

NEW COUNCILLOR TRAINING.

At the first meeting after Election a new Councillor is required to sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office before they can take office.

They are then given the document 'Introduction to Your Council' to help through the early stages of working with council colleagues and the clerk, and also given copies of the following paperwork:-

1. Form to be completed and returned to Shropshire Council Monitoring Officer re Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
2. Council's Code of Conduct.
3. Council's Financial Regulations
4. Council's Standing Orders
5. Council's Statement of Internal Control
6. Council's Yearly Action Plan
7. Budget for the current year.

The clerk will spend time with a new councillor going through the above documentation to clarify queries on any items.

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 (S.A.L.C.) – 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 standard of the Parish Council.