

# Wrockwardine Parish Council Newsletter

## April 2021



### **An update from the Chairwoman, Cllr Elaine Anderson**

During the Covid-19 pandemic, Wrockwardine Parish Council have held their meetings mostly via Zoom which has been huge learning curve for all of us. People usually become involved in local councils because they have a passion for their local communities and in the coming months parish and town councils will resume face to face meetings, with social distancing, face masks and antibacterial gel at the ready. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings, we have constituents attend public sessions to discuss their individual concerns with the Parish Council or out of an interest in one of the agenda items. Constituents can still attend if the meetings are held via zoom; details are always placed on the website. Parish Councillors welcome discourse, we live in the Parish and want to make a difference for the good so that all of us can live in a thriving community.

You should be aware that the ten-year census took place in March. Information from this will cascade down to local parishes, ensuring that local plans meet the needs of constituents and businesses. For the first time the census could be completed via an on-line platform. How life changes! If for any reason your census has not been completed, please make it a “must do job” as there can be a fine for non-completion of the form.

As you will note from your Telford and Wrekin Council Tax Invoice, Wrockwardine Parish Council did not increase the local precept this year. There were two reasons – more housing has been built within the Parish bringing in additional income and, I think more importantly, the Council held the view that Covid 19 had for many people caused financial hardship, uncertainty and for some unemployment and therefore, this year, we would maintain our financial position. Our finances are open and transparent about how we gather financial resources, allocate monies and why some money is ring fenced for special projects. All financial decisions are fully discussed at Council meetings so please come and ask questions, we welcome explaining why and how we make decisions. Capital expenditure must be planned. We budget and must budget well.

One aspect of Wrockwardine Parish Council’s duties is to maintain play parks within the parish. Each playpark is visited on a regular basis by either a local councillor or by the clerk of the council, both have received training in safety of play equipment. Pemberton Road Play Area has recently undergone repairs and refurbishment to some of the play equipment. I know the play area is popular with local families as my own grandchildren love to take granny to the park! Play for young children is a vital part of their learning development and, in these difficult times, families have been able to visit these safe play areas and make the best use of local amenities.

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