

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>. 2014  
at 7.00pm.**

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**Public Session:**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

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**Present:**

Mr. D. Roberts (Chairman)

Mrs. J. Manley

Ms S. McIntosh

Mr. R. Pinches

Mrs. G. Matthews

Mr. A. Foster

Mr. J. Kennedy

Mrs. F. Medley

Mr. P. Sharp

Mrs. M. Clarke

**In Attendance:**

Mr. S. Jones (Shropshire Councillor).

The Parish Clerk.

**13/152 Apologies:**

Apologies were presented and accepted from Mrs. T. Howells and Flt. Lt. Hobkirk (RAF Shawbury).

**13/153 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:**

There were no interests declared.

**13/154 Minutes of Meeting held on December 10<sup>th</sup>. 2013:**

The minutes of the meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**13/155 Matters Arising:****(a)Highways (13/138(a))**

A detailed response had been received from the Highways Department outlining the action planned to carry out the necessary repairs etc. that had been reported to them. It was noted that none of these had been completed.

**(b) Burial Ground (13/138(b))**

A quotation of £473.00 had been received from Mr. Richard Bailey for the completion of an area for burying cremated ashes. The Chairman reported that he had agreed to this, to allow Richard to make a prompt start if there was any decent weather. Members approved his decision.

It was noted that Richard Bailey had re-planted the beech hedging round the boundary

**(c) Glebe Area (13/145)**

Clerk reported that Richard Bailey, with the support of volunteers, had removed the barbed wire and associated fencing and he had made contact with John Hughes at the Wild Life Trust regarding a project

to build and erect bird nesting boxes. This was planned to take place during the school half term holiday.

Eight seats had been delivered and were being constructed and put in place.

(d) Replacement Street Light:

Clerk reported that NWP had started to replace a streetlight in Poynton Road because the old one had been condemned but although the new post had been put in place, the work had not been completed when they gave up the maintenance contract.

EON had now agreed to complete the work and would be liaising with Scottish Power regarding the reconnection. The cost of the remaining work would be £924.00(+VAT). This was a good deal cheaper than the original quote as NWP had not charged for the supply and erection of the new post. The greatest part of the cost was the fee charged by Scottish Power for re-connection.

(e) Parish Fun Day

It was noted that this had been planned for June 28<sup>th</sup>.

(f) Angling Club:

Clerk reported that had not had further information from Mr. Dove regarding the transfer of funds to the Parish Council. He would contact him again to see if any progress had been made.

**13/156 Correspondence:**

Members considered the following correspondence received by the Clerk:

Alison Tudor – Shropshire Rural Hub Newsletter.

Tony McGregor – Moat Committee Minutes.

Outdoor Recreation – Shaping Your Outdoors.

ALC – West Mercia PCC's Newsletter.

ALC – Information Bulletins December 13<sup>th</sup>. and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Richard Bailey – Vandalism to Jubilee Tree and the Floral Gateway on the car park.

*Both had been reported to the police.*

Adrian Gough - CCTV Maintenance etc.

*Chairman and Clerk had attended a meeting at Shirehall but little headway had been made with having a joint approach to maintenance contracts, etc. There was money available from the West Mercia Constabulary for projects that 'contribute to securing crime and disorder reduction.' It was agreed to put a bid in for a grant towards the maintenance and insurance costs for the CCTV Camera. Clerk to action.*

Patrick Cosgrove – Broadband support.

Anna McCoy – Property protection assessment.

Richard Bailey – various.

**3/157Accounts for Payment:**

It was resolved to pay the following invoices:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (January)	£538.86
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (December)	£62.78
Inland Revenue	Tax/N.I (January)	£173.05
Mr. T. Creber	Village work (January)	£417.00
Mr. R. Bailey	Routine mowing, maintenance and inspections	£333.00
	Beech hedging/compost for burial ground	£43.95
	Repairs to ply area equipment	£22.00

Mr. R. Bailey	Materials for fixing Glebe lottery signs & benches	£74.68
Centrewire	Seats for the Glebe area	£938.40
Shawbury Village Hall	Costs related to CCTV	£200.00
Shawbury Village Hall	Rent charges 2013	£210.30
EON	Light repair (Beech Grove)	£37.20

**13/158 A Financial Statement was tabled and approved.**

**13/159 Exchange of Information:**

(a) Items for inclusion on the next agenda:

Grants to charitable organisations.

(b) The following concerns were reported:

(i) Highways:

*(a) Flooding and blocked drains on Wem Road between the entrance gates to RAF Shawbury and the married quarters. Mr. Jones agreed to report this to the Highways Department.*

*(b) 40mph sign on the A53 at Edgebolton damaged – Clerk to report.*

(ii) Streetlights:

*Two lights in the Church Street area not working. Clerk to report to EON*

(iii) Other:

No issues raised.

**13/160 Litter Picking**

The Clerk had provided Members with a copy of a proposed new contract for litter picking and this was approved and it was agreed to publish it in the Parish Magazine. Clerk to provide Mrs. Medley with a copy of an advert.

**13/161 Grass Cutting.**

It was unanimously agreed that new quotations should be obtained for grass cutting and ground maintenance. Separate quotes should be obtained for (a) The Burial Ground and (b) The Playing Field, Bridgeway Open Space and Hazeldine Open Space area. Quotes to be per cut. Clerk to arrange advert for the Parish Magazine.

**13/162 Moat Pathway.**

Numerous requests had been made by the public for an additional footpath connecting the A53 to the Playing Field/Glebe area and it was agreed that the Chairman should meet with Mr. Allmark to discuss a suitable location for the path and get a rough idea of the cost. It was agreed that Mr. Adrian Brown should be invited to take part in the discussions. Clerk to contact Mr. Brown.

**13/163 Reports from**

**(a) Police**

The following offences had been recorded for the months of October/November.

Poynton Road – 1 anti-social behaviour; Leasowes -1 drug possession; Wytheford Road – 1 attempted burglary; Muckleton Road – 1 criminal damage/arson.

**(b) RAF Shawbury:**

A letter had been received advising that there would be ground testing of a hawk aircraft on January 14<sup>th</sup>. and 17<sup>th</sup>.

**(c) Shropshire Council:**

Councillor Jones reported that:

- (a) A freeze has been placed on non-committed budgets for the remainder of the financial year.

(b) Members had been advised that there was a need to meet the Government target for housing development and that legal advice had been sought which indicated that the Council's current planning controls were not fit for purpose; that housing numbers could not include those where no start had been made on sites that had planning approval and the Government's 'Localism Bill' changed nothing with regard to planning. This meant that to meet the housing target, approval would have to be given to applications for sites which are outside the suggested development boundaries for parishes, even though this was contrary to Community led plans and the wishes of local people.

(c) The library service was under review and there may be recommendations for closures.

**13/164 Planning Applications:**

A. The following application had been received and no concerns raised:

Ivy Court Mews – crown reduction on three trees.

B. The following applications had been approved by Shropshire Council:

Shawbury Village Hall – extension.

2, The Lawns – erection of a conservatory.

Hollies, Butlers Bank – single storey extension to the cattery.

**13/165 Committee/Other Reports:**

ALC Area Committee:

Mrs. Manley stated that she was unable to attend the meeting planned for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>. and would be unable to continue as the Council's representative for future meetings. Mr. Sharp agreed to attend on the 15<sup>th</sup>. and would consider becoming the representative when he had assessed the commitment needed.

Local Joint Committee:

Mr. Kennedy reported that he would be attending the planning and the full committee meetings prior to the next Council meeting.

Moat Committee:

A copy of the minutes from a meeting held on December 9<sup>th</sup>. had been received and circulated to Members. No issues were raised.

United Charities:

Mrs. Medley reported that grants had been made to the following:

A student studying medicine – to enable him to complete his studies.

A single mother with two children – to allow for the purchase of a lap top computer.

The Scouts and Guides Committee.

Hampers to five people in need.

Vouchers for household goods/food to four families in need.

**13/166 Press Matters:**

No matters to report.

**13/167 Date and Time of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be on February 11th. 2014 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

**Approved as a true record of the Meeting.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Chairman)**      **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_