



SHROPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Division: Highley, Billingsley, Middleton Scriven, Glazeley & Deuxhill

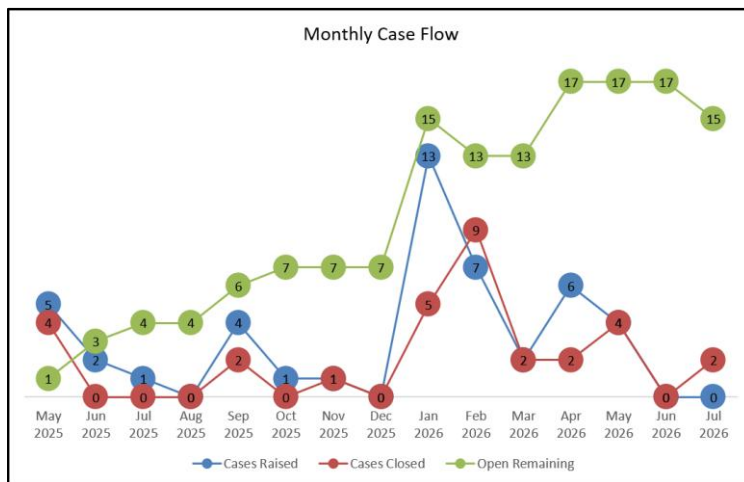
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY - JUNE 2026

June focused on progressing open casework rather than adding new issues. The main work has been highways follow-up, road signage, Hitchen's Way, planning enforcement monitoring, public rights of way and drainage/utility matters.

Key updates include the Nethernton Lane / Bynd Lane ford, Ashley Gardens 20mph concerns, replacement road signs, the Cape of Good Hope resolution, and further work on Hitchen's Way Road adoption and First Point.

I also chaired the Audit & Governance Committee in June.

My casework tracker records 46 items: 31 closed and 15 open or under monitoring.



1. MEETINGS AND ACTIVITY THIS MONTH

Date	Meeting / Activity	Purpose / Notes
2 June 2026	Highley Parish Council Planning Meeting	Parish planning matters.
2 June 2026	Highley Parish Council Full Council Meeting	Full Parish Council meeting.
9 June 2026	Audit and Governance Chair and Vice-Chair Pre-Meeting	Chair/Vice-Chair preparation.
9 June 2026	Strategic Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme Session	Overview and Scrutiny work programme.
11 June 2026	Audit Committee Training	Training for Audit & Governance Chair role.
11 June 2026	Opposition Party Meeting with Andy Wilde, Service Director Infrastructure	Infrastructure issues and service discussion.
12 June 2026	Local Government Inform Briefing	Local government briefing.
25 June 2026	Audit and Governance Committee	Formal committee meeting.

2. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Date	Meeting / Activity	Purpose / Notes
7 July 2026	Planning Meeting	Parish planning matters.
7 July 2026	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council meeting at Halo Severn Centre.
15 July 2026	Audit & Governance Committee	Formal committee meeting.
16 July 2026	Council Meeting	Full Council meeting at The Guildhall, Shrewsbury.
September 2026	Hitchen's Way Residents' Meeting	To discuss support for a residents' association.



3. HIGHLEY PARISH: HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY

Transport and Buses

There has been no new major bus casework to report this month.

20mph Zone and Ashley Gardens

I reviewed residents' concerns about vehicles ignoring the reduced speed limit around Ashley Gardens and the area near Highley Primary School.

Speed bumps were considered with Highways, but the number of side road junctions and dropped kerbs means there is no practical location for them. A speed camera is not viable immediately, so this case is closed for now and will be reviewed again during next year's budget considerations.

Road Signage

The outstanding road signs for Coronation Street, Vicarage Lane and Arley View Close remain open. I asked Andy Keyland for an update last Friday; he will check progress on the order. I will pursue this again when the Highways Technician returns from annual leave.

4. HIGHLEY PARISH: PLANNING, ENFORCEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT MONITORING

Silverwoods

Silverwoods remains open for monitoring with myself and Planning Enforcement for any breach of planning orders, including issues linked to construction activity, vehicle movements or further development proposals.

Malt Shovel Development

The Malt Shovel also remains under Planning Enforcement monitoring. I will follow up if further activity appears to need permission or raises compliance concerns.

6. HIGHLEY PARISH: ENVIRONMENT, DRAINAGE AND UTILITIES

Kinlet View and Netherfield Sewage Odour

This remains open for monitoring. There have been no recent resident reports, but I will continue to monitor it through the warmer summer months.

Community Skip and Fly-tipping

The request for regular community skip provision remains open, although the Council's financial position may make this difficult. Residents should continue reporting fly-tipping through Fix My Street so issues are logged, visible and tracked for clearance.

7. HIGHLEY PARISH: HITCHEN'S WAY

Hitchen's Way Road Adoption

Taylor Wimpey, through its solicitors, has sent plans to Severn Trent for review ahead of a site visit linked to the adoption process. Severn Trent has advised that the plans are insufficient, so further information is still needed from Taylor Wimpey.

Taylor Wimpey remains slow to respond, so I am continuing to chase directly. I also checked whether Shropshire Council could supply the plans, but the Council's systems only hold information for adopted roads or land under its responsibility, so there is nothing available yet for Hitchen's Way.

Hitchen's Way First Point

I have arranged a residents' meeting in September to test whether there is enough support to establish a formal residents' association.

This matters because 75% resident support would be needed to renegotiate the First Point contract, address ongoing concerns, and, if necessary, consider replacing the supplier.



8. CROSS-PARISH AND WIDER DIVISION ISSUES

Bynd Lane to Netherton Lane Ford

The ford remains a significant highways issue. The road either side has deteriorated badly, and not all senior officers have seen the site in person. I need to arrange a full meeting with senior directors so the severity is properly understood and the matter can move forward.

Ford Depth Gauge

The missing depth gauge remains open but is being progressed. Installation was booked for 12 June, and I am checking when this will be completed.

9. BILLINGSLEY, DEUXHILL, GLAZELEY & MIDDLETON SCRIVEN: LOCAL ISSUES

Cape of Good Hope, Billingsley

This case is now closed following much action by Billingsley Parish Councillor Simon Summerby-Bent. It is a positive outcome for residents and removes long-running safety concerns for adjacent residents.

B4363 Speed Limit and Glazeley Speed Sign Concerns

BILLINGSLEY, DEUXHILL, GLAZELEY & MIDDLETON SCRIVEN Parish Council (BDGM) has raised concerns about the B4363 speed limit and associated signage around Ash Croft, Glazeley.

I have spoken with Highways. My next action is to arrange a meeting with Traffic Management to raise the request and understand the assessment process for any speed limit or signage change.

Glazeley Footbridge at Borle Brook

BDGM has requested repair and reinstatement of the Borle Brook footbridge. Tim Symonds is dealing with the bridge, alongside Brian Hickson, South Shropshire Rights of Way Officer. I need to follow up with them for the latest position.

10. ACTION LOG / LOOKING AHEAD

Issue	Next action	Owner / follow-up
Netherton Lane / Bynd Lane ford	Arrange senior officer meeting so the road degradation is properly understood and progressed.	Sharon to arrange.
Ford depth gauge	Confirm whether installation has been completed.	Follow up with Highways.
Coronation Street, Vicarage Lane and Arley View Close signs	Chase the sign order once the Highways Technician returns.	Andy Keyland / Highways.
Hitchen's Way road adoption	Keep pressing Taylor Wimpey for the correct plans for Severn Trent review.	Sharon / Taylor Wimpey.
Hitchen's Way First Point	Prepare for the September residents' meeting on forming a residents' association.	Sharon.
B4363 / Glazeley signage	Arrange Traffic Management meeting on speed limit and signage request.	Sharon to arrange.
Glazeley Footbridge	Follow up with Tim Symonds and Brian Hickson on progress.	Sharon to chase.
Silverwoods	Continue Planning Enforcement monitoring.	Ongoing monitoring.
Malt Shovel	Continue Planning Enforcement monitoring.	Ongoing monitoring.
Audit & Governance Committee	Continue Chair responsibilities.	Ongoing council role.

My focus remains on keeping local issues moving, following up delays, and giving residents clear updates on what can and cannot be progressed.

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Next resident councillor clinic: Wednesday 8 July 2026, 6.00pm-7.30pm, Severn Centre, Highley.

Residents from both parish areas are welcome to contact me about local issues, council services, highways, planning concerns, community safety, environmental matters or any issue where help is needed to identify the right route through Shropshire Council.