

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 13TH.
2011 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

There were no members of the public present.

Present:

Mrs. J. Manley (Chairman)
Mrs. S. Dove
Mr. R. Bailey
Mr. D. Baldwin
Mrs. F. Medley
Mr. R. Pinches
Mr. R. Rathbone
Mr. A. Brown
Mr. D. Roberts
Mr. J. Kennedy

In Attendance:

Sqdn. Ldr. J. Martin and Flt. Lt. Byne (RAF Shawbury).
The Parish Clerk.

11/179 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs. T. Howells, Mrs. G. Matthews and Shropshire Councillor Mr. S. Jones.

11/180 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

A declaration of interest was made by Mr. Bailey for Agenda Item 6.

11/181 Minutes of Meeting held on November 8th. 2011

The minutes of the meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record after the inclusion of the following under 11/169(c) – *'A charge of £30 would be made for the burial of ashes'*.

11/182 Matters Arising:

(a) Highways.(11/172(b))

Mr. Bailey reported that he had spoken to the person who had parked the car on the bridleway off Poynton Road and the problem had been resolved.

(b) Skate boarding event (11/160(d))

Mrs. Howells had spoken to some of the young people who were likely to attend the event and they had agreed to try and raise some funds. Members agreed to her suggestion that a few of them should be invited to attend a Council meeting and it was suggested that the February meeting would be a suitable date. Clerk to confirm details with Mrs. Howells.

Miriam Turner had agreed that some time during the Easter holidays would be a suitable date and was hoping to get some finance from the Youth Project.

(c) Diamond Jubilee Celebrations (11/167)

The Chairman gave an update on developments and asked for support from Members on the day.

(d) Car Park (11/160 (f)).

It was agreed that Enterprise had carried out an excellent job on the car park and that it looked much better.

(e) CCTV (11/160 (g))

Members accepted an estimate of £475.00 (+VAT) for the annual call out and labour maintenance costs of the CCTV system

(f) Parish Plan (11/160 (h))

An updated version of the Parish Plan had been compiled by Mr. Brown, following a meeting of the Parish Plan Committee. He was in the process of producing an article for the Parish Magazine which would highlight the achievements to date; the issues still to be actioned and asking for suggestions for new items for inclusion. The Chairman asked Members to read through the updated plan and to pass comments to the Clerk, who would discuss them with Mr. Brown.

(g) Drop in Centre

Mrs. Medley reported that this was proving popular and between seventeen and twenty four people attended each week, which meant that it was making a profit. Everyone seemed to enjoy the session and this was confirmed by Members who had visited. It was agreed to look at ways in which those who were housebound or had difficulty in accessing the village hall could be given an opportunity to attend.

(h) Glebe (11/160(c))

(a) Report from Advisory Group meeting.

Mr. Bailey had produced a detailed report of the meeting, with a list of recommendations. These were approved by Members, although it was noted that little could be done until the lease had been signed. He agreed to meet with members of the Moat Committee to discuss a combined access gate from the Recreation Ground.

(b) Update on activities.

It was reported that the grass had been cut and that Mr. Pinches had made a start on clearing the ditch. Having cut the grass it was noted that there was a considerable amount of debris across the whole area. A litter pick had been arranged for January 7th. and members of the public were being asked to help clear the area. This was being advertised in the Parish Newsletter.

(c) Lease.

A copy of the proposed lease had been circulated to Members for consideration and the Council's solicitor had asked for responses. A map had not been attached, which prevented detailed responses. Clerk was asked to secure a copy.

There was concern over the stated need for a 20 foot wide pathway on to the site and Members needed details of the rights of Severn Trent to have access. Clerk was also asked to approach the Highways Department to identify the owner of the access road between No's 64 and 65 The Glebelands.

11/183 Correspondence.

The following correspondence was considered:

1. Shropshire Council – Street Cleaning survey. Mr. Roberts offered to complete the questionnaire.
2. ALC – Minutes of North Shropshire Area Committee Meeting.
3. Email from Councillor Simon Jones re traffic lights, possible crossing and Church Street pavement.

4. Martin Bennett (Shropshire Council) report of meeting held on 31st. October.

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5. Request from Elephant & Castle Public House for a grant towards the Christmas Function for the Parish. Chairman approved payment of £50.00. Members approved the action taken.

6. Shropshire Council – Governance and Localism Act 2011.

11/184 Accounts for Payment:

Mr .J. Wilson	Salary (Dec.)	£428.97
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (November)	£137.89
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (Dec.)	£107.53
Mr. T. Creber	Village work (Dec.)	£417.00
Mr. R. Bailey	Grass cutting – Erdington Close Play Area	£50.00
	Materials for blocking hedge exit (Poynton Rd.)	£100.20
NWP Electrical	Streetlight maintenance (Nov.) and repairs to Light 98 Hazeldine Cresc.	£544.00
NMP Electrical	Locating and repairing car park cable	£1,027.20
Mr. A. Brown	Moat expenses Oct. 2 nd . to November 14 th .	£54.60
Scottish Power	Power costs (October)	£268.60
Shropshire Council	Printing questionnaires	£134.40
Elephant and Castle P.H.	Grant for Community Christmas event	£50.00
St. John Ambulance	Attendance at Firework event	£60.00
O.R.P.	Assessing and repairing camera	£384.00
O.R.P.	Annual maintenance contract	£570.00
Staples	Toner cartridge/office supplies	£161.62
Graphic Office Systems	Replacement toner cartridge	£121.07
Mr. H. Humphries	Japanese knot weed control	£100.00

11/185 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

11/186 Budget and precept setting.

The Clerk presented a detailed budget for 2012 -2013 and after two minor adjustments this was approved.

The precept for the next year was set at £42,000.00 – no increase on the current year’s figure.

11/187 Delivering Local Priorities through Partnership Working.

Members considered in detail the report of the public meeting: the information from the returned questionnaires and an email from Adrian Cooper (Shropshire Council’s Planning Department).

It was noted that:

- (a) The combined figures indicated that those wishing to see further development and those not wanting any were virtually the same.

It was proposed that the Parish Council should confirm its decision to become a ‘hub’ and this was carried by eight votes to one with one abstention.

- (b) There was a majority in favour of limiting development over the fifteen year planning period to a maximum of fifty properties.

After due consideration a proposal to support this was confirmed by eight votes to one.

- (c) The majority of respondents wished to see development limited to within the current planning boundary.

- (d) The most popular areas suggested for possible development were on land between White Lodge and Park House and between Erdington Close and St. Mary's School
- (e) The most popular development projects suggested were (a) Vehicle operated speed controls (b) Additional facilities for young people (c) New sports facilities.

No decisions were taken over d & e but the Chairman asked Members to complete the questionnaire sent out by Shropshire Council and return these to the Clerk to enable him to formulate a response.

11/188 The Youth Pod and remaining hedge in Poynton Road.

After detailed discussion about the state of the pod it was agreed that the current unit was no longer fit for purpose and that the debris and broken glass in the area posed a health and safety threat to other users of the Recreation Ground, particularly young children.

A proposal that the pod should be removed and the site cleared was put to a vote carries by eight votes to one with one abstention.

Mr. Bailey advised Members that Jarvis Metals from Shrewsbury would remove the pod at no cost to the Council and would probably pay for the scrap metal. He offered to meet them on site and make good the area once the pod had gone. Clerk was asked to contact the company.

It was further agreed that some slabs should be left on site and that, at a later date, a seat would be placed there.

11/189 Recreation Ground Sign.

It was agreed that the erection of a sign with wording similar to '*Shawbury Recreation Ground*' should be placed at the White Lodge Park end of the Recreation Ground. Clerk was asked to contact the Diocese for approval.

11/190 Bridgeway Open Space - Shrubbery.

Mr. Bailey reported that the small shrubbery was in a very poor state and it was agreed to spend up to £100.00 on new shrubs. Mr. Bailey's offer to carry out the work was gratefully accepted.

11/191 Accommodation for Council Meetings.

It appeared that no suitable alternative accommodation was available and it was decided to take no further action, even though the current room was rather small. It was agreed to look at a better room layout, which could improve matters.

11/192 Broadband Provision.

Mr. Bailey queried the possibility of getting a quote for bringing a broad band connection into the hall, to allow the camera to be connected to it. Mr. Rathbone stated that the Community Council was planning to start computer courses in the New Year and it might be worthwhile contacting them to see what arrangements they were making. Clerk to action.

11/193 Burial Ground

- (a) Quotation for planting boundary hedge.

Members considered the two quotations they had received for planting a beech hedge round the burial ground and accepted the one from Mr. C. Pearce of Wem for £445.00.

Maintenance work.

Mr. Bailey, Mr. Roberts and the Chairman had carried out the necessary levelling work. Mr. Bailey stated that he would arrange to re-seed the area in the spring.

(b) Layout of new area.

The Vicar had asked for a burial plan for the new part of the burial ground and it was agreed to do this at the next meeting in conjunction with deciding the type and placement of the new paths.

11/194 Exchange of Information(a) Agenda Items for the next meeting:

(b) Car Park on Playing Field

(b) Issues needing urgent attention:(1) Highways:

(i) Pot hole at the entrance to White Lodge Park

(ii) Need for an obelisk or double white lines on the A53 at the entrance to Mytton Estate in an effort to curb traffic speeding and overtaking between Wytheford Road and Edgbolton.

(iii) Mr. Bailey reported that the direction sign to Poynton and the car park had not been moved as promised.

(2) Streetlights:No issues raised.(3) Other

Still problems with waste bins outside the Co-op shop. Mrs. Medley agreed to investigate.

11/195 Other Information:**11/196 Reports from:****(a) Police:**

A written report had been received indicating that since the last meeting the following offences had been recorded:

Assault - 3; Theft – 1; Burglary – 1; Nuisance/malicious communication -1.

(b) Youth

No report tabled

(c) RAF Shawbury

Sqdn. Ldr. Martin introduced Flt. Lt. Nicholas Byne who was replacing him as a representative from the RAF station and reported that: the base would be shut down from Friday 16th. December to Tuesday 3rd. January.

Clerk reported that Sqdn Ldr. Hope had informed him that the RAF was paying the bill for the lunches provided when Councillors visited the base. He had thanked Neil for the kind gesture.

Shropshire Council:

No report tabled.

11/197 Planning Applications:A. The following applications was considered at the meeting:

1. Jayroc Stables – amendments to proposed development. Members raised no further objections but wished it to be noted that the overall development had been obtained by ‘stealth’.

C. The following applications had been approved:

Euranti, Edgbolton – erection of a single storey extension.

Hangar Workshop, Painsbrook Lane - .

11/198 Committee Reports:**(1) Moat Committee:**

- (a) Mr. Brown reported that the clearance of the wet willow area had started.
- (b) Referring to the Committee meeting minutes that had been circulated, Mr. Bailey asked when the warning signs were to be erected as he had noted that some committee members had objected to the number of signs. Mr. Brown said the problem relating to the number had been resolved and Mr. Roberts stated that he had ordered the wood and would be collecting it later in the week. Erecting the posts could pose a problem as there was limited volunteer labour available. It was suggested that the Committee employed a contractor to do the work

2. United Charities:

Mrs. Medley gave a detailed report indicating:

- (a) When the current rent income was received the balance in the account would be £2,700.
- (b) It had been decided to make the following grants
- Two of £40.00 to the family of a student going on a school history trip.
 - £500 to a student going to University for the purchase of an iPad
 - £25.00 to three elderly parishioners.
 - £50.00 Christmas food parcels to seven or eight families in need.
 - £50.00 to Scouts and Guides Committee for their seniors Christmas party.
 - £50.00 to Day Centre for their Christmas party.

11/199 Press Matters:

No issues to report.

11/200 Date and Time of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on January 10th. at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed J. Manley (Chairman) Date January 10th. 2012