

NEW COUNCILLOR TRAINING

Each applicant for a vacancy is initially sent a copy of our Code of Conduct and the booklet 'All About Local Councils' together with the handouts 'The Skills needed by a Councillor' and 'A Profile of a Parish Councillor' (taken from Module 1 Councillor Introduction Training Pack/2011 revision)

At the first meeting after election a new Councillor is required to sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office before they can take office and are given the following paperwork:-

1. Form to be completed and returned to Shropshire Council Monitoring Officer re Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
2. Council's Financial Regulations.
3. Council's Standing Orders.
4. Council's Statement of Internal Control.
5. Council's Yearly Action Plan
6. Handout – 'Contribution to an Effective Meeting Checklist' (from Module 3 Councillor Introduction Training Pack/2011 Revision)

The Parish Council acknowledges that it is particularly important to offer adequate training to new councillors by way of identifying training needs and providing sufficient resources for such training.

New Councillors are encouraged to attend training courses undertaken by The Shropshire Association of Councils – initially and most importantly 'Fundamentals for New Councillors' plus others as appropriate for their development.

It is pointed out that the results of training will enhance performance, widened skills and experience, provide opportunity to network, provide skills to confront challenges and help raise the standards of the Parish Council.