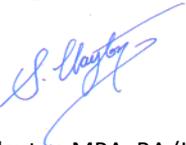




NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the above-named Parish Council will be held by Zoom video commencing at 7 pm on Tuesday **26 January** 2021 and Members are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of transacting the following business. Here is the [link](#) to the meeting.

Signed:


Sharon Clayton MPA, BA (Hons), Fellow SLCC
Clerk

Date of issue: 19 January 2021

AGENDA

FILMING AND RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DATA PROTECTION ACT 2018

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Anyone who objects to being filmed or recorded should notify the Clerk prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1. Chairman's Welcome

2. Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence

3. Police Report

To receive a report from the local policing team

4. Shropshire Council

To receive a report from Shropshire Councillor Joyce Barrow

5. Public Participation

Members of the public will be given an opportunity to make representations to the Parish Council on matters included on the agenda or which are of public interest

6. Minutes

To consider and approve the minutes from a Parish Council meeting held on 15 December 2020

7. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Members are required to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at this meeting and which is not included in the Register of Interests. Members should leave the room during the discussion and voting on

matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the Register of Members' Interests maintained by the monitoring officer.

Members are reminded that there is no requirement to update their DPIs unless a discussion takes place that relates to any interest declared on their DPI.

8. Dispensations

To consider and approve any requests for dispensations

9. Declaration of Acceptance of Gifts and Hospitality

To receive any declarations of acceptance of gifts and hospitality

10. Planning Matters

a) Planning Decisions

To **NOTE** the following:

Planning Decision Details	Proposals
20/04121/TPO 11 St Anne's Drive, Morda, Oswestry	Works to reduce the tree in girth by 6mm and height by 12m of one Sycamore tree protected by The Council of the Borough of Oswestry (Morda House, Morda, Oswestry) TPO 1977. Permission REFUSED 5 January 2021. <i>The Parish Council objected to this application.</i>
20/04516/FUL The Byg Farm, Old Racecourse, Oswestry	Demolition of majority part of existing agricultural building, north side part of existing structure to be retained and converted to one dwelling and erection of detached carport with store. Permission REFUSED 5 January 2021. <i>The Parish Council supported this application but noted that the plans were insufficient to locate and identify the site.</i>
20/04547/VAR Ridgewood, Coed-Y-Go, Oswestry	Variation of condition number 2 (vary design to include removal of conservatory from approved plans) application reference 14/02077/FUL. Permission GRANTED . <i>The Parish Council supported this application but noted that the plans were insufficient to locate and identify the site as there were no directions to it.</i>

b) Planning Applications

To consider and approve a response to the following:

Planning Application Details	Proposals
20/05422/FUL Land adjacent Penymaes, Croesau Bach, Oswestry	Change of Use from a pony paddock to gypsy/traveller site to include one static caravan, one touring caravan, one amenity block, septic tank and gravel hardstanding (part retrospective)

NOTE: *Planning applications not listed above that are received after the issue of this agenda and included on Shropshire Council's website will also be considered in order to meet response timeframes.*

11. Clerk's Report

To receive a report from the Clerk

12. Councillor Reports

To receive and note verbal reports (if any) from meetings attended by Parish Council representatives on outside bodies

13. Financial Matters

To consider and approve:

- Income and expenditure and bank reconciliations to 31 December 2020
- Payments for January 2021 (details to follow)

- c) The monthly cleaning/sweeping of the bus shelters at Maesbury and Oswestry/Trefonen Road at a cost of £25 for both of them

14. Budget/Precept 2021/2022 and Reserves Allocation

To consider and approve the budget and precept for 2021/2022 and the allocation of reserves

15. Road Safety

- a) To consider a suggestion from a member of the public for the installation of a low profile chicane on the straight section of Kingfisher Way, Morda to reduce speeding
- b) To receive an update and consider and approve any action required concerning road traffic issues within the parish
- c) To receive road traffic data from a traffic survey held along Woolston Bank, Maesbury

16. Village Halls

To consider and approve a response to Lanyon Bowdler concerning Trefonen and Morda Village Halls

17. Police Attendance at Council Meetings

To consider the attendance of police at Council meetings (Cllr. Claire Mahoney)

18. Innovation Park and Boundary Review

To consider and approve any action required concerning the Innovation Park and a boundary review (Cllr. Pam Broomby) – further information available at: <http://oswestry-innovation-park.co.uk/>

19. CIL/Neighbourhood Funds

To consider and approve proposals for the allocation of CIL monies and Neighbourhood Funds (Cllr. Martin Jones)

20. Place Plan

To consider and approve updates to the Place Plan following decisions made at agenda item numbers 18 and 19 above

21. Defibrillators

To consider and approve maintenance grants for defibrillators within the parish (Cllr. Martin Jones)

22. Roadside verges

To consider and approve any action required concerning roadside verges (Cllr. Paul Milner)

23. Mud on the Road

To consider and approve any action required concerning the movement of trucks leaving mud on the road (Cllr. Tony Milner)

24. Morda Village Hall

To consider and approve any action required concerning a report compiled by Wiseman Investigations concerning the redevelopment of Morda Village Hall (information previously circulated)

25. Fairhaven Camp Site

To consider information received and approve any action required in response to Fairhaven Camp Site

26. Consultation

NOTE: Consultation not listed below and received after the issue of this agenda and included on Shropshire Council's website will also be considered in order to meet response timeframes.

To consider and approve a response to the following:

- a) Local Plan Review

27. Correspondence

To receive and **NOTE** correspondence emailed to Members including the following:

- a) SALC information bulletin and NALC information
- b) Information about training events for councillors

28. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Members are invited to suggest items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting

29. Date for Next Meeting

To **NOTE** that the next meeting will take place by Zoom video on Tuesday 23 February 2021

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the above Act and due to the confidential nature of the following business to be transacted it will be **PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED** that the public and press should not be present

30. Notice Board

To consider and approve a quote for the installation of a replacement notice board at Trefarclawdd Cemetery

31. Planning Enforcement

To **NOTE** planning enforcement notifications received

Oswestry Rural Parish Council

Minutes of a virtual Parish Council meeting held at 7 pm on Tuesday 15 December 2020 by Zoom online video conference

Present:

Chairman: Cllr. Peter Richardson, Cllr. Janet Barlow, Cllr. Pam Broomby, Cllr. Peter Davies, Cllr. Martin Jones, Cllr. Bob Kimber, Cllr. Les Maguire, Cllr. Claire Mahoney, Cllr. Phil May, Cllr Tony Milner, Cllr. Elliot Roberts Jones, Cllr. Tracy Rowe.

Clerk to the Council:

Sharon Clayton

In attendance:

Approximately 12 members of the public.

878/20 Chairman's Welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and said "Merry Christmas one and all".

879/20 Apologies for Absence

The following apologies were received:

Councillor	Reason
John Davies	Another commitment
Robert Milton	Work commitment
Paul Milner	None given

These apologies were accepted and AGREED as APPROVED absence.

880/20 Police Report

There was no report received from the police.

NOTED.

881/20 Shropshire Councillor Report

Shropshire Councillor Joyce Barrow gave the following verbal report:

- In response to complaints about parking outside Oswestry school Shropshire Council was progressing with a consultation on parking. The school was granted planning permission to extend the car park earlier this year although work had not progressed. If the consultation results were as expected work would go ahead to extend the car park because the school would need to do it.
- Shropshire Council was setting up an Agricultural Vehicle and Rural Roads Group in Shropshire. An inaugural meeting had been held and the Group has terms of reference. The Group would be reviewing current guidance, policies and practices at an organisational level or a collective level and develop and agree a work programme for the year. Work had already started and there were two items that would be discussed at a meeting to be held in January 2021 at which the Group would try to determine where the priorities lie. Along with Shropshire Council at the meeting were representatives from the PCC, West Mercia Police, and the NFU. The Group would develop guidance, advice, training and support to improve current levels of skills, knowledge and communities and they have agreed to hold quarterly meetings. The sub-group of this Group would consist of parish councillors from various parish councils and other interested parties. The main Group and the sub-group would liaise with each other.
- Trefonen was classed as Hub Status in the Local Plan and Cllr. Barrow said that the formal Regulation 19 consultation should be pursued to fight against Hub Status. Failing this it would be good to try to reduce the number of 50 additional houses for Trefonen. She felt sure that this number could be reduced by argument. Weston Rhyn had formed a community led group which included the Parish Council and local

residents. Together they had identified a suitable site in Weston Rhyn of which the community was happy to see developed in the way they wanted and not with large 3-to-4-bedroom houses. Oswestry Rural Parish Council could pursue this same route and try to identify landowners and a suitable site that would be approved by the community. Cllr. Barrow said that she would be fighting against Hub Status and, if this failed, she would try to reduce the number of houses.

NOTED.

882/20 Public Participation

The Chairman of the TRPG (Trefonen Rural Protection Group) thanked the Parish Council for its response to the last Local Plan consultation held in late summer and, as nothing had changed for Trefonen, asked for continued support from the Parish Council to contest Hub Status and the numbers proposed for the village in the Regulation 19 consultation.

The Chairman said he was sure TRPG had the Parish Council's support.

883/20 Minutes

The minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on 24 November 2020 were considered for approval. **It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that, following an addition to minute number 875/20 thus "It was further agreed to ask for knobs to be fitted to all of the new notice boards so that the doors could be opened more easily", the minutes be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.**

884/20 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Members were reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the Register of Members' Interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

Cllr. Peter Richardson declared a pecuniary interest concerning agenda item 18, Fairhaven Camping.

885/20 Dispositions

None requested.

886/20 Declaration of Acceptance of Gifts and Hospitality

None declared.

887/20 Planning Matters

a) Planning Decisions

The following planning decisions were **NOTED**.

Planning Application Details	Proposals
20/04398/FUL Vine Cottage, Middleton Road, Middleton, Oswestry	Erection of an agricultural storage shed. Permission GRANTED 3 December 2020. <i>The Parish Council supported this application.</i>

b) Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered:

Planning Application Details	Proposals
20/04852/FUL Fairhaven Barn, Ball Lane, Maesbury	Erection of stables for private use. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED unanimously and AGREED to support.
20/04989/FUL	Replacement of existing front porch and erection of single storey extension to rear of property.

13 Marshfields, Maesbury, Maesbury Marsh, Oswestry	It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED to support.
20/05020/FUL Pentregaer Ucha, Croesau Bach, Oswestry	Conversion of redundant agricultural building into two holiday lets. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED to support.
20/05103/CPE Tramway Farm, Crickheath, Oswestry	Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Development concerning the permanent residential use of a static unit in breach of Condition 1 of permission OS/09/15931/FUL (siting of mobile home). It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to NOTE.

888/20 Clerk's Report

Members received a written report from the Clerk on action taken following decisions made at the last Parish Council meeting.

NOTED.

The Clerk also informed Members that Colin Turner had offered to sweep out the bus shelter at Maesbury on a monthly basis.

It was further **AGREED** that Trefonen bus shelter should be swept as well as the bus shelter at Maesbury.

889/20 Financial Matters

a) Income and Expenditure and Bank Reconciliations

Members considered for approval income and expenditure and bank reconciliations up to 30 November 2020.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that the income and expenditure and bank reconciliations to 30 November 2020 be APPROVED.

b) Payments for December 2020

Members considered for approval payments for December 2020.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the following payments for the month of December 2020 be APPROVED.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT £
Rhydycroesau Village Hall	Grant award	500.00
Mark Evans	Bus shelter cleaning	60.00
HMRC	PAYE/NI	177.95
Viking	Stationery and postage stamps	102.50
SLCC	Clerk's annual membership	251.00
ICO	Data Protection annual registration	35.00
Bernard Morris	Internal audit	75.00
A G Royce	Winter grounds maintenance tidy up	365.00
Sharon Clayton	Salary/expenses/reimbursements	963.25
	TOTAL	2529.70

c) Maintenance Grant

Members considered for approval that the maintenance grant of £1,000 received from Shropshire Council had been spent in accordance with the grant scheme terms. A query was raised as to whether the grant applied to Shropshire Council land only or to all land that the Parish Council maintains. The Clerk informed that she would prefer to apply for a grant that might be rejected rather than not apply at all.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the grant had been spent in accordance with the grant terms.

890/20 Blocked Bridleway

Members received copies of the response from Shropshire Council concerning the Parish Council's request to Shropshire Council's Rights of Way team asking that the blocked bridleway near Llyncllys Quarry be re-opened. Shropshire Council had responded stating that they were looking for proof of it being registered as a right of way. However, the person who had blocked the right of way with a locked gate had recently unlocked the

gate so people could walk along the bridleway. However, permission to allow passage along the right of way could be retracted at any time.

Members also received a response from Tarmac following the Council's request to confirm ownership of the land and to reinstate meetings between Tarmac, local residents and parish councillors. Tarmac had informed that the quarry was not currently operating and, until there was access to files in the office, which was closed due to COVID-19, research into ownership had been delayed. Tarmac had also said that meetings would be reinstated in the early part of the New Year.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that:

- a) **Tarmac should be asked to establish ownership of the land and provide a date for the return of liaison meetings.**
- b) **Shropshire Council's Highways Development Officer and rights of way team should be asked to pursue determining the legal status of the bridleway including when the road was stopped up and what alternative route may have been created in its place.**

891/20 Road Safety

- a) Members considered a request from a member of the public that the Parish Council supports traffic calming measures along Kingfisher Way in Morda. Members were uncertain as to what could be done as Kingfisher Way is within a residential area.

It was **PROPOSED** that a blanket speed limit of 30mph should be introduced throughout the parish. It was further **PROPOSED** that a police presence was needed. However, it was suggested that the speeding motorists were residents of Kingfisher Way as the road did not link to another road.

Although Members were uncertain of what measures could be implemented to reduce speeding it was **PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the Parish Council would support traffic calming measures along Kingfisher Way.**

- b) Members received an update about road traffic issues throughout the parish. Shropshire Council had confirmed that due to the recent lockdown the ATCs would be carried out after Christmas and the work would be organised by Shropshire Council's design consultants, WSP. Shropshire Council would confirm the installation dates with the Parish Council once known.

Residents at Coed-y-Go had completed 5 days of traffic counts themselves and may do 2 more days in the New Year. They would also be measuring noise levels in the next few weeks and looking into the Road Safety Trust initiative to see if grant funding could be secured for traffic calming at Coed-y-Go.

NOTED.

It was further AGREED to request the results from a traffic survey carried out in Maesbury about 12 months ago.

- c) Members received information concerning funding that was available for road safety projects from the Road Safety Trust. Cllr. Les Maguire informed that the results from the traffic survey would be needed before applying for funding.

NOTED.

892/20 Village Halls

Members considered whether to instruct Lanyon Bowdler to proceed with the first registration of Morda Village Hall to Oswestry Rural Parish Council as Custodian Trustee and registration of the leasehold interest in Trefonen Village Hall.

As a trustee and Chairman of Trefonen Village Hall Cllr. Bob Kimber explained that the solicitor misunderstood the details of the lease for Trefonen Village Hall and that the trustees named on the 1991 lease have changed since then. There are several documents that infer they are related to the hall building but the lease in question relates to the land that the village hall stands on and not the village hall itself. The village hall belongs to the trustees. The Parish Council is simply the Custodian Trustee for the lease of the land. The only time the Parish Council would take over as trustees would be if the trustees resigned or were unable to perform their duties as trustees. There is no freehold title to the village hall held by Shropshire Council.

Cllr. Kimber **PROPOSED** that he and Cllr. Robert Milton should seek to hold a meeting with Lanyon Bowdler early in the New Year to determine precisely what is wanted from the Parish Council to enable the Council to make an informed decision.

The Clerk informed that the Parish Council was custodian trustee for Morda & Sweeney, Trefonen, and Rhydycroesau village halls and that the Parish Council should not interfere in the day-to-day management of those village halls and the Parish Council has no financial responsibilities.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that Cllr. Bob Kimber as a trustee of Trefonen Village Hall, and Cllr. Robert Milton as trustee of Morda and Sweeney Village Hall, and a trustee of Rhydycroesau Village Hall if they so wished, should liaise with Lanyon Bowdler on behalf of the Parish Council to try to resolve the misunderstanding about the role of the Parish Council as a custodian trustee and which documents the Parish Council is responsible for.

893/20 The Terraces Brickworks

Cllr. Les Maguire informed Members that the site of the old brickworks, previously a clay mine, has 2 mineshafts over 500 feet deep with other shafts running off them. These mineshafts are not capped sufficiently to hold excessive weight which caused concern when bulldozers were recently working on site. Whilst they were on site an old cart was dug up and disposed of even though it may be of archaeological interest. Cllr. Maguire **PROPOSED** that a site survey should be undertaken to determine the dangers posed by the mineshafts. The site had recently been fenced off and it was thought there were no plans for further development.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED to write to Shropshire Council to inform of the recent activities, the prospective dangers of the mine shafts, and that the site may be of archaeological interest which might need protection.

884/20 Local Plan Review

Members considered a request from the Trefonen Rural Protection Group Management Committee asking the Parish Council to submit a further response to Shropshire Council's Local Plan Review.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that comments from Councillors should be forwarded to the Clerk who would compile them into a response to Shropshire Council for consideration at the next meeting.

Cllr. Peter Richardson declared an interest and left the meeting and the Vice Chairman, Cllr. Phil May chaired the following discussion.

885/20 Fairhaven Camping

Members received a response to the Parish Council's complaint concerning activities at Fairhaven camp site. Concern was expressed in the way the exemption certificate had been obtained, that it was granted on misinformation, and that the Parish Council's concerns had not been properly answered by Natural England.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that:

- a) No further action should be taken by the Parish Council until a response to the Parish Council's Freedom of Information request had been received from Natural England and further information from Owen Patterson MP.**
- b) Any information received should be considered at the next meeting.**

Cllr. Peter Richardson returned to the meeting.

886/20 The Elms at Middleton

Members considered a complaint from a member of the public concerning activities at the Elms, Middleton. The biomass production had been going on for over 12 months as a retrospective operation and had become a 24/7 operation. The green shed had been burned down and replaced with a brown shed with an extension. Shropshire Council had asked the applicant to improve the access to the site and highways had no objection to the application. Smoke from biomass activities were annoying the neighbours along with the constant movement of HGVs to and from the site. The complainant had been advised to contact the planning officer at Shropshire Council.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to:

- a) Write to Shropshire Council and ask for an update on how the planning application was progressing and what outcome could be expected.
- b) Ask Shropshire Council's planning enforcement why no action had been taken.

887/20 Location Plans

Cllr. Janet Barlow expressed concern that the majority of planning applications received by the Parish Council were not sufficient to put plans into context.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to write to Shropshire Council and request that the degree of detail on planning applications be improved to include sufficient information to identify the site location, including a map reference and a post code.

Cllr. Phil May left the meeting at this point due to technical issues with his online presence.

At this point in the meeting, **it was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to suspend Standing Order number 3(x) to enable the meeting to exceed more than 2 hours.**

888/20 Traffic Lights for Cyclists

Cllr. Claire Mahony expressed concern that there was no provision for pedestrians and cyclists to safely cross at the traffic lights on the busy A483 Maesbury Road. Pedestrians had to wait until the traffic stopped and then use their initiative as to when it was safe to cross. She proposed there should be pedestrian facing signals to indicate when it was safe to cross, including a buzzer to assist blind people.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to write to Shropshire Council highways and request that the traffic lights on the Maesbury Road should be modified to include pedestrian facing visual and audio signals to assist pedestrians and cyclists to cross and improve road safety.

889/20 Roadside Verges

As Cllr. Paul Milner was not present it **was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to defer this item until the next meeting.**

890/20 Mud on the Road

Cllr. Tony Milner expressed concern about the movement of waste products from site to site and the mud being left on the road as a consequence.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the situation should be monitored and considered further at the next meeting.

891/20 Strategic Plan

a) Members considered for approval an updated Strategic Plan.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the updated Strategic Plan be APPROVED.

b) Members considered for approval an updated Action Plan Monitoring Report.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the updated Strategic Plan be APPROVED.

892/20 Consultation

None considered.

893/20 Correspondence

Members received the following:

- a) SALC information bulletin and NALC information.
- b) Letter of thanks for grant aid from Hope House.

NOTED.

894/20 Agenda Items for Next Meeting

It was **AGREED** that the following matters should be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting:

- Budget 2020/2021.
- Police attendance at Council meetings (Cllr. Claire Mahoney).
- Road Safety (standing item).
- Innovation Park and boundary review (Cllr. Pam Broomby).

- Proposals for the allocation of CIL monies (Cllr. Martin Jones).
- Grants for the maintenance of defibrillators within the parish (Cllr. Martin Jones).

895/20 Date of Next Meeting

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting would take place by Zoom video on Tuesday 26 January 2021.

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the above Act it was **PROPOSED, SECONDED** and **RESOLVED** that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the public and press should not be present.

896/20 Planning Enforcement

Members were advised about a recent planning enforcement notice.

NOTED.

The meeting closed at 21:24.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____

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Clerk's Monthly Report

The following is a report on action taken following decisions made at the last parish council meeting.

MONTH	MINUTE NUMBER	RESOLUTION/AGREED ACTION	TASK COMPLETE	COMMENTS
2020 July	422/19	Inform Shropshire Council that the Council would like to take on the undisputed land at Chapel Green.	Yes	Awaiting a response from Shropshire Council. See above.
December		Respond to planning applications.	Yes	
2021 January	890/20(a)	Write to Tarmac and ask for details of who owns the bridleway and request that meetings with Tarmac, local residents and parish councillors are reinstated.	Yes	<p>Tarmac says the title to the track itself is not Registered but is probably owned by Tarmac. However, in order to confirm the historic deeds need to be scrutinised to confirm whether Tarmac does own the track and, if so, arrange for it to be Registered to Tarmac. This cannot be done due to COVID restrictions as the deeds are held in an office and cannot be accessed.</p> <p>As the Quarry is not operative and not likely to continue its operations for at least the first half of 2021 the liaison meetings have been postponed and the Parish Council will be informed if this changes.</p> <p>The Llynclys Quarry permission is scheduled for review soon and Tarmac must submit updated conditions and schemes of working/restoration, with supporting information, to Shropshire Council by November 2021. It is not expected that this process will result in any significant changes to the operation of the quarry, but Tarmac will run through the detail with the Liaison Committee before it is submitted.</p>
	890/20(b)	Write to rights of way team and ask that the legal status of the bridleway should be pursued and what alternative route may have been created in its place.	Yes	Response awaited.
	891/20	Request results from traffic survey carried out in Maesbury about 12 months ago.	Yes	Please see details appended at agenda item number 15(c).
	893/20	Write to Shropshire Council and inform of recent activities at The Terraces, Morda and the dangers of the mine shafts.	Yes	<p>The Clerk has written to Shropshire Council's Property Strategy and Review Team who advised to contact the Coal Authority. As the site was not mined for coal the Coal Authority could not assist.</p> <p>The Clerk has written to Shropshire Council's Area Planning and Enforcement Officer who has provided the following information.</p>

Clerk's Monthly Report

MONTH	MINUTE NUMBER	RESOLUTION/AGREED ACTION	TASK COMPLETE	COMMENTS
				<p>The Terraces, Morda</p> <p>Planning application OS/05/13951/OUT for residential development and alterations to access was granted permission by Committee on 5 May 2006. The Decision Notice states: "The demolition [of the site] shall not be commenced until the applicant has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation prepared by the applicant in response to a brief prepared by the County Council's Historic Environment Officer".</p> <p>Planning application OS/08/15863/REM for residential development and alterations to access was granted permission by Committee on 6 March 2009. The Historic Environment Team asked for an Archaeological Assessment Report which, when first submitted, did not satisfy the requirements specified in Condition no. 8 of OS/13951/OUT. A further submission was approved by the Historic Environment Officer in a letter dated 12 February 2009. (Please see document appended.) The Report states that the two colliery shafts sunk in the 1930s would not be encountered during development. It further states that previous demolition works may have significantly damaged the basal remains of any structural archaeology on site.</p> <p>Fieldwork was required to be undertaken to include "monitoring of all ground excavation work associated with the proposed development, including investigations into the location and condition of redundant shafts and the final stages of demolition of existing structures on the site". All spoil removed during the excavation was to be visually scanned and a metal detector used to recover small finds.</p> <p>As planning permission was granted it is assumed that no significant findings have been found.</p>
	885/20	Write to Shropshire Council and ask how the planning application for The Elms is progressing and when the outcome can be expected.	Yes	Awaiting a response.

Clerk's Monthly Report

MONTH	MINUTE NUMBER	RESOLUTION/AGREED ACTION	TASK COMPLETE	COMMENTS
	887/20	Write to Shropshire Council and request that the degree of detail on planning applications is improved.	Yes	
	888/20	Write to Shropshire Council highways and request that the traffic lights at the Maesbury junction are modified to include pedestrian facing visual lights and audio signals to assist pedestrians and cyclist to cross this busy main road and improve road safety	Yes	

TO NOTE:

The Parish Council makes an annual grant towards the maintenance of Morton churchyard and Llanyblodwel Parish Council has sought quotes to renew its grounds maintenance contract for another 5 years. The present contractor has not increased the cost for 14 years and has been looking after the churchyard for 15 years. The Council has appointed the same contractor for another 5 years and the annual cost has increased. Therefore Oswestry Rural Parish Council's share for the next 5 years has increased from £425 per annum to £550 per annum. Llanyblodwell Parish Council is in the process of approving repairs to the damaged church wall on the Oswestry Rural side of the churchyard, and all the moss from the paths is to be cleared from the paths at the back of the church.

Income and expenditure to date:

MONTH	EXPENDITURE	INCOME	BALANCE
	£	£	£
31-Mar-20		B/F	135659.56
2020			
April	-7283.57	80,728.37	209104.36
May	-2940.29	1,108.04	207272.11
June	-1734.61	57.23	205594.73
July	-2469.98	456.19	203580.94
August	-1724.64	10954.08	212810.38
September	-2795.42	807.39	210822.35
October	-2846.70	1602.78	209578.43
November	-4845.47	1.89	204734.85
December	-2029.70	105.76	202810.91
2021			
January			
February			
March			
BALANCE	-28670.38	95,821.73	202,810.91

Bank balance as at 31 December 2020:

Current account 10649120	746.15
Deposit account 11313924	177011.42
Reserve account 21514768	53.34
PSDF	25000.00
	202810.91

Your Statement

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 Shropshire
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Account Summary

Opening Balance	2,675.85
Payments In	100.00
Payments Out	2,029.70
Closing Balance	746.15

1 December to 30 December 2020

International Bank Account Number

GB84HBUK40353210649120

Branch Identifier Code

HBUKGB4148G

Account Name

Oswestry Rural Parish Council

Sortcode

40-35-32

Account Number Sheet Number

10649120 635

Your Community Account details

Date	Payment type and details	Paid out	Paid in	Balance
30 Nov 20	BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD			2,675.85
02 Dec 20	DD ICO	35.00		2,640.85
04 Dec 20	CR CHQ IN AT 403532		100.00	2,740.85
23 Dec 20	BP A G Royce			
	OSWESTRY RURAL PC	365.00		
	BP Bernard Morris			
	Internal audit 20	75.00		
	BP VIKING PAYMENTS			
	5562083	102.50		
	BP HMRC PAYE/NIC CUMB			
	671PR00169499	177.95		
	BP MARK EVANS			
	BUS SHELTER CLEAN	60.00		
	BP SHARON CLAYTON			
	SALARY AND EXPENSE	963.25		
	BP SLCC ENTERPRISES			
	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP	251.00		746.15
30 Dec 20	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD			746.15

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Account Name
Oswestry Rural Parish Council

Sortcode **Account Number** **Sheet Number**
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Credit Interest Rates	<i>balance</i>	<i>AER</i> <i>variable</i>	Debit Interest Rates	<i>balance</i>	<i>EAR</i> <i>variable</i>
Credit interest is not paid			Debit interest		21.34%

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Payments In	5.76
Payments Out	0.00
Closing Balance	177,011.42

Interest Rate - Valid as at end date of the statement period
 0.01% AER

International Bank Account Number
 GB32HBUK40353211313924

Branch Identifier Code
 HBUKGB4148G

1 December to 30 December 2020

Account Name
 Oswestry Rural Parish Council

Sortcode **Account Number** **Sheet Number**
 40-35-32 11313924 95

Your Business Money Manager details

Date	Payment type and details	Paid out	Paid in	Balance
30 Nov 20	BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD			177,005.66
02 Dec 20	CR PUBLIC SECTOR DEPO		1.28	177,006.94
30 Dec 20	CR GROSS INTEREST TO 29DEC2020		4.48	177,011.42
30 Dec 20	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD			177,011.42

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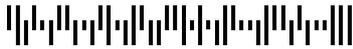
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 0.01% AER

29 November to 28 December 2020

International Bank Account Number
 GB14HBUK40353221514768

Branch Identifier Code
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Account Name
 Oswestry Rural Parish Council

Sortcode **Account Number** **Sheet Number**
 40-35-32 21514768 105

Your Business Money Manager details

<i>Date</i>	<i>Payment type and details</i>	<i>Paid out</i>	<i>Paid in</i>	<i>Balance</i>
28 Nov 20	BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD			53.34
28 Dec 20	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD			53.34

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CLIENT: OSWESTRY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

ACCOUNT NAME: Oswestry Rural Parish Council

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0132240001PC

Statement at 31 December 2020

Date	Description	Value of shares sold £	Value of shares bought £	Balance of shares held £	Share Class
01/12/20	Brought Forward			25,000.00	
31/12/20	Carried Forward			25,000.00	

Statement of Dividends paid during the month to 31 December 2020

Date	Receiving Account	Amount Paid £
31-12-20	Nominated bank account	1.16

From May 2020, prices and yields for CCLA's Funds will no longer appear in the Financial Times. To view the fund prices and yields, please visit www.ccla.co.uk

Expenditure	Budget 2020/2021	Balance	December 2020	Allocated Reserves
General Administration				
Clerk Salary / Employer NI/ Home Working Allowance	£12,970.00	£3,136.45	£9,833.55	
Stationery	£700.00	£11.94	£688.06	
Postage	£360.00	£82.39	£277.61	
Clerk Travel Costs	£660.00	£489.00	£171.00	
Audit Fee (internal)	£90.00	£15.00	£75.00	
Audit Fee (external)	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00	
Professional/Legal Fees	£500.00	-£370.00	£870.00	£1,000.00
Insurance	£800.00	-£15.56	£815.56	
Meeting Room Hire	£500.00	£362.09	£137.91	
SALC Subscription	£1,600.00	£13.12	£1,586.88	
SLCC Subscription	£246.00	(£5.00)	£251.00	
Data Protection	£35.00	£0.00	£35.00	
Quality Award Scheme	£0.00			£150.00
Communication				
Newsletter	£500.00	£500.00		£2,000.00
Website	£250.00	-£110.00	360.00	
Notice board repair/replacement	£7,125.00	£3,750.00	£3,375.00	
Training				
Clerk	£500.00	£370.00	£130.00	
General (Councillor)	£400.00	£370.00	£30.00	£275.00
Elections	£3,430.00	£3,430.00		
Parish Maintenance				
Street Lights - electricity	£960.00	£249.36	£710.64	
Street Lights - repairs	£250.00	£250.00		
Street Lights - new	£0.00			£2,000.00
Grounds Maintenance - Cemeteries	£3,340.00	£723.00	£2,617.00	
Grounds Maintenance - Green Spaces	£3,340.00	£522.00	£2,818.00	
Grounds Maintenance - New Green Spaces	£1,000.00	£1,000.00		
Morton Churchyard	£425.00	£0.00	£425.00	
Bus Shelter - cleaning	£650.00	£152.00	£498.00	
General Repairs	£200.00	£200.00		
Leisure and Community				
Grants	£3,650.00	£1,530.00	£2,120.00	£1,000.00
General Power of Competence				
Strategic Plan (VAS)	£1,000.00	£955.00	£45.00	£6,812.00
Morda Village Hall				£92,000.00
Tony Cheetham Community Grant Award	£52.00	£52.00		
Contingency	£1,000.00	£1,000.00		
AED	£0.00			£400.00
Sub Total	£46,833.00	£18,662.79	£28,170.21	
Neighbourhood Fund Projects				£6,643.00

Allocated reserves				£112,280.00
Unallocated reserves (Neighbourhood Funds)				£31,471.00
			TOTAL	£143,751.00
General reserves				£58,958.00
Total reserves			Approved	£202,709.00
Total net expenditure	£46,833.00	£18,662.79	£28,170.21	
VAT	0	0	£500.17	
Total gross expenditure			£28,670.38	
Income	Budget 2020/2021	Balance	December 2020	
Precept	£45,583.00	£0.00	£45,583.00	
Cemetery Fees	£1,000.00	-£12,900.00	£13,900.00	
Interest	£200.00	£94.07	£105.93	
Donations	£50.00	-£1,050.00	£1,100.00	
Grants received	£0.00			
Sub total	£46,833.00		£60,688.93	
Neighbourhood Fund			£34,405.40	
Total net income	£46,833.00		£95,094.33	
VAT refunds			£727.40	
Total income received			£95,821.73	

Expenditure	Reserves B/fwd	Budget 2019/2020	Budget 2020/2021	Budget 2021/2022		Reserves 2021/2022
General Administration						
Clerk Salary / Employer NI/ Home Working Allowance		£12,336	£12,970	£13,112		
Stationery		£750	£700	£730	Main cost is for printer cartridges for printing agendas and supporting documents	
Postage		£310	£360	£403	Cost for 1 agenda up to 1st class up to 250g = £1.83	
Clerk Travel Costs		£450	£660	£310	Based on 1 journey per month from July onwards + journeys to cemetery to mark graves	
Audit Fee (external)		£200	£300	£300		
Audit Fee (internal)		£80	£90	£75		
Professional/Legal Fees	£1,000	£500	£500	£500		
Insurance		£800	£800	£850		
Meeting Room Hire		£435	£500	£300	Based on Zoom meetings until July + room hire from August 2021 to March 2022	
SALC Subscription		£1,550	£1,600	£1,600		
SLCC Subscription		£236	£246	£256		
Data Protection		£40	£35	£35		
Quality Award Scheme	£150	£150	£0	£0	To attain the next level - £50 NALC admin. fee and £100 for application process	
Communication						
Newsletter and Annual Report	£2,000	£4,000	£500	£65	At least 4 newsletters per year + Annual Report to be published on website and posted on notice boards throughout the parish	
Website		£195	£250	£270	Quarrerly routine website maintenance £120, website hosting with email £75, SSL Certificate £75	
Website domain name			£0	£98	£98 for 2 years - next payment due 2022/2023	
Notice Board Repair/Replacement		£3,000	£7,125	£0		
Notice board maintenance		£0	£0	£300		

Expenditure	Reserves B/Fwd	Budget 2019/2020	Budget 2020/2021	Budget 2021/2022		Reserves 2021/2022
Training						
Clerk		£550	£500	£500	For SLCC conferences and other training as required.	
General (Councillor)	£275	£550	£400	£500	One SALC training session = £27 per session. Training will be required after the May local elections.	
Elections		£0	£3,430	£3,430	50% of total cost (£6860) in lieu of 2022 elections - based on circa 3,430 electors at £2 per elector	£3,430
Parish Maintenance						
Street Lights - electricity		£2,000	£960	£960		
Street Lights - repairs		£1,000	£250	£100	£25 for street light repair	
Street Lights - new	£2,000	£2,000	£0	£0		
Grounds Maintenance - Cemeteries		£5,121	£3,340	£3,450		
Grounds Maintenance - Green Spaces		£0	£3,340	£2,205		
Grounds Maintenance - new Green Spaces		£2,500	£1,000	£0		
Morton Churchyard		£0	£425	£550		
Bus Shelter - cleaning		£650	£650	£1,020	6 shelters instead of 3	
General Repairs		£200	£200	£1,200	£1,000 for Aston Pump	
Leisure and community development						
Grants - general power of competence	£1,000	£2,650	£3,650	£3,070	£3,000 allocated for community development and £70 allocated for poppy wreaths in support of the Royal British Legion	
Strategic Plan (VAS)	£6,812	£1,000	£1,000	£0	VAS	
Morda Village Hall - £31471 from Neighbourhood Funds, £2000 already allocated, and £58529 from unallocated reserves.	£92,000	£2,000	£0	£0	As per Action Plan - to improve the range of local facilities with the aim of improving the well-being of parish residents	
AED	£400	£400	£0	£0	There are 4 defibrillators in strategic locations within the parish - £100 assigned for each	
Tony Cheetham Community Service Award		£0	£52	£55		

Expenditure	Reserves B/Fwd	Budget	Budget	Budget		Reserves
		2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022		2021/2022
Contingency		£1,000	£1,000	£0		
Total expenditure		£46,653	£46,833	£36,244		
Allocated Neighbourhood Funds	£6,643					
Total allocated reserves	£112,280					
Balances c/f 31 March 2020	£135,660					
General reserves	£23,380				For approval	£3,430
Receipts		Budget	Budget	Budget		
		2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022		
Precept		£45,583	£45,583	£35,114		
Cemetery Fees		£1,000	£1,000	£1,000		
Interest		£50	£200	£80		
Rent Trefarclwdd Land		£20	£0	£0		
Donations			£50	£50	Stonehouse Brewery sponsorship of the Tony Cheetham Community Service Award	
Reserves						
TOTAL INCOME		£46,653	£46,833	£36,244		
		Budget	Budget	Budget		
		2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022		
Expenditure		£46,653	£46,833	£36,244		
less Income		-£1,070	-£1,250	-£1,130		
PRECEPT		£45,583	£45,583	£35,114		

Draft precept 2020/2021 for approval				
Draft precept 2020/2021	£35,114			
Precept 2019/2020	£45,583			
	£10,469 decrease			
Draft receipt	£35,114			
Council tax base 2021/2022	£1,635			
Cost per household 2021/2022	£21.48	£0.41	pence per week	
Cost per household 2020/2021	£27.11	£0.52	pence per week	
2021/2022	£5.63 decrease per annum			
2021/2022	£0.11 pence decrease per week			
Draft precept 2021/2022	£35,114			
Precept 2019/2020	£45,583			
	£10,469 decrease			
	£10,469 x	100	29.81% decrease	
	£35,114			



Oswestry Rural Parish Council

Strategic Plan 2020 – 2023

The parish of Oswestry Rural covers 24 square miles and is the largest civil parish in Shropshire. It lies south of Oswestry with Rhydycroesau bordering Wales on the west side. The population is circa 4,500 (2011 Census).

Oswestry Rural does not have a main village but has several populated communities. For electoral purposes the parish is divided into 5 wards: Maesbury with Aston, Morda with Sweeney, Rhydycroesau with Llanforda, Sychtyn and Trefonen with Treflach. The Parish Council has 15 councillors who represent the community and make decisions which in their opinion are for the benefit of the community whom they serve.

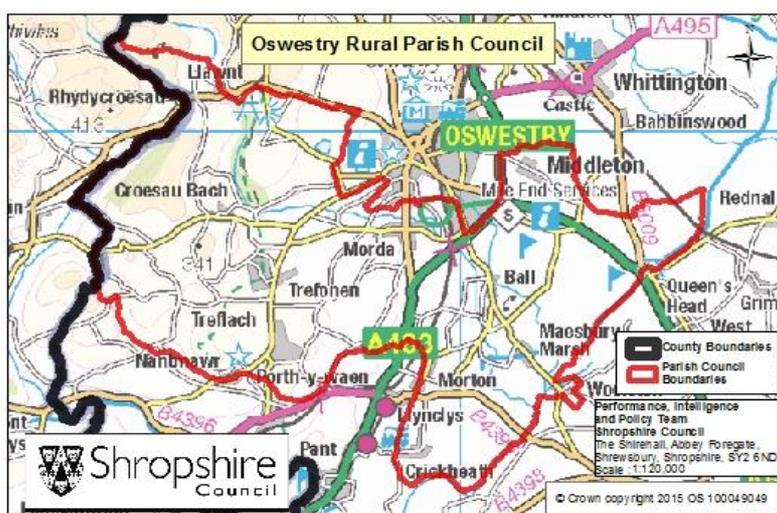
Within the parish there are 93 listed buildings recorded in the National Heritage List for England of which 3 are Grade II*, whilst the others are Grade II, the lowest grade. The earliest listed buildings are timber framed or have a timber-framed core. Most of the listed buildings are farmhouses, farm buildings, houses and cottages including three country houses, a holy well, road bridges, a public house, two former mills, two milestones, a former chapel and three pumps with basins.

The Montgomery Canal passes through the parish at Maesbury Marsh.

This Strategic Plan builds on and replaces the Business Plan 2015 – 2018 adopted by the Parish Council in April 2018. The Strategic Plan is a compilation of:

- Actions identified from responses to the Parish Survey carried out in 2014.
- Outstanding actions from the 2006 Parish Plan.
- The on-going requirements to support the maintenance of the infrastructure and assets within the parish.

This Strategic Plan assists the Council to make key decisions which will help it to achieve its aims and objectives which are intended to improve the quality of life for the people it serves.



Introduction

Purpose of this Strategic Plan

This Strategic Plan sets out the Parish Council's aims and objectives, the actions required to achieve them, the timescale, and the budget required over a three-year period. These planned activities form the basis for setting future budgets.

Reason for this Strategic Plan

This Plan is a strategic guideline for the Council to work within in order to deliver the aspirations of the local community within a planned budget and timeframe.

This Plan is a 'live' document that will evolve through community engagement and will assist Councillors to make decisions in the best interests of those they serve.

As a 'live' document this Strategic Plan will be monitored and updated regularly to demonstrate progress.

Community Involvement in the Strategic Plan Process

To ensure that this Strategic Plan adequately represents the best interests of the parish, members of the local community are invited to participate in its development. This Plan is the Council's main source of communicating its actions and welcomes comments from community members to help shape how the Plan evolves.

Monitoring the Strategic Plan

This Strategic Plan will be reviewed by the Parish Council on a regular basis, at least annually, so that progress can be monitored. It will be updated as actions are completed and where progress is impeded the council will consider what actions are necessary and whether further work is required.

As a 'living' document this Plan will be regularly reviewed to show progress and ensure it is up to date.

The old water pump at Aston Square



CATEGORY	TOPIC	ACTION	OBJECTIVE	TIMESCALE	BUDGET
THEME 1 PARISH COUNCIL GOVERNANCE Communication	Website	Ensure it is kept up to date and complies with WCAG 2.1.	To improve communication between the parish council and residents and businesses by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Promoting the activities of the council. * Informing about local and county wide issues. * Improving the effectiveness of the Parish Council. 	Ongoing	£300 per annum
	Newsletter and Annual Report	Ensure a minimum of 4 newsletters are published annually. Newsletters to be printed for placing on notice boards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To provide a regular newsletter about the council's activities and other information of local interest. * To provide an Annual Report that includes a Chairman's Report for the past year and how the Council has spent its money. 	Ongoing	£65 per 100
	Social Media	To communicate and spread information quickly.	To enhance other means of communication.	Ongoing	None
	Parish Council meetings	To: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Publish agendas, supporting information and minutes on website. * Post agendas on notice boards. 	To provide information about the council's decisions and encourage members of the public to attend council meetings and participate in the public session.	Ongoing	Included in Clerk's duties.
	Local Council Award Scheme	Ensure that the council meets the minimum criteria and maintains the Foundation Award.	To work towards 'Quality' and 'Quality Gold' Award.	May 2021	Included in Clerk's duties. The cost to attain Quality Gold is £180.

CATEGORY	TOPIC	ACTION	OBJECTIVE	TIMESCALE	BUDGET
Theme 2 COMMUNITY Leisure and recreation	Upgrade of Morda and Sweeney Village Hall	Work with the Management Committee, partners and stakeholders.	To improve the building and its amenities.	Ongoing	£92,000 in earmarked reserves.
	To improve and enhance local facilities.	To provide grant funding to local voluntary groups and charities.	To increase social capacity for local voluntary groups and the wider community.	Annually	£2,650 included in 2020/2021 budget. £1,620 was awarded in October 2020 + £17 for the poppy wreath for Remembrance.
	Signage of settlements	Make improvements to landscape features at the entrance of settlements.	To preserve the rural identity of settlements within the parish.	Ongoing	Prices range between £360 and £2,200.
	Trefarclawdd Cemetery	Produce a comprehensive maintenance and improvement plan for implementation.	To ensure the cemetery is well maintained and provides peace and tranquillity for all visitors.	12 months	Possible A Management Plan is now in place.
	Local policing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Request police reports from the Safer Neighbourhood Team for Parish Council meeting. * Publish details of police reports in minutes. 	To help reduce crime and the fear of crime.	Monthly	No budgetary implications
	Streetlights	Convert SOX streetlights to LED.	To support energy efficiency and lower running costs.	Complete	Annual cost of electricity approx. £960. £25 per hour for streetlight repairs. £250 included in 2020/2021 budget for repairs.

CATEGORY	TOPIC	ACTION	OBJECTIVE	TIMESCALE	BUDGET
Theme 4 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT Highways	Highways issues	Publish information on the Parish Council's website.	To assist people to report highways issues directly to Shropshire Council (the highway authority).	Ongoing	No budgetary implications
	Traffic calming schemes	Ensure that road safety issues are included in the Place Plan for Oswestry and that sufficient funding is allocated.	To seek solutions to speeding and improve road safety.	Annually	<p>Grant funding of £5,156.94 has been awarded by the PCC to install 2 VAS¹ in Trefonen.</p> <p>£1,000 is allocated in the 2020/2021 budget for the Strategic Plan to purchase additional VAS.</p>
	Road safety	Consider the construction of a pavement/ bicycle lane on one side of the road between Trefonen and Treflach	The road is a busy one and pedestrians and cyclists negotiating it take a very hazardous risk. It is increasingly used for leisure and access to Trefonen School.	Ongoing	Explore funding that might be available from CIL; West Mercia Safer Roads; Road Trust plus any other avenues.
Theme 5 ECONOMY AND TOURISM Visitor attractions	Shopping and places of interest	Work with Shropshire Council, Oswestry Town Council, businesses and other partners to support the local economy.	To promote and sustain economic development.	Ongoing	No budgetary implications.

¹ Vehicle Activated Signs

CATEGORY	TOPIC	ACTION	OBJECTIVE	TIMESCALE	BUDGET
Theme 6 HOUSING AND HEALTH Social wellbeing	Supporting health and wellbeing	To support adequate affordable housing and health provision.	To ensure that people have access to social care, health care and good living standards.	Ongoing	No budgetary implications.
Theme 7 PLANNING Local policy	Future development within the parish.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Respond to planning applications and policy review representing the views of the local community. * Encourage residents to respond to consultation to ensure their views are taken into consideration. 	To continue to comment on all key strategic planning and consultations that affect the parish to ensure that, through the Parish Council, the views of the local community form part of the decision-making process.	Ongoing	No budgetary implications.
	Understanding planning policy	Councillor and clerk training.	To ensure the Parish Council's responses are based on material consideration.	Ongoing	Cost of training. £500 allocated for the Clerk and £400 allocated for councillors in the 2020/2021 budget.

Budget Implications

OBJECTIVE	2019/2020		2020/2021		2021/2022	
	CAPITAL	REVENUE	CAPITAL	REVENUE	CAPITAL	REVENUE
Theme 1	BUDGET					
Continue to review and improve website		£195		£250		£300
Continue to publish parish newsletter and Annual Report		*£4,000		£500		Printing costs = £65 per 100
Review locations and size of notice boards		£3,000		£7,125 (£1,125 per unit)		£1,125 per unit
Review training needs of councillors and clerk		*£550		£900		
Work towards and maintain Local Council Awards Scheme standards		£150		0 £150 held in reserves		The Quality Award (£150 included in earmarked reserves)
Attend relevant conferences and meetings		*included within training budget		*included within training budget		*included within training budget
Theme TOTAL		£7,895		£9,275		

OBJECTIVE	2019/2020		2020/2021		2021/2022	
	CAPITAL	REVENUE	CAPITAL	REVENUE	CAPITAL	REVENUE
Theme 2	BUDGET					
Upgrade of Morda and Sweeney Village Hall			£92,000 held in			

OBJECTIVE	2019/2020		2020/2021		2021/2022	
			earmarked reserves			
Recognise the work carried out by groups and individuals on a voluntary basis through the Tony Cheetham Community Service Award	£125	£650		£52		£52
Continue to fund the community grant scheme to assist with community development		£2,000		£3,650		
Theme TOTAL	£125	£4,650	£125	£3,702		
Theme 3						
Support and work with Artificial External Defibrillators (AED) groups to maintain these services		£400		£400 held in earmarked reserves		
Theme TOTAL		£400		£400		0
Theme 4						
Support road safety schemes					Approx. £2,500 for purchase and installation of 1 VAS	
Theme TOTAL		0		0		0

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Neighbourhood Funds are the town and parish councils share of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) collected by Shropshire Council through charges made for development in Shropshire.

CIL is to help fund infrastructure to facilitate growth and the economic benefit of the wider area. Shropshire Council decides how CIL Local is spent and it must be linked to development. Projects must be in the Place Plan and the Place Plan is about infrastructure needs.

Neighbourhood Funds must be used for:

- The provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or
- Anything else which is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.

Funds can be used for projects such as playgrounds, road safety measure, car parking, lighting etc. Town and parish councils can spend Neighbourhood funds on the infrastructure they believe is required.

Town and parish councils are expected to work closely with the local community to decide on local priorities and how these funds should be spent. Spending Neighbourhood Funds must comply with the CIL Regulations.

Town and parish councils should develop priorities into fully costed, deliverable projects. Neighbourhood Funds may be used as match-funding for the wider CIL pot to ensure delivery of an agreed priority.

The use of Neighbourhood Funds must adhere to regulatory requirements and used to support development by funding:

- a) The provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or
- b) Anything else concerned with addressing the demands that development place on an area.

If funds are not used to support development as specified Shropshire Council can require the repayment of these monies.

Town and parish councils must ensure that if they decide to use Neighbourhood Funds for financial support it does not constitute state aid.

Oswestry and Surrounding Area Place Plan

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Context: what is a Place Plan?

Shropshire Council is working to make Shropshire a great place to live, learn, work, and visit – we want to innovate to thrive. To make that ambition a reality, we need to understand what our towns and communities need in order to make them better places for all. Our Place Plans – of which there are 18 across the county – paint a picture of each local area and help all of us to shape and improve our communities.

Place Plans are documents which bring together information about a defined area. The information that they contain is focussed on infrastructure needs, such as roads, transport facilities, flood defences, schools and educational facilities, medical facilities, sporting and recreational facilities, and open spaces. They also include other information which can help us to understand local needs and to make decisions. This wider information includes things like housing needs in light of population changes, and environmental issues in light of development.

In an ideal world, we would be able to support all of the infrastructure needs within the 18 Place Plan areas of Shropshire. However, funding restrictions mean that we have to make some difficult decisions and prioritise the infrastructure that is most important. Place Plans help us to do this.

The aim of the Place Plans is:

- To enable Shropshire Council and its partners, working closely with local Elected Members and Town and Parish Councils, to deliver the infrastructure needs of our communities.

The objectives of the Place Plans are:

- To develop a clear picture and understanding of the Place Plan area.
- To identify and prioritise infrastructure needs within the Place Plan area.
- To identify lead partners, supporting partners, and funding opportunities (where possible) to deliver those infrastructure needs.
- To feed in to the Strategic Infrastructure Implementation Plan for the county as a whole.
- To feed in to Shropshire Council's Corporate Plan and Service Plans.

There are 18 Place Plans in Shropshire, covering the following areas:

- Albrighton
- Bishop's Castle
- Bridgnorth
- Broseley
- Church Stretton
- Cleobury Mortimer
- Craven Arms
- Ellesmere
- Highley
- Ludlow
- Market Drayton
- Minsterley and Pontesbury
- Oswestry
- Shifnal
- Shrewsbury
- Wem
- Whitchurch

The Place Plans also include the wider hinterlands around each of these towns or key centres. In this way, everywhere in the county is included within a Place Plan.

Place Plans are reviewed regularly, and as such are 'live' documents informed by conversations with Town and Parish Councils, and with infrastructure and service providers. This document is the 2019/20 version of the Oswestry and Surrounding Area Place Plan.

1. List of Projects

1.1 Data and information review

The infrastructure project list in the table below is based on information submitted to Shropshire Council by Town and Parish Councils in each Place Plan area. This information is then tested against data held by the Council, and further informed by consultation with a range of infrastructure providers. By gathering this information, we have been able to understand more clearly the needs of each Place Plan area, and to use this information to make some difficult decisions about prioritisation of projects.

For the Oswestry and Surrounding Area Place Plan, a review of information has shown that key infrastructure issues are:

- Development of Oswestry Innovation Park - 22.7ha of strategic employment land to drive long term sustainability in Oswestry and create the conditions for employment growth.
- Improvements to the strategic road network at Mile End to unlock planned and future housing and employment development opportunities.
- Provision of new housing through the Oswestry Sustainable Urban Extension with up to 800 housing units plus mixed-use development proposed.
- Potential for a mixed use development (including key worker accommodation) at Park Hall.
- Development of innovative healthcare opportunities with RJAH Orthopaedic Hospital.
- ICT / Broadband improvements to meet demands from new development and economic growth (including rural and other remote parts of the Place Plan Area).
- Electricity supply upgrade to support new development, along with additional water and sewage capacity (including in rural and other remote parts of the Place Plan Area).

1.2 Prioritisation of projects

Following collation and assessment of this information, the difficult task of prioritisation of projects can be undertaken. Projects are allocated to a category, based on extensive discussions with a range of partners, and on information included within the Implementation Plan of Shropshire's Local Development Plan: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/media/8603/ldf-implementation-plan-2016-17.pdf>.

Projects will be allocated to one of the three categories identified below:

- Priority A Projects
- Priority B Projects
- Neighbourhood Projects

The table below and overleaf gives further information about the categories.

Category	Description	Examples
Priority A	<p>This is infrastructure which will unlock development.</p> <p>These are usually projects which will be led by Shropshire Council and/or its strategic infrastructure delivery partners, such as utilities companies, the Environment Agency, Highways England, broadband providers, etc.</p> <p>These projects are sometimes also legally required (i.e. Shropshire Council has a statutory duty to provide this infrastructure) or may be strategically important (i.e. essential for the good of the county as a whole).</p>	<p>Improvements to drainage in Whitchurch to allow significant housing and business premises development.</p> <p>Works at Churncote roundabout on the A5 to the west of Shrewsbury – improvements here will impact across the county.</p> <p>Provision of sufficient school places to meet local need.</p>

Priority B	<p>This is infrastructure which will support development in a number of ways and/or a number of locations.</p> <p>These projects will often be required across numerous locations in the Place Plan area, or will impact widely within the Place Plan area as a whole.</p>	<p>Improvements to Broadband connectivity across the county.</p> <p>Provision of housing to meet local need.</p> <p>Improved access to public transport facilities, such as rail stations.</p>
Neighbourhood	<p>Projects which will support and are important to an individual community.</p> <p>These projects will usually be led by partners in the local area, such as the Parish Council.</p>	<p>Playgrounds, village hall car parks, street lights, local road safety improvements, etc</p>

1.3 Projects for Oswestry and Surrounding Area Place Plan

The projects in the following table have been identified through evidence and data gathering as described in section 1.1, and through discussions and consultations with Town and Parish Councils. Discussions have also taken place with relevant departments across Shropshire Council, and with external providers of strategic infrastructure. However, please be aware that this table does not commit any partner to undertake specific activity, as priorities and resources are subject to change.

Further, whilst Shropshire Council will continue to support its Town and Parish Councils to identify infrastructure needs within the Place Plan area, the final decision on the level of priority given to specific infrastructure projects rests with Shropshire Council, based on the evidence gathering noted above.

Projects have been presented in two tables: the first covering Priority A and Priority B projects, and the second covering Neighbourhood projects.

Please note that completed projects will be included in a separate supporting document. This document will be made available on Shropshire Council’s website, alongside the Place Plans themselves.

Table 1: Priority A and Priority B Projects

Project	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Sources	Partners	Notes
Priority A Projects				
Economic Opportunities				
<p>Oswestry Innovation Park - delivery of 22.7 hectares of strategic employment land to drive long-term sustainability in Oswestry and create the conditions for employment growth. As development takes place, appropriate infrastructure must be provided. This will include highways, transport, drainage, water and electricity, etc. Additional work required to support and develop proposals with partners (Oswestry)</p>	£13.2 million	UK Government, private sector, Shropshire Council	Shropshire Council, private sector	<p>Project under discussion.</p> <p>Shropshire Council has a statutory duty to ensure that appropriate infrastructure (e.g. housing, school places, Highways works, etc.) is provided as part of any development.</p> <p>As part of the One Public Estate Programme for Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin, Shropshire Council is working with the Environment Agency, and has successfully secured funding to support development appraisal work. This will support the potential for planned developments in Oswestry, which is a key priority identified within the Council's Economic Growth Strategy.</p>
<p>Strategic road network at Mile End – ongoing discussions with Highways England regarding future investments to improve the road network to unlock planned and future housing and employment development opportunities. Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) applied for to progress works at Mile End roundabout. Currently under review as part of due diligence tests for HIF (Oswestry) (links to all Parish Councils)</p>	Not known	UK Government, private sector, Shropshire Council	Shropshire Council, Highways England, Town and Parish Councils	<p>Project under discussion.</p> <p>Shropshire Council has a statutory duty to ensure that appropriate infrastructure (e.g. housing, school places, Highways works, etc.) is provided as part of any development.</p> <p>There will be opportunities to align Highways infrastructure with drainage and flood risk delivery. Whittington Parish Council have</p>

Project	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Sources	Partners	Notes
<p>Oswestry Sustainable Urban Extension – unlocking housing development and use of a corner site as a gateway development. As development takes place, appropriate infrastructure must be provided. This will include highways, transport, drainage, water and electricity, and could also include school places, medical facilities, etc</p> <p>Further work identified with the Environment Agency to test modelling for surface water and waste water treatment capacity.</p> <p>Viability of any housing developments will be tested by traffic mitigation requirements (links in to the HIF bid for Mile End roundabout, as above). Local highways mitigations to include: New road link between Middleton Road and Shrewsbury Road; Middleton Road speed restrictions, to include signs and chicanes, to slow down traffic as a result of new housing build; zebra crossing at the top of Cabin Lane and traffic calming on College Road (Oswestry)</p>	<p>Not known (£120,000 of developer funding available)</p>	<p>UK Government, private sector, Shropshire Council</p>	<p>Shropshire Council, Highways England, Environment Agency, private sector</p>	<p>specifically requested a collaborative approach with Oswestry and Selattyn & Gobowen Parish Councils. Highways England has acknowledged the importance and priority of this project to the delivery of growth in Oswestry and is working with Shropshire Council to enable delivery.</p> <p>Project under discussion.</p> <p>Shropshire Council has a statutory duty to ensure that appropriate infrastructure (e.g. housing, school places, Highways works, etc.) is provided as part of any development.</p> <p>Work with J Ross and Mosaic Housing, which will support housing delivery and is linked to the HIF bid, is underway.</p> <p>Highways England acknowledge the importance and priority of this project to the delivery of growth in Oswestry and is working with Shropshire Council to enable delivery.</p>

Project	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Sources	Partners	Notes
<p>Park Hall – opportunities for mixed use and housing development (including key worker accommodation) to be considered as part of the Local Plan Review. Development appraisal work required to support indicative master planning to identify potential scale of housing and mixed-use development. If any development does take place, appropriate infrastructure must be provided. This will include highways, transport, drainage, water and electricity, etc</p> <p>Further work has been identified with the Environment Agency to test modelling for surface water and waste water treatment capacity and identify infrastructure schemes (Whittington).</p> <p>Any development will need to give specific consideration to transport, pedestrian and cycle links between Gobowen Station, the orthopaedic hospital, Derwen College, Park Hall, Whittington, and Oswestry Town Centre.</p> <p>There is interest in a tram link from the hospital, and a small platform at Twmpath Bridge. Walkways and cycle routes will be required to connect Gobowen. Local highway mitigation to development to include: road widening to support additional vehicle and pedestrian movement from development; footpath from the Venue (Park Hall) to Normandy House; footpath between the Venue and Park Hall Farm; traffic calming</p>	<p>Not known</p>	<p>UK Government, private sector, Shropshire Council, Section 106</p>	<p>Shropshire Council, Highways England, Environment Agency, private sector Whittington Parish Council Selattyn & Gobowen Parish Council, Oswestry Town Council</p>	<p>Project under discussion.</p> <p>Shropshire Council has a statutory duty to ensure that appropriate infrastructure (e.g. housing, school places, Highways works, etc.) is provided as part of any development.</p> <p>The Environment Agency, working with Severn Trent Water, will be working to develop an Integrated Drainage Strategy to identify an appropriate package of infrastructure measures.</p> <p>This work has been supported through One Public Estate monies. Indicative master planning work is underway.</p> <p>Highways England is yet to understand the detailed transport implications of these emerging proposals, but is committed to work with Shropshire Council to identify any needs arising.</p> <p>Whittington Parish and Selattyn and Gobowen Council have requested that they are fully engaged and involved in master planning and development of transport links between the station and RJAH.</p>

Project	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Sources	Partners	Notes
measures at the four entrances / exits to and from the village; road improvements to Top Street (Whittington)				
Innovative healthcare opportunities – work being undertaken with RJAH Orthopaedic Hospital. Development and option appraisals to be undertaken (Oswestry)	Not known	RJAH, Keele University, UK Government, Shropshire Council	RJAH, Keele University, Shropshire Council	Project under discussion. Shropshire Council has a statutory duty to ensure that appropriate infrastructure (e.g. housing, school places, Highways works, etc.) is provided as part of any development. Conversations are ongoing with RJAH re site options, and further requirements will be informed by future development appraisal work.
ICT / Broadband improvements, including as part of the Connecting Shropshire project – additional investment likely to be required to meet demands from new development and economic growth (all Parishes)	£16.4 million	Shropshire Council, private contractor	Shropshire Council, private contractor, Town Council, Parish Council, Welsh Authorities	Work is ongoing by Shropshire Council and various providers to identify particular blackspots in terms of coverage and connectivity. Local intelligence around these issues will help to improve understanding of localised issues. All of Shropshire is included in the Connecting Shropshire programme, irrespective of the location of service infrastructure (exchange, cabinet etc.). Shropshire Council remains committed to seeking a solution to provide superfast broadband for unserved premises and is confident that it can ensure that all premises in the Shropshire Council area have access to a superfast broadband connection by 2021. For queries about the availability of faster broadband, please email address details and landline numbers (if available) to connecting.shropshire@shropshire.gov.uk

Project	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Sources	Partners	Notes
Power				
Electrical upgrade planned in 2022 as indicated within the North Shropshire 132kV Reinforcement Project (Oswestry)	To be confirmed	Scottish Power	Scottish Power	Project will impact across north Shropshire. Highways England is engaged in consultation with the infrastructure provider regarding the management of works affecting the A5 Trunk Road.
Flood Management				
Flood risk management infrastructure (Gobowen)	To be confirmed	Flood Defence Grant in Aid, CIL	Shropshire Council, Environment Agency,	An infrastructure scheme is included in the Environment Agency's next 6-year programme (2021 onwards) to protect around 60 properties at risk of flooding but requires assessment for cost/benefit and partnership funding for delivery. Proposals for a Whittington pipeline project will require further data to develop the cost benefit case for the scheme.
Flood risk management infrastructure (Oswestry)	To be confirmed (following One Public Estate modelling project)	Oswestry BID, HIF, Flood Defence Grant in Aid, CIL	Shropshire Council, Environment Agency	Surface water problems are causing flooding in Morda Valley. The Environment Agency is aware of multiple schemes in the Oswestry Place Plan area. The One Public Estate project will fully assess risks and identify a long list of management options linked to delivery of strategic projects. Further funding will be required for capital delivery once preferred options are known.
Flood risk management infrastructure (Whittington)	To be confirmed	Flood Defence Grant in Aid, CIL	Shropshire Council, Environment Agency	An infrastructure scheme is included in the Environment Agency's next 6-year programme (2021 onwards) to protect around 24 properties at risk of flooding but requires assessment for cost/benefit and partnership funding for delivery.

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Water and Sewerage				
Remedy sewage problems emanating from West Place, Hammonds Place, through to Fernhill area (Gobowen)	Not known	Severn Trent Water	Severn Trent Water	Severn Trent Water https://www.stwater.co.uk is not currently aware of these issues, and further information will be required from developers and the Parish.
Existing water and sewage connections in the Dovaston area are perceived as not adequate for 18 agreed (and potentially a further 18) houses to be built (Kinnerley)	Not known	Severn Trent Water, developers	Severn Trent Water, developers, Parish Council	Severn Trent Water https://www.stwater.co.uk is not currently aware of these issues. Further information will be required from developers and the Parish. The Council is commissioning a Water Cycle Study for Shropshire, which will assess the capacity of the wastewater network to accommodate development.
Upgrade Mile Oak Wastewater Treatment Works – currently no hydraulic capacity at the works, although given sufficient notice, no problems are envisaged with providing the necessary capacity to support new development (Oswestry Town) (Gobowen) (Whittington)	Not known	Severn Trent Water, developers	Severn Trent Water, developers	Severn Trent Water https://www.stwater.co.uk is currently gathering details about the potential to reduce infiltration in the catchment area. Severn Trent Water has an obligation to upgrade the works by December 2024 for quality purposes, which will consider future growth and provide capacity if necessary.
Hydraulic modelling of the wastewater network is required to assess whether there is capacity within the network to meet future development needs. The DS pumping station will need to be assessed for capacity as part of any future planning applications. (Selattyn and Gobowen) (Whittington)	Not known	Potential developers would be expected to fund investigations during pre-planning stages	Developers, Welsh Water	The findings of the Hydraulic Modelling Assessment would inform the extent of any necessary sewerage upgrades which can be requisitioned through the provisions of the Water Industry Act 1991 (as amended). Park Hall is an area specifically noted by Whittington Parish Council for drainage and sewerage issues, particularly in light of possible development. Shropshire Council is commissioning a Water Cycle Study for Shropshire, which will assess the capacity of the wastewater network to accommodate development.

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Sewage network capacity – hydraulic modelling of the wastewater network is required due to known incidents of flooding and to assess capacity for future development (Weston Rhyn)	Not known	Developers	Developers, Welsh Water	Local intelligence indicates concern around provision in the area. This will need to be discussed with Welsh Water. Shropshire Council is commissioning a Water Cycle Study for Shropshire, which will assess the capacity of the wastewater network to accommodate development. Previous comments from Welsh Water on planning applications have noted that assessment of the sewer network by means of a Hydraulic Modelling Assessment would be required.
Transport and Accessibility				
Road network				
A5 Aston / British Ironworks junction improvements (Oswestry Rural)	Not known	Shropshire Council, developer contribution	Shropshire Council, developers, Parish Council	Highways England has identified the mandatory and priority nature of works to the improvement of this junction, which are necessary to ensure safe operation. Improvements to access at British Ironworks are still awaited.
Transport improvements – dualling of the A5 between Shrewsbury and Oswestry, implementation of the North West Relief Road (Ruyton XI Towns)	Not known	UK Government, Shropshire Council, Parish Council	UK Government, Shropshire Council, Parish Council	Support of Highways England would be essential to delivery of this project. Elected Members will be involved, and there is an ongoing officer project board. Highways England has stated that there is no existing business case or funding for dualling of the A5 between Shrewsbury and Oswestry. Previous studies have shown this is unlikely to present a high enough value for money case. Unless new evidence is presented, Highways England do not view this as a priority project. Highways England are committed to support Shropshire Council in the delivery of the North West Relief Road through engagement in its first

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				phase, which connects at the A5 Churncote Roundabout. Highways England agree with the need for and priority of this project and are engaged with Shropshire Council to ensure the managed delivery of the first phase.
Improvements to Llyncllys crossroads A483 (Llanyblodwel)	Not known	Not known	Highways England	Highways England involvement would be essential to this project on the strategic road network.
Other transport and access issues				
Maintain bus routes and provide a new service to St Martins from Weston Rhyn, to access shops, GP surgery, and new sports facilities. Support passenger bus routes to Oswestry, Gobowen, and Chirk to access GP surgery and pharmacy (Weston Rhyn)	Not known	Arriva, Shropshire Council	Shropshire Council	Shropshire Council are currently reviewing bus services around the County.
Road Improvements to Twpath Lane and North Drive, including widening of the carriageway, bridge improvements, extended footways, and a footbridge to cross the bypass (Whittington)	Not known	Not known	To be confirmed	This project is not currently included within the Highways programme of works. For local highways concerns – such as footways and pedestrian linkages, speed monitoring and reduction, signage, etc – please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email further details to transport@shropshire.gov.uk
Priority B Projects				
Community Infrastructure				
Enhancements to the public realm – to include a review of pedestrianisation, streetscape,	Not known	Not known	Town Council, Future Oswestry	Parish lead. Public Realm Strategy is complete, and is being discussed alongside wider aspirations

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shop fronts, pedestrian areas etc. (Oswestry Town)				of Oswestry Town Council and Oswestry BID with Future Oswestry.
Additional Parking by the Three Trees (Whittington)	Not known	Not known	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	Shropshire Council Highways and Planning teams are aware and in discussion with relevant partners.
Environment and Utilities				
Sewerage provision – perceived problems in the Maesbury / Maesbury Marsh area (Oswestry Rural)	Not known	Welsh Water, Severn Trent Water	Severn Trent Water	Severn Trent Water is aware of and is investigating operational issues in this area. Shropshire Council is commissioning a Water Cycle Study for Shropshire. This will assess the capacity of the wastewater network to accommodate development.
Sewerage network capacity – hydraulic modelling of the network to assess cumulative impacts of new development and to assess whether there is capacity within the network to meet development needs (Oswestry Town) (St Martins) (Selattyn & Gobowen)	Not known	Developers, Severn Trent Water	Developers, Severn Trent Water	Severn Trent Water is currently assessing the impact of the preferred sites in the latest consultation document on water provision, sewerage conveyance and treatment. Parish council noted Hengoed is not on the mains sewerage.
Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service has identified the need for all new domestic development to be sprinklered owing to known water supply issues in the area (Llanyblodwel) (Llanymynech and Pant) (Selattyn and Gobowen) (St Martins)	Not known	Developers, Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service	Developers, Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service	To be actioned as development comes forward.

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Housing, Health, and Education				
Education				
Additional primary school place provision required during latter part of the plan period to accommodate planned growth shortfall (Oswestry Town) (Whittington) and (West Felton)	Not known	Developer contributions, CIL	Shropshire Council	Shropshire Council to keep a watching brief.
Construction of multi-purpose hall and off-road parking facilities at West Felton CE Primary School (West Felton)	First phase £400,000 to £500,000 (thereafter up to £800,000)	School, Shropshire Council, Parish Councils, Diocese of Lichfield, grants, local business and community support	Shropshire Council, Parish Council, West Felton CE Primary	The hall will enhance the school for pupils in the parish and surrounding parishes and provide a community facility to support the additional housing throughout the place plan area. The Parish Council and School are currently in discussion with Shropshire Council.
Additional secondary school place provision (potential) – more detailed analysis of available accommodation at the Marches School is needed to confirm the actual requirements (Oswestry Town)	To be confirmed	Developer contributions, CIL	Shropshire Council	Shropshire Council to keep a watching brief.
Housing				
Affordable housing – potential for stand-alone units and to promote accommodation over shops to help revitalise town centre (Oswestry Town)	Not known	Developers, Shropshire Council, property owners	Shropshire Council, Town Council, property owners	Further discussions needed with Shropshire Council's Housing Development Company, private sector builders, Homes England, and other housing providers. This will link to work already underway through Shropshire Council's Community-Led Housing Enabler and to the 'Right Home Right Place' initiative, which helps to identify housing need in Shropshire and to provide information on affordable housing,

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				community housing, and housing in general. For further information, or to feed in any additional local intelligence relating to housing need, please contact the housing team at Shropshire Council at affordablehousing@shropshire.gov.uk
Health				
Expansion of the General Practice and Primary Care Facilities to provide regional facilities including identified issues with parking (Oswestry Town) (Ruyton Xi Towns)	Not known	GPs, NHS / CCG	GPs, NHS / CCG, Town Council	Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) Estates Review, along with the emerging Primary Care Network in Shropshire, will assess how primary care services are best arranged to meet the healthcare needs of the area. This Estates Review is currently under development. If GPs and local residents have concerns around capacity and provision, they should raise this with the CCG directly. Contact details are: Telephone 01743 277500 or email SHRCCG.ShropshireCCG@nhs.net
Transport and Accessibility				
Traffic management and road safety				
Create variable 20mph zone with additional speed control measures in school zone through to the village in order to mitigate additional traffic flow from the new housing development site. Extension of Pavement at either end of Maesbrook pedestrians going to the Methodist Chapel, and to the turn to the west of the Black Horse / Orchard Park (Kinnerley)	In excess of £30,000 The Parish Council is supporting a 20mph zone at Trefonen C of E Primary School.	Parish Council, Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council	Kinnerley Parish Council has purchased, and is installing two Vehicle Activated Speed units for Maesbrook, utilising CIL Neighbourhood Fund. The creation of a 20mph zone in Kinnerley and the extension of footways in Maesbrook have previously been considered as "community led concerns" in accordance with Shropshire Council's Road Safety Policy. However, due to current funding situation in Highways and Transport, this element of the Road Safety Policy is currently on hold, and only higher priority accident cluster

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				sites are being dealt with. The process is due to be reviewed as/when funding is known for the 2020/21 financial year.
Major changes to Weston Road (highway widening, bridge improvements, pavements, traffic calming), management of the mini roundabout on Trefonen Road, junction improvements to the Maesbury Road / Welshpool Road, additional mirrors to improve road visibility on blind corners in Sychtyn and Rhydycroesau (Oswestry Rural)	Not known	Not known	Highways England, Shropshire Council, Parish Council	To be discussed with Highways England. More information required. A scheme for a reduced speed limit on Weston Road is included for delivery in this year's Capital LTP programme. Improvements to Maesbury Road/Welshpool Road junction – traffic signalisation scheme has already been implemented. The provision of mirrors at Sychtyn and Rhydycroesau can be considered but requires more detailed information on locations to be submitted by the parish.
Safe access to A5 – improvements to Shotatton junction to ensure improved safety and slower speeds for traffic travelling from Shottaton (Ruyton XI Towns)	Not known	Not known	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	The project will remain as a Priority B unless developments in the area require this to change. Highways England has not identified this location as in need of specific improvements but recognises this section of the A5 has characteristics that are not typical of the SRN and are willing to work with Shropshire Council to consider needs that may arise.
Mini roundabout at the junction of Overton Road, Ellesmere Road and Green Lane to be redesigned (St Martins)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund, CIL Local	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	This project has been awarded CIL local funding.
Consider traffic flow near village retail units, off street parking provision, road safety improvements to Station Road, and parking provision near the Primary School as part of an integrated traffic management scheme (Weston Rhyn)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	Not currently within the Highways programme of work. Ongoing discussions are taking place with regard to parking at the school. The provision of safety measures on Station Road outside Weston Rhyn Primary School have previously been considered as “community led concerns” in accordance with Shropshire Council’s Road Safety

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Request for VAS on Upper Brook Street to reduce speed in area of school and Abraham Court (Oswestry Town)	Not known	Not known	Town Council, Shropshire Council, Police and Crime Commissioner	Policy. However, due to current funding situation in Highways and Transport, this element of the Road Safety Policy is currently on hold, and only higher priority accident cluster sites are being dealt with. The process is due to be reviewed as/when funding is known for the 2020/21 financial year. Oswestry Town Council is in discussion with the Police and Crime Commissioner with regard to match funding. As part of a planning application from Oswestry School, Shropshire Council Highways is currently considering the introduction of a traffic regulation order to better manage parking on Upper Brook Street.
Road network				
A5 Whittington Road junction improvements (Oswestry Town)	Approx. £500,000	Developer contributions	Highways England, Shropshire Council	Highways England has identified this as a high priority project tied to the delivery of local plan development including Oswestry SUE.
Improvements to Gledrid roundabout for cyclists and pedestrians (Weston Rhyn)	Not known	Shropshire Council, Highways England, UK Government	Highways England	Highways England involvement would be essential to deliver this project on the strategic road network. The project will remain as a Priority B unless developments in the area require this to change.
A bypass of the villages of Pant and Llanymynech (Llanymynech and Pant)	Not known	Not known	Highways England	This is currently under consideration as part of a wider Marches LEP led Cross Border Transport Study. This is due to report Autumn 2019 and further updates on emerging strategic priorities will be available then. The project will require Highways England engagement and funding.

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Queens Head junction, Weirbrook junction (West Felton)	Not known	Not known	Highways England, Parish Council, Shropshire Council	Will require Highways England input at Queens Head and Weirbrook junctions. Any further improvements will need to be assessed and will be subject to prioritisation as part of future LTP programme.
Sustainable travel – improved provision for trains, buses, pedestrians, and cyclists				
Creation and enhancement of a safe pedestrian / cycling network between villages of Gobowen, St Martins, and Weston Rhyn. To include routes to cross A5, routes between primary and secondary schools, Station and to canal network. Investigate utilising towpaths and opening the old mineral railway between Rhosweil and St Martins (Selattyn & Gobowen) (Weston Rhyn) (St Martins)	Not known	Shropshire Council, Canal and River Trust	Shropshire Council, Highways Canal and River Trust, Sustrans, Pontcysyllte Management Committee, Wrexham Borough Council, Chirk Town Council	Possible link to Shropshire Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy, currently under development.

Table 2: Neighbourhood Projects

Project	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Sources	Partners	Notes
Neighbourhood Projects				
Community Infrastructure				
Sports, recreation, and play facilities				
Upgrade and improve existing children’s play area, and provide additional outdoor fitness equipment for older children / adults (Kinnerley)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, grant funding, precept	Parish Council	Parish lead. Possible link to Shropshire Council’s Green Infrastructure Strategy, currently under development.
Improve access to local amenity for sport and well-being including: walking for health; community gardening e.g. Pentre Garden; participation in organised sport e.g. expansion of Knockin and Kinnerley Cricket Club; improved access to Peel’s Plantation; publicity and leaflets promoting local walks and footpaths (Kinnerley)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, precept, grant funding	Parish Council, P3 group	Shropshire Council is commissioning a Playing Pitch Strategy to support the Local Plan Review. This will assess supply and demand for playing pitches in Shropshire. The Council also intends to commission a Built Facilities Strategy to support the Local Plan Review. This will assess the supply and demand for indoor sports facilities. Possible link to Shropshire Council’s Green Infrastructure Strategy, currently under development. The Outdoor Recreation team is working with the local P3 group.
Provision and maintenance of facilities and equipment for sport, recreation, and leisure (Llanyblodwel)	Not known	Precept, grant funding, Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council	Parish lead. Possible link to Shropshire Council’s Green Infrastructure Strategy, currently under development.
Provision of a playground with area to ride bikes in Maesbury with Aston, Morton and Crickheath, updates to existing play area in Morda and Sweeney, provision of tennis court	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund, Sport England, Fields in	Parish Council	Parish lead.

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or bowling green in Trefonen, and (Oswestry Rural)		Trust, other grants		
Improvements to skateboard park in Oswestry (Oswestry Town)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund, other grants	Town Council	Town lead.
Brynhafod Playing Fields – improvements and enhancements including discreet fencing and benches (Oswestry Town)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund, other grants	Oswestry Town Council, Shropshire Council	Town lead.
Improvements to the playground in Cae Glas Park (Oswestry Town)	Not known	Oswestry Town Council, Neighbourhood Fund	Oswestry Town Council	Planned work will reflect the need of those with disabilities and other additional needs.
Marches School artificial grass pitch refurbishment – encourage partnerships between Marches and Oswestry Schools in order to maximise use (Oswestry Town)	Not known	Marches Academy Trust, Sport England, other grants	Marches Academy Trust, Sport England, Parish Council	School and town lead.
3G pitch at Park Hall Facility – the Playing Pitch Strategy has identified the Park Hall facility as a priority for the FA and the RFU. Development of a multi-pitch sports and community hub, to include drainage and floodlighting improvements, at Park Hall (Whittington)	£650,000	Football Association, RFU, Energize, other grants	Football Association, RFU, Shropshire Council	Facility management, FA, and RFU to lead.
Children’s play area facilities as part of new developments (Whittington)	Not known	Not known	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	Parish lead
Provision and maintenance of facilities and equipment for sport, recreation, and leisure, including: footpaths (Wat’s Meadow connected to the village centre by a footpath); pedestrian corridor with direct access to the	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund, Sport England, Fields in	Parish Council	Parish lead. Possible link to Shropshire Council’s Green Infrastructure Strategy, currently under development.

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village centre; provision of a designated sports field; development of the pavilion; additional open spaces / common land for informal recreation in Gobowen; provision of play area in Hengoed; develop a skate park; improvements to Selattyn play area; ensure maintenance of key facilities such as Cross Keys, Harlech, and St Mary's cemeteries. (Selattyn and Gobowen)		Trust, other grants		
Development of a multi-pitch sports community hub, to include drainage and floodlighting on Parish and School land (St Martins)	Not known	Precept, Football Foundation, Neighbourhood Fund, other grants	Parish Council, Priory Trust, St Martins FC, St Martins Village FC	Parish lead. Possible link to Shropshire Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy, currently under development.
Green infrastructure – footpaths, bridleways, opens spaces, and countryside				
Footpath improvements, including: improvements to the footpaths in the centre of Kinnerley and around the Parish Hall; improved pedestrian safety between the Parish Hall and School; improvements to be made to existing Rights of Ways and bridleways (Kinnerley)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, grant funding, precept	Parish Council, School, Village Hall Committee Parish Paths Partnership	Parish lead. Possible link to Shropshire Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy, currently under development. Although there is limited road space to work with, Highways suggest that this could be considered as part of the Highway programme. Outdoor Recreation Team working with the P3 group local.
Provision of wildlife area at Badgers Green, development of semi natural space at Llanymynech Heritage Site and provision of allotments (Llanymynech and Pant)	Not known	Sport England, Fields in Trust, precept, grant funding, Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council	Parish lead. Ongoing from s106 and CIL Neighbourhood Fund. Badgers Green and Llanymynech Heritage Site are both areas of land owned by Shropshire Council.
The Cliffe – carry out routine maintenance, and ensure accessibility (Ruyton XI Towns)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund, other grants	Parish Council	Parish lead. Discussions are currently taking place at Parish Council level regarding the site, with further information due.

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Increase of tree planting and density of wooded areas to combat climate change (Selattyn and Gobowen)	Not known	Parish Council	Parish Council	Parish lead
A survey of trees in the town in order to inform future planting and to provide a baseline. Minimum standards need to be included in core planning policies regarding trees (possible minimum of 20%) (Oswestry Town)	Not known	Not known	Town Council	Town Council lead. Possible link to Shropshire Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy, currently under development.
Towpath Improvements between Lion Quays to St Martins (Weston Rhyn)	Not known	Not known	Canal and River Trust, Parish Council	Parish lead. Possible link to Shropshire Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy, currently under development.
Replanting of woodland in conservation area; improvements to Rights of Way in and around the village; encourage walking and tourism; form a 3P Group (Ruyton XI Towns)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund, other grants	Parish Council	Parish lead. Possible link to Shropshire Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy, currently under development.
Street lighting				
Improved lighting in the parish (Llanymynech and Pant)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council	Parish lead. In process 2019/20.
Upgrade street lighting to LED (Oswestry Rural) The street lights have now been upgraded and the Parish Council has spent £25,165.12 in Neighbourhood Funds	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund, other grants	Parish Council	Parish lead (subject to confirmation of ownership of columns and lamps). The Parish Council has awarded a contract for street lights to be upgraded to LEDs. This is ongoing. Shropshire Council Highways is currently looking to undertake a large-scale replacement scheme to upgrade streetlights to LED. External funding is being sought, and Parish and Town Councils will be able to benefit from this programme by procuring through our current contracts and contractors. This approach will give greater

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				savings, efficiencies and economy of scale. Additionally, Town and Parish Councils may also consider purchasing their electric supply for the lights through Shropshire Council and West Mercia Energy. This arrangement has already been put in place with a number of Parish and Town Councils and they have experienced a significant reduction in costs.
Upgrade to street lighting to LED (Oswestry Town)	Not Known	Precept	Town Council	Town Council to lead. This is ongoing. Please also see general text in bold, above.
Street lighting improvements – conversion to LED lights over a 2 to 3-year time scale (Ruyton XI Towns)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council	Parish lead – being actioned in 2019 by the Parish Council at a cost of £20,000. Please also see general text in bold, above.
Street lighting upgrade – convert all to more energy efficient lighting and upgrade columns. (Selattyn and Gobowen)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund, other grants	Parish Council	Parish lead (subject to confirmation of ownership of columns and lamps). Please also see general text in bold, above.
Upgrade street lights to LED (Weston Rhyn)	Not known	Precept	Parish Council	Parish lead (subject to confirmation of ownership of columns and lamps). Parish Council have outlined NF funding, precept and reserves towards this project with a current shortfall of £10,000 towards £68,000 total project over three years. The first phase has been completed, in a rolling programme to extend over several years. Please also see general text in bold, above.
Change street lighting to LED and replace columns as required (Whittington)	£136,000	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council	Parish lead (subject to confirmation of ownership of columns and lamps). Please also see general text in bold, above.
Install LED streetlights at Queens Head to support additional housing (West Felton)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council,	Parish lead. Please also see general text in bold, above.

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Street lighting improvements – conversion of all Parish owned street lights to LED (St Martins)	Approx. £35,000	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council	Parish lead – being actioned in 2019 by the Parish Council. Please also see general text in bold, above.
Other community facilities and infrastructure				
Expand current accommodation for tourists to Sychtyn and Rhydycroesau , develop ideas for a village craft centre / shop and art gallery in Trefonen, Village Hall upgrades in Sychtyn and Rhydycroesau, Maesbury WI hut and Morda Village Hall (Oswestry Rural)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund, Sport England, Fields in Trust, other grants	Parish Council	Parish lead. Past conversations have been held with Shropshire Council’s housing services in regard to Morda Village Hall. The Parish Council has allocated £92,000 towards the upgrade of Morda Village Hall
Improvements to the Assembly Rooms including replacing existing heating systems and making the hall more energy efficient, provision of play equipment on the village amenity area (Knockin)	Not known	Precept, grant funding, Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council, Assembly Rooms Committee	Parish lead. Awards for All grant successful. The project will remain as a NF priority unless developments in the area require this to change
Provision of additional burial ground for future need. Flooding constraints are an issue(Oswestry Town)	Not known	Not known	Town Council, Shropshire Council	Parish lead. Shropshire Council is currently progressing an enquiry regarding burial space capacity across the county. The results of this enquiry will be available in autumn 2019.
Trefarclawdd Cemetery improvements (Oswestry Rural) The Parish Council has spent Neighbourhood Funds of £2,520.31 on cemetery improvements	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund, other grants	Parish Council	Parish lead. Shropshire Council is currently progressing an enquiry regarding burial space capacity across the county. The results of this enquiry will be available in autumn 2019.
Extension of Hengoed Cemetery (estimate 20 years before capacity is reached) to include an additional parking area utilising the verge area opposite (Selattyn and Gobowen)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund, other grants	Parish Council	Parish lead. Shropshire Council is currently progressing an enquiry regarding burial space capacity across the county. The results of this enquiry will be available in autumn 2019.
Provide additional burial plots in churchyard (Weston Rhyn)	Not known	Diocese, church	Parish Council, Diocese, Church	Parish lead. Shropshire Council is currently progressing an enquiry regarding burial space capacity across the county. The results of this enquiry will be available in autumn 2019.

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Improvements to closed churchyards at Llanyblodwel and Morton (Llanyblodwel)	Not known	Precept, grant funding, Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council	Parish lead.
Additional or improved car parking by the school (to be included in development on site opposite), improved parking provision at Kinnerley Parish Hall, resurface car park at Maesbrook Village Hall (Kinnerley)	Not known	Section 106 (if applicable)	Parish Council	Parish lead. Parish Council has no current plans to fund improved car parking by the school, or to improve parking provision at the parish / village halls, and funding would have to come from other sources, such as the developers.
Extension of pavement for safety of pedestrians from Mountside Cottages to Dovaston (culverting of ditch may be required) (Kinnerley)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, grant funding, precept	Parish Council	Parish lead. Not currently in the Highways programme of works but could be considered.
Improved parking bays alongside the roads for use during floods (Kinnerley)	Not known	Precept, grant funding, Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Councils	Parish lead, with potential for a cross boundary partnership project with affected Parish Councils.
Canal and steam railway restoration and continued protection of Heritage Area at Llanymynech Hill, including preparation of a Conservation Area Management Plan (Llanymynech and Pant)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund, Grant Funding	Parish Council	Parish lead. Possible link to Shropshire Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy, currently under development.
Notice board upgrades (Oswestry Rural) The Parish Council has upgraded all of its notice boards	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund, other grants	Parish Council	Parish lead. The Parish Council is currently in the process of repairing its notice boards and a maintenance schedule has been approved.
Street scene improvements – tackle litter problems and enforce dog fouling laws in Sychtyn and Rhydycroesau, Trefonen and Treflach, Morda and Sweeney, and Maesbury with Aston; bins requested in Treflach; reduce	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund, other grants	Parish Council	Parish lead.

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street lighting levels using a time clock operation in Trefonen and Treflach; replace amber lights with sodium down lighters in Trefonen and Treflach; provide street lighting at the top end of the village in Maesbury with Aston, tree planting along lanes in Maesbury with Aston (Oswestry Rural)				
Promotion of tourism - coordinated investment linking local transport to tourism attractions with Oswestry acting as the hub (Oswestry Town)	Not known	Other grants	Town Council, Parish Council, Oswestry Borderland Tourism	Town Council to lead in conjunction with Oswestry Borderlands Tourism. Economic Growth Strategy for Oswestry being finalised with connection to wider Economic Growth work.
Parking improvements at the centre of the village, Little Ness Road, and outside the community hall (Ruyton XI Towns)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund, other grants	Parish Council	Parish lead. Highways need to fully understand the local requirements to provide advice on what is needed and achievable in the area.
Enhancement of Gobowen village centre through street scene improvements (Selattyn and Gobowen)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund, other grants	Parish Council	Parish lead.
War Memorial renovation (Ruyton XI Towns)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund, other grants	Parish Council	Parish lead.
War Memorial renovation (St Martins)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund, other grants	Parish Council	Parish lead.
Ensure the protection of the village playing field, provide additional allotments, provide a bowling green facility, maintenance of the	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund, other grants	Parish Council	Parish lead. Possible link to Shropshire Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy.

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<p>footpath network, maintain West Felton Burial Ground and cemetery garden (West Felton)</p> <p>Provision and maintenance of community facilities: install play equipment, fitness equipment, hard standing area, new vehicular access, sensory / wildlife area on Weston Rhyn playing field; install new play equipment on Chirk Bank playing field; improve energy efficiency, disabled access, emergency exit, computer access, at institute; develop grounds around Institute as community space and maintain bowling green; investigate developing new drop in centre and co-working spaces/small business hub; shop hub facilities providing cash machine and replacement post office (Weston Rhyn)</p>	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund, other grants	Parish Council, Village Trust, Friends of CB Playing Field, Shropshire Council	Parish lead. Possible link to Shropshire Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy, currently under development. Shropshire Council is commissioning a Playing Pitch Strategy to support the Local Plan Review. This will assess supply and demand for playing pitches in Shropshire. The Council also intends to commission a Built Facilities Strategy to support the Local Plan Review. This will assess the supply and demand for indoor sports facilities.
<p>Local priorities identified for more research by parish: support farming community, diversification and green initiatives including renewable energy / domestic insulation / energy project; support to the business community; development of youth policy; provision of activities for older residents; continuation of 3 Parishes Big Local after the end of funding; development of tourism strategy; need for allotments; Initiatives to reduce dog fouling and litter (Weston Rhyn)</p>	Not known	Not known	DEFRA, Big Local, Marches Growth Hub	Parish Lead. DEFRA's new environmental farming schemes should be explored by the Parish. Advice is available through the Marches Growth Hub and Marches Energy Agency.
<p>Maintain heritage resources, implement a Design, Conservation and Development Policy for the World Heritage Site and buffer zone, and ensure parish concerns are represented</p>	Not known	Shropshire Council, Wrexham Borough Council	Shropshire Council, Wrexham Borough Council,	World Heritage Site policy is led by Wrexham Borough Council. Andy Wigley is the Shropshire Council lead officer on the Board, and links in to the parishes.

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on World Heritage Steering Group (Weston Rhyn)			Pontcysyllte Management Committee, Canal and River Trust	
Economic Opportunities				
Development of small business units, incubator units and micro business support facilities (Oswestry Rural) (Oswestry Town)	Not known	Not known, external funding	Town Council, Oswestry BID, Future Oswestry	Town lead. Advice available through the Business Support team at Shropshire Council, and through the Growth Hub. The new Oswestry BID will promote any local Growth Hub activities. Strong links to the development of the Innovation Park to be explored as part of the development appraisal work planned.
Creation of hub for small businesses through the provision of small office units, potentially linked to Gobowen Library and hub (Selattyn and Gobowen)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund, developer contributions	Parish Council	Parish lead. Advice available through the Business Support team at Shropshire Council, and through the Growth Hub. Rural business clinics have been previously piloted at Gobowen Hub.
Provision of small office units on former Ifton Heath Primary School site as part of redevelopment (St Martins)	Not known	Developer (and other) contributions	Shropshire Council, Parish Council, developer	Site development would be dependent on feasibility, need, and demand. Shropshire Council has ongoing discussions with regard to this site.
Oswestry Showground – upgrade of site recognising the importance of the site to the local economy and tourism. Feasibility study required (Whittington) (OswestryTown Council)	Not known	Showground Management Committee	Showground Management Committee	Oswestry Showground lead. May also link in with the activities of the new Oswestry BID.
Shop front revitalisation scheme (Oswestry Town)	Not known	Not known, external funding	Town Council, Future Oswestry	Town lead.

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Develop a tourism strategy to provide economies around funding, resources, signposting, and marketing (Oswestry Town)	Not known	Not known	Town Council, OBT, Future Oswestry, BID	Parish lead, in conjunction with partners OBT and Oswestry BID. Future work will be outlined by partners, with the BID inputting. Use WIFI geo sensing to identify footfall and movement in the town. Oswestry BID website is also under development, providing increased visibility for businesses.
Facilitation of ICT / broadband technologies. (Selattyn and Gobowen)	Not known	Providers, Shropshire Council	Parish Council, providers, Shropshire Council	Work ongoing by Shropshire Council through Connecting Shropshire. Shropshire Council remains committed to seeking a solution to provide superfast broadband for unserved premises and is confident that we can ensure that all premises in the Shropshire Council area have access to a superfast broadband connection by 2021. For queries about the availability of faster broadband, please email address details and landline numbers (if available) to connecting.shropshire@shropshire.gov.uk
Environment and Utilities				
Establish electric vehicle charging points to reflect Government shift to electric vehicles (Selattyn and Gobowen) (St Martins)	Not known	Not known	Parish Council	Parish lead.
Establish a local project to generate renewable energy and to look at energy efficiency measures (Oswestry Town)	Not known	External funding source, Midlands Energy	Town Council	Parish lead.
Housing, Health, and Education				
Housing for vulnerable people – explore the possibility of providing (possibly sheltered) housing for older people within the community (Oswestry Rural)	Not known	Parish Council, Shropshire Council, Registered	Parish Council, Shropshire Council, Registered	This will link to work already underway through Shropshire Council's Community-Led Housing Enabler and Right Home Right Place initiative, which helps to identify housing need in

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		Providers, Homes England	Providers, Homes England	Shropshire and to provide information about affordable housing, community housing, and housing in general. Local intelligence relating to housing need should be fed into the housing team at Shropshire Council. For further information please email affordablehousing@shropshire.gov.uk
Community housing needs – plan for suitable mixed housing units and identify development sites (Ruyton XI Towns)	Not known	Parish Council, Shropshire Council, Registered Providers, Homes England	Parish Council, Shropshire Council, Registered Providers, Homes England	Survey work for Ruyton XI Towns has now been completed, and information is being shared with the Parish Council. Please also see text in bold, above.
Undertake a Housing Needs Survey, support a survey of empty houses in the parish, investigate affordable housing and more good quality rental property options; ensure all new housing is built to be energy efficient and carbon compliant, with ‘green’ sources of energy installed (e.g. solar tiles and heat pumps (Weston Rhyn)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	Survey work has now been completed and information is being shared with the Parish Council. Please also see text in bold, above.
Undertake a Housing Needs Survey to support identification of need and development (Selattyn and Gobowen)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	Survey work is currently underway. Please also see text in bold, above.
Transport and Accessibility				
Traffic management and road safety				
Sites of community interest – deliver the areas of critical concern as outlined in the submission for Sites of Community Interest (Oswestry Town)	Not known	Not known	Town Council	Town lead. Submissions for “community led” concerns have previously been received from Oswestry Town in accordance with Shropshire Council’s Road Safety Policy. However, due to

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				current funding situation in Highways and Transport, this element of the Road Safety Policy is currently on hold, and only higher priority accident cluster sites are being dealt with. The process is due to be reviewed as/when funding is known for the 2020/21 financial year.
Improve signage at Knockin Heath Business Park crossroads, and increase visibility of 30mph signs and warning of dip in the road, to tackle road safety concerns (Kinnerley)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	Parish lead. These highway safety issues will be considered for inclusion in the proposed traffic management minor schemes programme for this financial year.
Highways improvements – new priority system for the bridge on the road from Knockin (Kinnerley)	£1,000	Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	Parish lead. This provision of a new priority system will be considered for inclusion in the proposed traffic management minor schemes programme for this financial year.
Improve village centre parking in Kinnerley to create a pull-in space for the shop to tackle current unsafe arrangements with parking on a bend. Parish Council would need to establish whether utilising part of village green is legally possible in terms of its stewardship of the green. There may be additional complications with any re-routing of utilities. (Kinnerley)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	Parish lead. Not foreseen to be Shropshire Council Highways scheme.
Traffic calming through development of clear entrances to the village, traffic calming measures throughout the village centre along the B4396, including permanent installation of two VAS units, creation of formal crossing to enable residents from Church Road to access village facilities, improvement of narrow	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	Parish lead. Highways need to fully understand the local requirements to provide advice on what is needed and achievable in the area. The project will remain as a Neighbourhood Project unless developments in the area require this to change. Submissions for local highway improvements in Knockin has previously been considered as a

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pavements to allow for wheelchairs and enable access to the doctor's surgery, safe and open access to the National Footpaths Network, improved car parking provision. (Knockin)				"community led concern" in accordance with Shropshire Council's Road Safety Policy. However, due to current funding situation in Highways and Transport, this element of the Road Safety Policy is currently on hold, and only higher priority accident cluster sites are being dealt with. The process is due to be reviewed as/when funding is known for the 2020/21 financial year.
Speed restrictions at dangerous junctions, improved street lighting, remove obstructions and resolve problems with public footpaths and bridleways, make map available (Llanyblodwel)	Not known	Precept, grant funding, Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council	Parish lead. The main junction is the responsibility of Highways England. If there are specific safety concerns regarding this junction, please raise them with Shropshire Council for referral to Highways England.
Lime Grove – one-way system	Not known	Not known	Shropshire Council, Town Council, developers	Relates to concerns with development at Oswestry East and concerns at Crescent Road. For local highways concerns – such as footways and pedestrian linkages, speed monitoring and reduction, signage, etc – please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email further details to transport@shropshire.gov.uk
Traffic calming in village centre – introduce traffic light system through centre of village following project feasibility study; improve pedestrian crossing in centre of village; introduce entrances to village raising drivers awareness; establish effective local speed monitoring enforcement system (Ruyton XI Towns)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	Parish lead. VAS project initiated by the Parish Council via the Safer Roads Group and Multi Agency Group. VAS / SIDS now in process of being purchased and will be implemented in 2019. Highways will need to consider the impact of the North West Relief Road on HGV movements.

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Sustainable travel – improved provision for trains, buses, pedestrians, and cyclists				
Sustainable Transport Plan for the town to reduce carbon emissions including: improving cycling infrastructure in the town, into the town and into neighbouring areas; a review of cycling infrastructure; a strategic review of how the town and the neighbouring villages are connected from a pedestrian perspective (Oswestry Town)	Not known	Not known	Oswestry Town Council, connected Parish Councils	Joint project for all relevant parishes
Safe cycle route to Oswestry via lanes and B roads, specifically the narrow section of Maesbury Road where there is a footpath which could be converted to a cycle path, avoiding the A483 (Oswestry Rural)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council	Parish lead. Possible link to Shropshire Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy, currently under development.
Improvements to Public Transport - bus route on the B4580; exploration of the potential use of school buses by members of the public in Sychtyn and Rhydycroesau; community transport scheme for elderly / disabled people in Trefonen and Treflach; bus services after 6pm in Morda and Sweeney; dial a ride service in evenings and possible trips for the elderly; increased number of bus shelters; improvements to bus timetables to suit work shift times at Maes-y-Clawdd Industrial Estate; real time information on bus arrival times; bus to Maesbury with Aston which links with the finishing time of Marches School; monthly mini-bus service to Wrexham / Welshpool / Shrewsbury (Oswestry Rural)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund, bus service providers	Parish Council, Shropshire Council, bus service providers	Parish lead.

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Establish electric vehicle charging point(s) within the parish at the back of the Weston Rhyn Institute car park to generate income for the hall (Weston Rhyn)	Not known	External funding	Parish Council	Parish lead.
Maintain and enhance biodiversity, green spaces and footpaths around the village; ensure upgrades to public footpaths to keep them accessible, signed, and maintained; replace stiles with kissing gates; investigate use of permissive pathways e.g. Quinta approaches; undertake survey of users of lanes and designate popular walking routes as Quiet Lanes, e.g. Trehowell Lane; undertake an ancient tree survey in the parish; support biodiversity training; plant trees (Weston Rhyn)	Not known	Shropshire Council	Parish Paths Partnership, Shropshire Council, Parish Council CPRE, Offa's Dyke Partnership	Parish lead. Possible link to Shropshire Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy, currently under development. Outdoor Recreation have indicated that priorities can be directed through P3 groups.
Cycle path from Gobowen Road to Cemetery crossroads at Hengoed (Selattyn and Gobowen)	Not known	Not known	Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council	Parish lead.
Improve safety at railway crossings by roads and public footpaths and keep all footpaths that cross railways open. Investigate the installation of automatic warning lights on footpaths.(Weston Rhyn)	Not known	Network Rail	Shropshire Council, Network Rail	Shropshire Council are aware and can raise at appropriate stakeholder group.
Other transport and access issues				
Pavement and speed limit reductions on Trefonen Road from the Miners Arms to Coed-y-Go , pavement from the village to The Original Ball, repair and provision of improved signage for footpaths and rights of way in Sychtyn and Rhydycroesau, way marker sign to show the footpath behind Silverdale Drive in	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund, other grants	Parish Council	Parish lead. Possible link to Shropshire Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy, currently under development. Shropshire Council Highways need to fully understand the local requirements to provide advice on what is needed and achievable in the area. The Parish Council has provided grant aid to Trefonen and Treflach P3 Group for the

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Trefonen, way marking signage for definitive rights of way in Morton and Crickheath and rights of way from Crickheath to Llynclys, way marking of safe cycling routes, pavement between the villages of Trefonen and Treflach, speed measures and better signage at Nantmawr, parking restrictions in Morda where traffic is parked on pavements and corners (Oswestry Rural)				purchase of a portable hedge cutter, and they have also awarded grant aid towards the purchase of artistic signs for the group to celebrate the 50 th anniversary of the Offa's Dyke Association.
Various improvements to local highways and transport – further traffic calming on Station Road, bus pull - in opposite playing field in Pant, Red Lane junction improvement and bus shelter, better access and safety on narrow lanes, proper pavement on Station Road, improved bus shelters, wider safer pavements in Pant, safe route for a walking bus to Bryn Offa (or provision secured at the planning application stage for additional school transport to Bryn Offa), bus stop with a pull - in and shelter between Pant Institute and Station Road (Llanymynech and Pant)	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	Parish lead. Shropshire Council Highways need to fully understand the local requirements to provide advice on what is needed and achievable in the area
Various improvements to local highways and transport – additional mirrors to improve road visibility on blind corners in Sychtyn and Rhydycroesau; proactive enforcement of speed limits in Sychtyn and Rhydycroesau, Trefonen and Treflach, Morda and Sweeney and Maesbury with Aston; flashing speed signs at Maesbury to warn of speed limit; weight limits on some country lanes and the development of preferred routes in Trefonen	Not known	Precept, Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	Parish lead. The Parish Council has formed a Working Group to put together a project to look at how speeding can be addressed by seeking funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner. The Parish Council has been awarded grant funding from the PCC for the installation of 2 VAS in Trefonen.

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<p>and Treflach; restriction on HGV S using the Osbaston to Maesbury Road as a short cut to the industrial estate; increased frequency of cleaning of road gullies and culverts in Maesbury with Aston; improvements on Morda Road including a speed camera, crossing, speed humps, restrictions and cycle lanes; 30mph speed restriction at Coedygo; road gullies to be cleared more frequently in Sychtyn and Rhydycroesau; improved drainage to prevent flooding near Woodhill turning to Chain Lane (Oswestry Rural)</p>				
<p>Various improvements to local highways and transport – tackle issues with speeding vehicles and overtaking from the crossing to the top of Rhewl Bank at St Martins Road, Gobowen; improve visibility at the Chirk Road end, deal with parking issues at peak times outside the school; deal with speeding and danger to pedestrians in the 30mph area on approach to crossroads at Chirk Road, Gobowen; impose 30mph limit for whole of Twmpath Lane; pavement at B5069 road from Old Port to Orthopaedic Roundabout; footpath widening; traffic calming as part of new Fernhill Lane development; speeding mitigation at Pentre Daffydd Crossroads, Upper Hengoed, and Selattyn School; tackle HGVs ignoring restrictive signage from Weston Rhyn to Bath Banks; review of cutting of roadside hedges and verges; reduce dog fouling on pavements and public areas;</p>	<p>Not known</p>	<p>Precept, Neighbourhood Fund</p>	<p>Parish Council, Shropshire Council</p>	<p>Parish lead. SC Highways need to fully understand the local needs to provide advice on what is needed and achievable in the area.</p>

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<p>additional pedestrian crossing in Gobowen; road safety improvements to the road junction at B5009 and A5; speed limits on main routes; map of diversionary routes for vehicles to reduce through traffic; increased parking at Gobowen Station; car parking provision in the village centre, especially at the scout hut; footbridge across the railway line to provide access for pedestrians; improvements to public transport provision (including improvements public transport services to the station before 7am; improvements in services to the rural areas and Marches School; and joined up bus and train times); support Walking Routes for Schools Initiative; traffic free route between Gobowen and Oswestry; car parking at the local school; additional car parking in Selattyn; cycle route to Oswestry from Gobowen and Gobowen to St Martins; safe routes to school from housing estate via Fernhill Lane; safe walking and cycling to Park Hall as facilities there are expanded (Selattyn and Gobowen)</p>				
<p>Various improvements to local highways and transport – improved canal pathways to provide linkage with other footpaths in the village; cycle path between St Martins and Gobowen; road safety improvements (to include speed reductions including permanent installation of 5 VAS units, widening of footpaths, safer crossings, child awareness campaigns encourage people to walk to the</p>	<p>Not known</p>	<p>Precept, Neighbourhood Fund</p>	<p>Parish Council, Shropshire Council</p>	<p>Parish lead.</p>

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<p>Centre; provide additional cycle ways; provide an evening bus service and route reviews; increase access for wheelchairs and pushchairs at Ifton Meadows and other public footpaths; improve signing and stiles; produce route maps (St Martins)</p>	<p>Not known</p>	<p>Not known</p>	<p>Parish Council, Shropshire Council, volunteers, WHS working group</p>	<p>Parish lead. The highway maintenance issues (i.e. missing street name signs, carriageway and footway resurfacing, maintain road markings and surfaces to pavements) need to be raised with the local Highways Maintenance Office who can then assess and consider as part of a future works programme.</p>
<p>Various improvements to local highways and transport – improve gateway entrances to the village, with themed parish logo; upgrade road into village to B road with adequate signage; adequate consistent signage throughout (hamlets Rhoswiel and Preesgweene, Upper Chirk Bank); install missing street names (canal side); install signing for routes to heritage sites and Gledrid car park; traffic calming (Wern Road and Chirk Bank); advisory signs to prevent HGVs using (Oaklands Road and Bronygarth Lanes); extend speed limit zones by school; resurface High Street, Bronygarth Road, Dinas Lane, Top Fron; maintain road markings and surfaces to pavements at Station Road; install footpath over canal bridge at Rhoswiel and over hump backed railway bridge at Chirk Bank; footway resurfacing in Hillview, Berlian Close, Rhoswell, Pleasant View, Quinta; install traffic mirror at towpath/road junction in Lower Chirk Bank (Weston Rhyn)</p>	<p>Not known</p>	<p>Not known</p>	<p>Parish Council, Shropshire Council, volunteers, WHS working group</p>	<p>The traffic management/road safety issues (i.e. improved gateway entrances to village, signing to heritage sites and Gledrid car park, traffic calming Wern Road and Chirk Bank, HGV signage Oaklands Road and Bronygarth Lane, extended speed limit zones and installation of mirror in Lower Chirk Bank) would normally need to be considered and submitted as a “community led concern” in accordance with Shropshire Council’s Road Safety Policy. However, due to current funding situation in Highways and Transport, this element of the Road Safety Policy is currently on hold, and only higher priority accident cluster sites are being dealt with. The process is due to be reviewed as/when funding is known for the 2020/21 financial year. Highways have noted it may be possible to consider some of these issues as part of the</p>

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				proposed traffic management minor schemes programme for this financial year.

2. Planning in Shropshire

2.1 County-wide planning processes: the Local Development Plan

Planning is a statutory process (required by law) that all local authorities across the UK must undertake.

A number of planning policy documents consider a wide range of important planning issues such as housing, employment, retail, the environment, and transport. Together, these documents constitute the Local Development Plan, which plays a crucial role in prioritising and shaping development in the local authority area. In Shropshire, the current Local Development Plan period runs until 2026.

Of all the documents that make up the Local Development Plan, there are three that we will refer to here. They are:

- Core Strategy – adopted 24 February 2011
- Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDev) Plan – adopted 17 December 2015

At the moment, the Local Development Plan is undergoing a review, which will ensure that Shropshire Council can respond to changing circumstances. The review will include, but is not limited to, consideration of housing requirements, employment land requirements, the distribution of development, and a review of green belt boundaries. Until the review is completed, the existing Local Development Plan remains as the overarching guide for all development across the county.

There is also a third set of documents which are of vital importance to the Local Development Plan. These are the 18 Place Plans, and you are currently reading the Place Plan for **Oswestry and Surrounding Area**.

2.2 This Place Plan area in the county-wide plan

The Core Strategy, as referenced at section 2.1, recognises the role of Shropshire’s market towns and key centres through Policy CS3. This policy outlines how all of our towns have distinctive identities, which new development is expected to reinforce, by respecting each town’s distinctive character, and by being sensitive to its landscape setting, historic features, and the towns’ functions. You can read more from Policy CS3 by following this link: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/media/8534/core-strategy.pdf>

For Oswestry, Policy CS3 recognises that:

- Oswestry will provide a focus for major development with an integrated and sustainable urban extension to the south east of Oswestry, on land between Shrewsbury Road, Middleton Road, and the A5/A483 Oswestry bypass.
- This strategic location will accommodate a mix of new housing (750+ dwellings), employment land (4-6 hectare Business Park), a local centre, a network of open space and green infrastructure, and a new link road between Shrewsbury Road and Middleton Road, together with sustainable transport improvements.
- The town is a service centre for a wide rural hinterland, including parts of Wales, and this is reflected in the busyness of the centre.
- Phasing of development will be linked to infrastructure delivery, particularly waste water treatment capacity and road junction capacity

The SAMDev Plan, as referenced at section 2.1, also provides brief settlement policies for each Place Plan area. The policies for Oswestry, and then for the wider area, are as follows:

- Oswestry will provide a focus for major development in this part of Shropshire, comprising around 2,600 dwellings and 45 hectares of employment land during the period 2006-2026.
- New housing development will be delivered through the allocation of a combination of existing brownfield sites and a range of new greenfield sites, together with an allowance for windfall development.
- There will be specific site allocations for 39 hectares of new employment land.
- Development proposals will be expected to demonstrate that they have taken account of the policies and guidelines contained in the Oswestry 2020 Town Plan (2013) and any other future community-led plan or masterplan that is adopted by Shropshire Council.

You can read more from the SAMDev Plan by following this link: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/media/8503/samdev-adopted-plan.pdf>

Shropshire Council started reviewing its Local Plan in 2017 and recently consulted on the preferred sites which are needed to meet the county's development needs during the period to 2036. The new Plan is unlikely to be adopted before 2021. The review will ensure that the Local Plan continues to be the primary consideration for decisions about development in Shropshire by maintaining robust and defensible policies that conform with national policy and address the changing circumstances within the County and beyond.

You can read more about the Local Plan Review preferred sites consultation by following the link <https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/local-plan-review-preferred-sites-consultation/>

Key points from the Local Plan Review include:

- Oswestry will continue to act as a Principal Centre and contribute towards the strategic growth objectives in the north west of the county
- Development will balance the need for additional housing and employment, accommodating around 1,800 dwellings and around 19 hectares of employment development between 2016 and 2036.
- Additional development opportunities adjacent to the existing Development Boundary for Oswestry are now extremely restricted by the presence of physical, heritage, and environmental constraints such as Oswestry Hillfort, sensitive landscapes to the north and west, the Oswestry bypass to the east, and flood risk and accessibility issues to the south.
- Shropshire Council proposes to deliver the majority of the new housing required by responding positively to the principles outlined by the Oswestry Civic Society in its proposed Oswestry 2050 approach by reinforcing the existing urban fabric of the former Park Hall Camp.
- Within the Oswestry Place Plan area, 11 proposed Community Hubs have been identified, these are Gobowen, Kinnerley, Knockin, Llanymynech, Pant, Ruyton Xi Towns, St Martins, Trefonen, West Felton, Weston Rhyn, and Whittington.

You can read more about the Local Plan Review by following this link: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-planning/local-plan-partial-review-2016-2036/>

3. More about this area

3.1 Place Plan boundaries

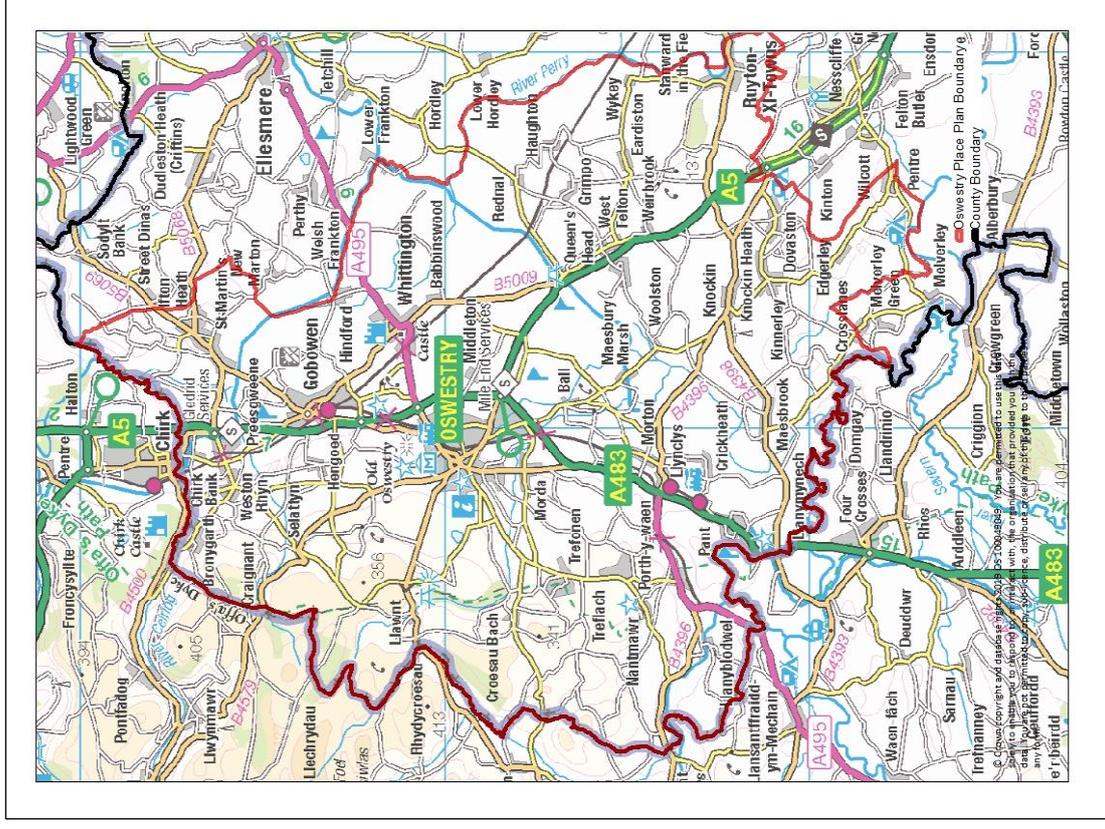
Place Plans were developed to include a main centre (often a market town) and its surrounding smaller towns, villages, and rural hinterland. These areas are recognised in the Local Plan as functioning geographical areas, with strong linkages to and from the main town and the wider area.

The Oswestry and Surrounding Area Place Plan geography is shown in the map.

3.2 Pen picture of the area

Oswestry is an ancient market town located in the north of Shropshire close to the English - Welsh Border, with excellent economic and transport links to both Shrewsbury and cross county to Welshpool, Wrexham, and Chester, and to the regional cities of Manchester, Liverpool and Birmingham.

The origins of the town are uncertain, although the town's market dates back to 1190. Historically, Oswestry has also been an important coal mining area, with the large Ifton colliery closing in 1968.



The area is steeped in ancient history, with one of the best-preserved Iron Age hill forts in the country, as well as Pontycyllte Aqueduct, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. There is also a variety of industrial heritage and community attractions and assets, including Cambrian Heritage Railway, Montgomery Canal, and Llanymynech Heritage Site.

Most of Oswestry town centre has been designated a Conservation Area, conveying a mixture of architectural styles. There are many old timber framed houses, for example Llywd Mansion on Cross Street, the Heritage Centre, the Blackgate, the Fox Inn and the shops along Beatrice Street. Georgian architecture is also represented, particularly around St Oswald's Church, where there are a number of imposing town houses. The town also has a significant Victorian legacy, and many of the shop fronts and facades, terraced houses, churches and railway buildings reflect this period. There are further conservation areas nearby at Whittington Castle, Pant Glas and Brogyntyn.

Oswestry still functions as a market town, with regular events and markets in the town, and a nearby livestock market which preserves the town's agricultural links. Oswestry is a good base for walking, with the Wilfred Owen trail enabling walkers to find out more about the famous war poet's childhood in Oswestry. There are also plenty of opportunities for hiking or biking along the Offa's Dyke Path.

3.3 List of Parishes and Local Elected Members

This Place Plan covers the following Town and Parish Councils:

- Kinnerley Parish Council
- Knockin Parish Council
- Llanyblodwel Parish Council
- Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council
- **Oswestry Rural Parish Council**
- Oswestry Town Council
- Ruyton XI Towns Parish Council
- Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council
- St Martins Parish Council
- West Felton Parish Council
- Weston Rhyn Parish Council
- Whittington Parish Council

The following Elected Members of Shropshire Council represent constituencies within this Place Plan area:

- Robert Macey (Selattyn, Gobowen & Weston Rhyn)
- Steve Charmley (Whittington & West Felton)
- **Joyce Barrow (Oswestry Rural)**
- Steve Davenport (St Martins)
- Nick Bardsley (Ruyton Xi Towns)
- Vince Hunt (Oswestry Town Ward)
- Paul Milner (Oswestry Town Ward)
- John Price (Oswestry Town Ward)
- Clare Aspinall (Oswestry Town Ward)
- Mark T Jones (Selattyn, Gobowen & Weston Rhyn)
- Matt Lee (Llanyblodwel, Llanymynech & Pant, Knockin, Kinnerley & Melverley)

3.4 Other local plans

When developing the Place Plan for an area, Shropshire Council also looks at any other local plans and strategies that focus on infrastructure needs within this particular area.

For Oswestry and the surrounding area, the relevant plans include:

Community Led or Parish Plans:

- West Felton Parish Plan 2005 and 2014 (copy available from Parish Council) <http://www.westfeltonparish.co.uk/search/node/parish%20plan>
- Whittington Parish Plan 2005 and 2016 – <https://whittingtonpc.files.wordpress.com/2016/03/whittington-parish-plan-issue-1-20mar16.pdf>
- St Martins Parish Plan 2007 (copy available from Parish Council)
- Weston Rhyn Parish Plan 2008 (copy available from Parish Council)
- Selattyn & Gobowen Parish Plan 2008 – (copy available from Parish Council)
- Kinnerley – <http://www.kinnerleyparishcouncil.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan>
- Ruyton Xi Towns 2009- <http://rxit.org.uk/parishplan/#/0>
- Llanymynech & Pant Parish Plan 2005- http://www.llanymynech.org.uk/html/parish_plan.html
- Llanbyldwel Parish Plan 2008 (copy available from Parish Council)
- **Oswestry Rural** 2006 and review 2015- <https://www.oswestyrural-pc.gov.uk/parish-strategic-plan-2015-2018/>
- Design Plan for Rhydygroesau 2008 & Trefonen, Treflach & Nantmawr Village Design Statement 2006 - <https://www.oswestyrural-pc.gov.uk/planning-in-the-parish/>

Neighbourhood Plan or Neighbourhood Plan “Light”:

- Oswestry 2020 Neighbourhood Plan – <https://shropshire.gov.uk/committee-services/Data/Council/20130926/Agenda/16%20Oswestry%20Plan.pdf>
- Kinnerley Neighbourhood Plan 2013 – <http://www.kinnerleyparishcouncil.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan>

Local Economic Growth Strategies for Oswestry:

In October 2017, Shropshire Council published its Economic Growth Strategy for 2017-2021. One of the key actions identified within the Strategy was the development of a local growth strategy for each of our key market towns. The Oswestry Local Economic Growth Strategy (LEGS) has been prepared in conjunction with a range of stakeholders, including the town council, surrounding parish councils, and local businesses. The intention is that the strategy is not just confined to the town itself but also takes in the wider hinterland.

The Oswestry LEGS is supported by this document – the Oswestry and Surrounding Area Place Plan. This document supports the Oswestry LEGS by identifying infrastructure needs within the area, which in turn will help to create the conditions and an environment that will attract people and business to the area.

The economic vision for Oswestry has been formed collaboratively and informed by engagement with the town and parishes.

The vision is:

The economic vision for Oswestry is about enabling growth through the innovative use of existing assets and land to both attract and retain key businesses. Oswestry has a strong sense of place which is reflected in the economic portrait of the town. There is a real drive within the town to act on its economic ambitions with specific scope to attract new businesses, retain young people, provide higher skilled jobs, support the independent retailers, boost the night time economy and provide accommodation to encourage both visitors and businesses to invest.

A number of key themes were raised as part of the engagement with local stakeholders and these are addressed within the Oswestry LEGS. In summary, the key themes are:

- Opportunities to promote Oswestry as a destination and a gateway with improvements to road network and gateway site.
- Aspiration to capitalise on Oswestry's location, unique assets and cultural offer to raise the profile of Oswestry.
- Provision of more accommodation offer to attract and retain visitors.
- Making sure that there is enough land to provide growth on space to attract and retain major employers.
- Opportunities around the hospital and health clustering.
- Development of a growth corridor.

4. Reviewing the Place Plan

4.1 Previous reviews

To date, the Place Plans have been updated through conversations with Town and Parish Councils, Local Elected Members, infrastructure and service providers, and local businesses. The ambition was to hold such conversations on an annual basis, but this approach has been difficult for the Council to resource and has not enabled the Place Plans to be quickly and easily updated in response to changing local circumstances.

4.2 Future reviews

Undertaking an annual conversation involves significant consultation and engagement across the county. In light of current resource constraints, Shropshire Council will therefore now update the Place Plans on a rolling basis. This means that the Place Plans are 'live' documents, which can be updated as required in order to reflect changing infrastructure needs within a community. Town and Parish Councils will be able to submit projects for inclusion in their Place Plan on an ongoing basis.

A summary of the process that we will follow to review and incorporate these updates is shown below and overleaf.

Update required	Process
The local community wishes to remove, update, or add a Priority A or Priority B Project	The Town or Parish Council submits the relevant information to their Place Plan Officer (see contact details at Annexe 1). This can be done via letter, email, or conversation and discussion. Shropshire Council's Internal Infrastructure Group (a group of officers with responsibility for delivery of infrastructure) will consider the information and agree any amendments that need to be made to the Place Plan.

	<p>The proposed amendment will then be shared with the Strategic Infrastructure Forum (external infrastructure providers, such as utility companies, Environment Agency, etc.) for their input.</p> <p>The Place Plan Officer will feedback the results of the discussions to the Town or Parish Council, and the final form of the amendment will be agreed.</p> <p>The Place Plan Officer will make the changes to the Place Plan and upload the revised document to Shropshire Council's website.</p>
<p>The local community wishes to remove, update, or add a Neighbourhood Project</p>	<p>The Town or Parish Council submits the relevant information to their Place Plan Officer.</p> <p>The Place Plan Officer will consult with internal and external partners to ensure that there are no reasons why the project should not be included.</p> <p>The Place Plan Officer will make the required changes to the Place Plan and upload the revised document to Shropshire Council's website.</p>
<p>Shropshire Council or an external infrastructure provider wishes to remove, update, or add a Priority A or Priority B Project</p>	<p>The relevant Place Plan Officer will contact all Town and Parish Councils in the Place Plan area to discuss any proposed amendments to A and B projects.</p> <p>Once any amendments have been discussed and agreed, the Place Plan Officer will make the changes to the Place Plan and upload the revised document to Shropshire Council's website.</p>

Annexe 1 Supporting information

For more information on Shropshire Council's planning policies, please go to: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/>

For more information on Place Plans, please go to: <http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/place-plans> or contact your Place Plan Officer via PlacePlans@shropshire.gov.uk

For additional information on Council services, please refer to the telephone numbers below:

Service	Number
General enquiries	0345 678 9000
Housing benefit	0345 678 9001
Council tax	0345 678 9002
Business rates	0345 678 9003
Planning and building control	0345 678 9004
Housing	0345 678 9005
Streets, roads and transport	0345 678 9006
Bins and recycling	0345 678 9007
School admissions, free school meals and school transport	0345 678 9008
Concerns for the welfare of a child/children's social care or early help support	0345 678 9021
Registrars	0345 678 9016
Concerns for a vulnerable adult and Adult Social Care	0345 678 9044
Elections	0345 678 9015

Alternatively, you can contact us via our website using the online enquiries form:

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/forms/contact-us?>

For more information on health provision, please contact Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group directly:

NHS Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group,
William Farr House,
Mytton Oak Road,
Shrewsbury,
SY3 8XL.

Tel: 01743 277500 (main switchboard)

Email: SHRCCG.ShropshireCCG@nhs.net