

Acton Burnell, Pitchford, Frodesley, ruckley, Langley Parish Council

Tuesday 8th Sept 2026

Shrops Cllr Report

Parish issues

Shrops Chief Exec visit

I managed to get the new Shrops Chief Exec Tanya Miles to visit the Burnell Division last Friday. She's trying to get out of the office and see Shropshire villages for herself. During our brief tour she came through Acton Burnell twice, and also Pitchford (where we discussed the future of the village hall), Frodesley (where we talked the need for an obligation on utility companies to repair utility trenches), Buckley and Langley. Our main stop was at Concord where Principal and Bursar gave the CEO a speedy tour of the site. Tanya had little idea of Concord's success and I thought this was the best way to prompt her interest in the area. We also ofc noted state of roads and potholes.

19/20th Sept Rally

As stated I've supported the Rally where local Parish Councils have welcomed it, and indeed tried to help with road quality issues eg descent from Broome/Chatwall towards Longnor. I've supplied contact details for the Rally to Carmen and Anna should they need.

I understand the Rally has been delivering guidance and road passes along their 'closed section' routes, so that residents can get in and out on the day (access to closed sections is restricted from 530am to 8pm - or 10pm - on the main race day, 20th Sept) - and I trust that everyone along the routes is being approached to explain arrangements.

I should say I have had several farmers contact me, primarily with farms bisected by, or very close to the 'closed route' - where normal speed limits do not apply - very concerned about the impact on their daily business and indeed livestock (where applicable). These include farms by Acton Pigott, Abdon, Wilderley. I've encouraged them to flag concerns to the Rally organisers; one farmer I know is demanding a 30mph section through the farm.

Potholes

I continue to report potholes on FMS when I can. Most recently holes just north of Pitchford. However I have little success. But I have invited Cabinet Member for Highways (aka Potholes) Cllr Vasmwer to our next meet as requested.

Other Burnell issues

Church Preen Hughley Kenley

Volunteer Road Warden Scheme still continuing to clear drains and gullies, planning to have checked all their 32km of roads before the winter. (And btw did you know Katy Tanner at Church Preen Manor is Shropshire's new High Sheriff?)

Pulverbatch

Major problems with oversize trucks heading for Habberley farms getting stuck on junctions either in Castle Pulverbatch or Wrentnall, damaging resident walls and road surface. Highways officers involved.

Also significant concern about Rally there, which Parish has unanimously opposed since February.

Leebotwood and Longnor

Pressure continues for a pedestrian crossing as at Dorrington. Ideally National Highways and Shrops Council to collaborate on this. Also ongoing concerned about road safety past school in Longnor, which few pavements and blind corners. Highways visiting to consider shortly.

Other Shropshire Council

In my role as Finance and Improvement Scrutiny Chair, I asked for items as follows to come forward for Member scrutiny at our 7th Sept meet (yesterday). Residents can ofc raise 'Public Questions' at these meetings, if submitted by appropriate deadline:

1. Chartered Institute of Public Finance report into reasons behind the Council's inherited difficult financial position, with recommendations going forward
2. Future options for Cornovii, the Council's wholly-owned housing developer
3. Finance and Improvement Performance during Quarter One
4. Council Assets, what the Council owns and plans for disposals to help finance ongoing deficits.