

Unitary Councillor Monthly Report for August 2026

I have had a couple of meetings at the Guildhall and the Shirehall this month. The first meeting was regarding a cabinet meeting about the future of the Shirehall. A vote was taken and the result was that the Shirehall is going to be put up for sale. The future of the Shirehall will be in the hands of the new purchaser.

The second meeting was the Full Council meeting. Mostly it was to accept the past financial statements. It was mentioned several times how desperate the Council are financially.

I was due to have a meeting with Andy Keyland the Highways Manager, where I would use the opportunity to chase up outstanding highway issues, but it was cancelled as he is on holiday.

Stottesdon

At the previous parish meeting it was brought up about the bridge near Chorley. I travelled back home via the bridge to see for myself. I can see that the bridge has been repaired, but it has been hit again by a large vehicle or tractor. I have reported it again on Fixmystreet. Also reported several potholes along the way from the bridge to the old Neen Savage school. Be careful because some are quite deep.

Kinlet

I had a meeting with Kiri Pashley, Principal Engineer, regarding the speed limit by the primary school. It was a Teams online meeting. The 20 mph limit is going roughly from the pub to the care home, but they are extending the 30 mph limit further out because to get a 20 mph limit there has to be a certain distance between the two speed limits. It is not going to be 20 mph all the time, but 20 mph when the sign with lights on is flashing during school hours. There was an issue with the bus and children being dropped off on the opposite side of the road. I suggested the bus could go into the village hall carpark and turn around so that the children could get off on the right side of the road safely. They are going to look at putting a path alongside the pub from the junction, but they need to investigate the ownership of the land.

Neen Savage

Nothing new to report regarding the ford.

Hopton Wafers

Nothing new to report about the traffic lights and bridge works.

Wheathill

Nothing new report about the speed limit.

Farlow

Nothing new to report.

Aston Botterell

As mentioned previously, I have asked for a site visit from Andy Keyland to come out and see the condition of your local roads.

Shropshire Council

As mentioned previously, the council are in a very difficult financial position. I have taken up the offer from the new Chief Executive Tanya Miles to come and visit us. It is called Walk the Wards. I have the date booked 9th October in the afternoon. Pamela and I think it would be a good idea to have this as a joint venture for all our parishes, rather than do it separately. Local businesses will be invited to Hopton Court by kind permission of Chris Woodward. Chairs and Clerks will meet at the Market Hall, next to the church in Cleobury Mortimer. It is invitation only. So please pencil this in your diaries. I have also arranged for Tanya to visit the Cleobury Leisure Centre and meet with the Friends of the Leisure Centre, so she can see for herself how valuable this centre is and how hard the Friends have worked to keep it open. This is a great opportunity for you all to get to speak to Tanya, I hope you will all take it up.