

Chairman's Report July 2026

Firstly, may I say thank you to the councillors who were able to attend the meeting with Alex Wagner on the 29th of last month. Although generous with his time, not a great deal of good news was forthcoming. Our dissatisfaction with the Library offer was discussed and he promised to speak with Shropshire Libraries about our concerns and the lack of a formal written proposal.

The next item to be raised was the closure of the Meole Brace Park & Ride. Although we presented him with all the valid reasons why this decision is very wrong, he insisted that the service was financially unsustainable. When he was asked directly if the site would be sold for more housing, he confirmed this was the case.

Finally the plan for devolution of services to Town and Parish Councils was re-visited and, as you have seen, forms part of our meeting agenda.

All of these topics I intend, with the Councillors present at the meeting, to explain more fully to the remainder of the council on Monday.

With the recent and ongoing hot and dry weather, we have again experienced another fire which was almost certainly started deliberately. This time it was part of the sensory gardens which needed the attention of Shropshire Fire Service who fortunately responded quickly to quell the blaze and minimise the damage. This is happening far too often but alas, seems to be a very low priority for the Police.

Rob Ruscoe.