

Clerks Report: July 2019

1. Summer Youth Programme

A huge thank you to Devon, Nikki B and Sam Pitch for organising a comprehensive programme of activities for young people over the summer holidays:

Funzone Summer Programme: primary school age children

21 play sessions across three weeks

Cinema trip

Arthog trip

Family trip to Rhyl

SYA / Brookside Youth Club: secondary school age children

Trip to AFC Telford

Safety and first aid training sessions

Cooking sessions

Trips to Albrighton, Drayton Manor, narrow boat

Climbing wall & tag archery

Taiko drumming / Circus skills / Graffiti boards / special effects make up

Eat Well Club: all ages

Breakfast at Sambrook Centre – all 6 weeks

Lunch club at Sambrook Centre (first three weeks) - will extend if need

Breakfast at Brookside Central from Monday 29th July 2019

Hope has collated all of the information together in a pack for families. Next year we will expand on this to include information and leaflets from other organisations.

2. Summer Newsletter

A bumper edition of the newsletter is now available, it covers Parish Council, Brookside Central and Brookside Big Local events and activities. We have received a number of compliments from members of the public. Our next goal is to push 'on line' viewing.

3. Climate Change

A number of Town and Parish Councils have recently passed motions on climate change (Wem, Bridgnorth).

These include:

- a. Supporting the declaration of a climate emergency
- b. Pledges to be carbon neutral by 2030
- c. Lobbying to give local councils powers and resources to make this possible (Wem Town Council has asked if other councils would be interested in sending a joint letter to Government).
- d. Setting up a working party

Some members will remember that SBPC had a climate change working group over ten years ago, the action plan was last updated in February 2010. Since then the parish council has made many other positive actions towards reducing its consumption including electronic distribution of paperwork and improvements to the Sambrook Centre.

Recommendations

- Consider motion for Full Council September 2019
- Review climate change action plan
- Combine climate change action plan with parish plan

4. The Sambrook Centre

Work to replace the remainder of the light fittings will be undertaken the first couple of weeks of September. We are working with the contractor to plan work to avoid disruption, however it may be necessary to close the centre. I will update members by email to advise of the plan.

We have had to have a number of 'pin – hole' leaks repaired in the last few weeks. These are the old copper pipes which are slowly starting to fail. I would recommend that Council consider replacement of old pipework in its plan for ongoing refurbishment next year.

5. Dates for your diary

The Parish council fun day will be on Saturday 10th August. I hope as many councillors as possible are able to attend, last year was really good fun. Please let Hope or Keith know if you are able to volunteer in any capacity.

The Mallard Pub are hosting a Fun Day on Saturday 3rd August supported by Big Local. The parish council will be there consulting on the Neighbourhood Plan. It would be great if a couple of Councillors could support.

Gillian Bailey
Parish Clerk