

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAWBURY
PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 28TH. 2012 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

There were no members of the public present and no issues were raised.

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

Mrs. G. Matthews

Mrs. T. Howells

In Attendance:

Mr. A. Cooper, Mr. L. Cowden and Ms. C. Cox (Shropshire Council).

Mr. S. Jones (Shropshire Councillor).

Ms. S. Thomas (Shropshire Council – Regeneration Officer)

The Parish Clerk.

11/218 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr. J. Kennedy

11/219 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

No interests were declared.

11/220 Planning Proposals:

The Chairman welcomed the representatives from Shropshire Council and advised Members they were in attendance to outline the developments being proposed for Shawbury in the new planning document covering the next fifteen years. This was to enable Members to have sight of the proposals before they were issued for public consultation in the next few days.

(a) **Housing Development:**

Mr. Adrian Cooper reminded Members that they had opted for Shawbury Parish to be a hub and following public consultation had indicated that they wished to see a maximum of fifty properties constructed in the period to 2026.

Shropshire Council had received numerous offers of land for potential development and all had been considered in detail. There were a number of key development constraints, including the needs of the RAF station; flood risk in areas to the east of the village; potential adverse impacts on the Shawbury Moat Scheduled Ancient Monument and the landscape quality and wildlife

value of areas which lie adjacent to the River Roden. Key infrastructure issues included the need for an upgrade of the sewerage system and the provision of sports facilities.

Taking account of all these issues, it was being proposed to make a single allocation on the South West side of the village on land to the rear of Brickyard Farm, which would provide modest growth in a location close to the village centre and to the site of the combined primary school.

Commercial Development:

Liam Cowden and Claire Cox informed Members that they had been approached by a local company – ‘Built off Site’ which was located just outside Shrewsbury – who were seeking a suitable site which would enable them to extend their business. They anticipated a 100% growth with a greatly increased workforce over the next few years. Shropshire Council was keen to keep the Company within the County and a number of sites had been visited.

The Company wanted to locate to an area where they could retain their current workforce and were reluctant to move to Market Drayton and suitable sites could not be found in Shrewsbury.

In the end the logical solution seemed to allow expansion on a site close to the present business and a large, flat, Greenfield site between the A53 and Shawbury Industrial Estate had been identified as an ideal location.

It was felt that the development of the business would enhance the prospects of local employment and the offer of apprenticeships, together with improving the economic status of local businesses in and near to Shawbury.

All three representatives answered a range of questions posed by Members but were keen to stress that these were only proposed developments and currently this was simply an information giving session. The Parish Council and Members of the public would be given time and opportunity to debate the suggested plans and make representation to Shropshire Council.

It was suggested that the three representatives should attend the Annual Parish Meeting on May 23rd and arrange for any potential developer to be there too. This was a public meeting and would give everyone a chance to look more closely at the plans and pose more detailed questions.

This was agreed by everyone.

Closing the meeting, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance at what had proven to be an interesting and informative evening.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed J. Manley (Chairman)

Date March 13th. 2012