

# MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT FOR MAY 2024 - 2025

I would like to begin by thanking Councillor Cecelia Motley and all Munslow Parish Councillors and our clerk, for the time and work that they have put in towards the running of our local council this year. Having recently had the elections, we now have to say goodbye to Councillor Motley and welcome in Dr Colin Stanford as our new Unitary Councillor.

This year seems to have passed very quickly. As a council, we have dealt with a few planning applications, a number of which were regarding the felling or pollarding of trees.

Our closed graveyard is kept tidy with the help of God's Acre, who come in twice a year and also Rob Lane and the Commonwealth Graves Commission. We have been keeping a watchful eye on the trees there, particularly the Ash tree.

A grant from Shropshire Council, which we as a parish match, enables us to contract Dave Lewis, our lengthsman. He clears ditches and cuts back undergrowth on our side roads. We are hoping that he can be authorised to do some maintenance work on the B4368 but we are awaiting Shropshire Council to agree to provide insurance in order for this to be a possibility.

We now have 4 vehicle activated signs through the Parish, funded jointly by the Council precept and West Mercia Police and Crime Commission grant. These signs are managed by a small team of people. Batteries need charging and signs moved from time to time.

Our defibrillator is also maintained, that is, replacing the pads and batteries as needed. This is monitored by our clerk. The blue defibrillator collection box which is at the garage in Aston Munslow, has raised just over £50 this year, a big help towards the cost of maintenance.

A new councillor joined us in October and we welcomed Councillor Richard Arnold. We do still have 1 vacancy to be filled, so if anyone is interested please speak to our clerk, Heather.

You have probably noticed that the day of the week that the Parish Council meets has changed from the first Thursday of the month to the first Wednesday of the month. We try to keep our meetings to no longer than 2 hours.

And finally, a reminder that there is a short public session at the start of our meetings when parishioners can voice their questions on anything providing it is on the Agenda for that month.