

Wrekin Area Committee Representative Report for Hollinswood and Randlay
Parish Council
2019-2021

For the last 2 years, our Chairman and I were the HARPC representatives on the Wrekin Area Committee and this is the report of activities.

The Wrekin Area Committee (WAC) is the parish and town council borough representative committee of The Shropshire association of Local councils (SALC). It gives a voice to the issues that matter to Telford and Wrekin parish and town councils in Shropshire and nationally.

WAC is now acknowledged as a useful communication channel and representation of Telford and Wrekin Parish and town councils stands at 97%

The pandemic has caused the WAC to move to the use of virtual meetings. By and large, this move has been positive as attendances have increased with more councillors contributing and bringing ideas and thoughts to each meeting. Despite this, it is still annoying when you discover that you have left your microphone muted when you have been making an “ important” contribution to the meeting !

Regular subjects discussed in the last year include:

Climate Change, Patients First and of course, Future Fit, Street Champions and Snow wardens, Ward walks (or the lack of them) and of course recovery from Covid- 19 lockdowns

As well as regular reports from Cabinet members, WAC is now scheduling regular meetings with T and W to discuss topics of interest for member councils Amongst them:

Urban and Rural Transport, Planning & Development, the Parish Charter and partnership

Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council have, in the last year, been able to further our priorities by using WAC to address the antisocial and climatic effects of uncontrolled firework use on a national scale. This opportunity is always available to us if we need an external support network to act on our strategies in future

I am pleased to note that Katrina Baker, our clerk has again worked extremely well to ensure that the committee continues to be relevant and efficiently run throughout the year despite the enormous difficulties that this year has presented.

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