



The Pantlan Reporter

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DEFIBRILLATORS



Following a public meeting held in Pant Memorial Hall at the end of 2016 it was agreed to support the village's efforts to place 3 defibrillators in sites at Pant and Llanymynech. A whole variety of fund raising events began, donations were received, collecting tins filled with loose change in the shop and a grant applied for from the Co-op Community Fund, by October the fund had swelled to over



£4,000. The two machines were installed in Pant, one outside the shop and the second at the Cross Guns Pub. Eventually the total money raised was £5,127 and this enabled the third machine to be installed at Llanymynech Village Hall. Training in the use of the machines has been organised for April in Pant and later in the year at Llanymynech.

ROADS, TRAFFIC AND REPAIRS



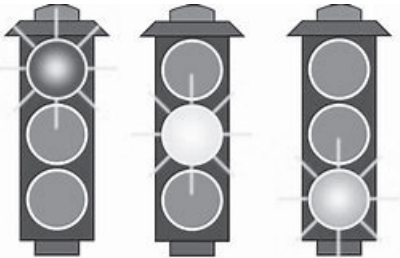
In March 2017 John Hayes MP, Minister for Transport visited with Owen Paterson MP then we learnt that Keir Highways would be undertaking improvement work on the A483 in April, sorting out lighting problems, emptying gullies, trimming trees, edging verges and replacing white lines; this over a period of a week. Then they would be returning later in the year to undertake resurfacing. The major works were planned to begin in July with overnight closures, allowing work from 7pm to 7am for a period of 10 weeks. At the same time road closures were planned for the A495 and the A5.



The road works caused considerable disruption for the villages, not the least of which was the lack of understanding which had not been anticipated. The highways work force were familiar with working on motorways, with well managed road closures and diversions. They were totally unfamiliar with a work site in the middle of a well populated village where residents had to use the only main road day and night. Similarly, residents weren't aware that the workers did not know the area, could not advise about diversions and were disbelieving that so many people needed to drive through their work site. The Council had to hold a number of meetings with the Contractors (Kier Highways) to share information, maps and arrange special resident passes. The work was finished before time and the road returned to normal by the end of September.

ROADS, TRAFFIC AND REPAIRS [continued!]

The beginning of 2018 brought information of more road disruption and warnings of major works on the A483. The zebra crossing in Llanymynech was to be converted to a light controlled pelican crossing, so the installation has required 4 way controlled traffic lights. This caused considerable tail backs through the village, but will be worthwhile when the crossing is completed and much safer for pedestrians to cross the busy road.



Unfortunately the new grids on the A483 from Llyncllys to Sweeney have not stood up to the amount of traffic and in one case the collapse caused an accident. This has resulted in each grid being repaired and traffic lights used to control the traffic flow. In addition the major work of refiguring the Maesbury Road junction over 4 months from February to June required yet more traffic lights. Although causing disruption, the work is welcomed after a 20 year campaign to get this dangerous junction improved.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF LIGHT



Last year we reported we were still waiting for a pole move in Rectory Lane, Llanymynech, which had been delayed for two years awaiting a signature on a wayleave document. The Council decided to install their own pole with a solar powered led light, which did not require a connection or a wayleave to be signed. Eventually all the Council's street lights will be converted to LEDs, which save energy.

Photo shows old pole to left and new LED/solar light in centre.

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, Ian Pollitt, Peter Roberts, Barry Robinson, Janet Smith and Mark Vickers. Vivien Byrne is the Clerk. The Shropshire Councillor for the area is Cllr Matt Lee.

The Council works jointly with Carreghofa Community Council and joint meetings were held July and March. Subjects progressed were the pelican crossing, Montgomeryshire Village Award, a joint Planning Group and the lighting of a beacon for the Centenary of the end of WW1.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS AND PLANNING



Shropshire Rural Housing Association carried out the development of 6 houses on Rectory Lane, Llanymynech working closely with the Parish Council. Work began in October 2016 and the homes were completed in June 2017. The Official Opening [pictured left] was held on 26.10.17, attended by SRHA Chairman, Steve Price and Board Members, Chairman, Mrs. Dilys Gaskill and Councillors of Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council, Shropshire Council and residents and was followed by refreshments in the Village Hall. The very high standard of the build and the excellent design details were commented on by the Council.

Barley Meadows extension development commenced in 2017 and the site has been called Meadowdale, this will consist of 35 houses.

The Badgers Green / Heritage Way development is still awaiting formal adoption of the highways and lighting. The Parish Council continues to vigorously progress this matter, as it causes so many difficulties for the property owners and residents.

Shropshire Council is currently undertaking a planning Review, which is a statutory responsibility as part of their role as the Planning Authority. They have recently issued an update on the progress of the Review. They had 650 responses to the consultation and these are being reviewed. A summary and update of the overall timeframe is to be considered by their Cabinet in April.

MONEY MONEY MONEY

Accounts for the year 2016/17 have been subjected to an internal audit by JDH Business Services and externally audited by Mazars. The Precept for the year amounted to £24,700 this is equivalent to 74p per week for a Band D house. £50 donation was made to Marie Curie Nurses. £82 is paid each year towards maintenance of the village clock on St. Agatha's Church.