers accurate information and be-bunking the usual “experts” prevalent on social media. As you will have seen Julie’s email on the results so far – 81% for and only 19% against, it is gratifying to know the vast majority of the Parish is behind us taking over the running of this valuable facility. This is however, only the first stage of the process. There will have to be plenty of discussion, not only with Library Services but also with other departments of Shropshire Council, before any sort of agreement can be reached. Any agreement will need to be set in stone legally to ensure the cost effectiveness of the Library in the future. Full Council will be fully involved in this procedure of course, but I don’t think it will be a short process.

The only other happening of note in August was the official opening of the new roundabout in the Longmeadow play park. Representing the sponsors, National Highways, were Joe Walmsley and Zoe Mandell-Wilkins. The ribbon was cut by Cllr Markham’s son Rory who, along with his sister Olivia, acted as test pilots for the new equipment. Thanks to Teri Trickett and Julie for making this happen.

Rob Ruscoe.