

## YOUNG ADVENTURES



HERITAGE WAY PLAY AREA



DECLARED OPEN



When new housing is planned, part of the process includes provision of suitable areas set aside in the estate for young people to enjoy equipment for play, sport or exercise. The money to provide this is held by the Planning Authority until the estate building is nearing completion. Badgers Green estate was begun in 2007 and in 2014 when the houses were mostly occupied or sold, Shropshire Council approached the Parish Council to ask if they wished to take on the project to provide a small suitably equipped play area on Heritage Way and to install suitable equipment for older children or teens on the nearby KGV Playing Field. The Parish Council needed to carry out a consultation and produce a business plan, in order to adopt the area and maintain it in the

future, as well as any equipment provided on the playing field. Councillors decided to adopt the area on the corner of Heritage Way and install equipment suitable for young children, also to provide something for young people on the playing field. Consultations were held for the public at the Village Hall on Saturday, 14th March 2015 and proposals were on display in the foyer for some time. The equipment installation took place at Heritage Way Play Area in August and the official Opening took place on the 30th October 2015 with Matt Norris, the former Estate Site Manager cutting the ribbon. Ray Parry Ltd, the company which successfully tendered for the installation, provided free ice creams. The total cost of the project was £32,232.00, which included special surfacing and fencing.

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The skate ramps installed on the playing field were in urgent need of repair, so refurbishment was carried out in July 2015 at a cost of £3,780. The remainder of the funding from the housing development needed to be spent on the playing field, so members of the Youth Club were invited to attend the July meeting of the Council to express their views, and a meeting was held on the field on the 30th July with members of the Council. They had asked for a purpose built youth shelter and more skate park equipment.

Various companies were invited to tender for these and their plans were presented at Llanymynech Youth Club in October as well as to the full Council. The new half pipe skate ramp and youth shelter installation, to be installed by Play & Leisure Ltd, commenced in January 2016 and the full cost of this project was £34,773.



The Council hold a Reserve to fund the future maintenance of this new play area and the equipment provided on the KGV playing field.

## YOUR COUNCIL AND COUNCILLORS

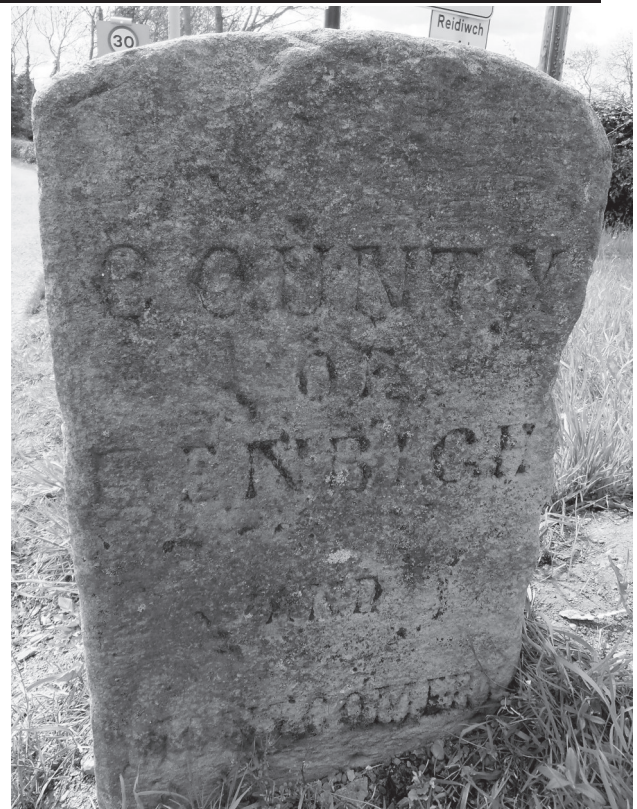
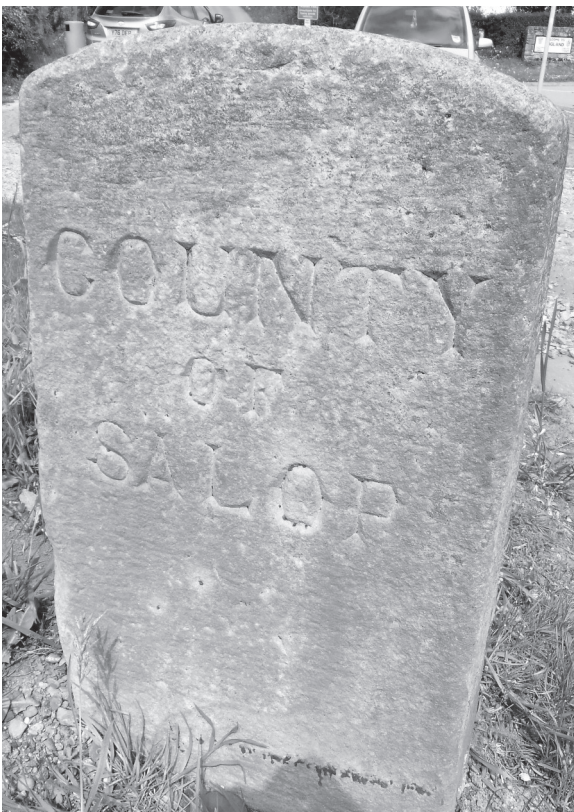
The Chairman is currently Cllr Mrs. Dilys Gaskill. The Councillors are Ken Allcock, Adam Brown, Robin Hitch, Peter McConville, Terry Mason, Mike Melling, Ian Pollitt, Peter Roberts, Barry Robinson and Mrs. Janet Smith. Mrs. Vivien Byrne is the Clerk. The Shropshire Councillor for the area is Cllr Arthur Walpole.



## CROSS BORDER WORKING



Joint meetings were held with Carreghofa Community Council in February and November 2015. Items raised were the state of the surface of the A483, the pedestrian crossing in Llanymynech being ignored by drivers and the need for better lighting of the poles and beacons. The funding of the Village Hall was another matter discussed, as Powys Council are reducing their contribution over the next 3 years. The Joint Burial Committee, which has representatives from both Councils, is currently discussing the need for more burial space in the area.





## PLANNING AND LIGHTING

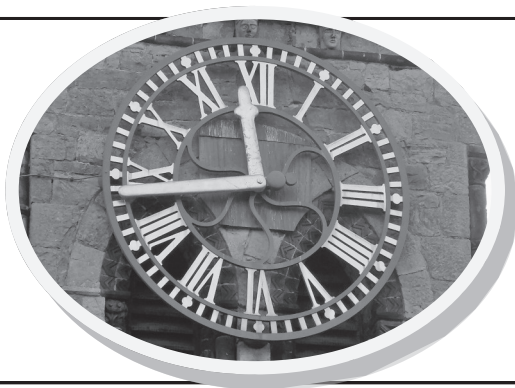
These are two items of importance in any village and the Council endeavour to get their electors' views known on planning and their lighting requests granted.



Planning comments are put on the Shropshire Council planning website. In 2015 comments were made on applications for development of land to the east of Barley Meadows 14/05001, Smelt House 14/05460, land south of Maple House 15/05722, former yard at Stargarreg Lane 15/00542, land adjacent to Rhysnant 15/00717, Lower House Farm 1501557, Lion Hotel 15/02361, Halfways 16/00323.

Currently the Council are trying to install led lighting when a replacement lantern is needed. These lights have very low running costs and are much brighter without the need for replacement bulbs, they can also be solar powered, thereby saving energy. The most recent installation of this type of light was in Rhiew Revel Close, Pant. The Council is still waiting for the pole move in Rectory Lane, Llanymynech which is in the legal department of Scottish Power awaiting the wayleave documents to be finalised.

## MONEY MONEY MONEY



Accounts for the year 2014/15 have been subjected to an internal audit by JDH Business Services and externally audited by Mazars. The Precept for the year amounted to £24,400 this is equivalent to 74p per week for a Band D house. In addition £16,064 was received in Neighbourhood Funds from building development, some of which was used towards items of play equipment and the youth shelter, and £108,216 from the Badgers Green development. Donations were a total of £150 - £50 to the Brownies and Guides and £100 to Llanymynech Village Hall towards their Broadband charges and £82 is paid each year towards maintenance of the village clock on St. Agatha's