

SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING COUNCIL HELD
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY MAY 27TH. 2014 at 7.30pm.

In Attendance:

Mr. D. Roberts (Chairman).

Councillors: Mrs. J. Manley; Mrs. G. Mathews; Mrs. F. Medley; Mrs. M. Clarke; Mrs. T. Howells; Mr. A. Foster.

Wing Commander D. Johnson (RAF Shawbury).

Flt. Lt. J. Hobkirk (RAF Shawbury).

Mr. S. Jones (Shropshire Councillor).

The Parish Clerk.

Thirty one members of the public.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Mr. J. Kennedy, Mr. P. Sharp and Ms. S. McIntosh and Group Captain Smith (RAF Shawbury).

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on May 23rd. 2013:

The Chairman pointed out that the minutes had been approved by the Parish Council at the Council Meeting held on June 11th. 2013 and that copies were included in the information pack which had been issued on arrival.

3. Matters Arising from those Minutes:

There were no issues raised.

4. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman welcomed Wing Commander Dave Johnson from RAF Shawbury who was going to present the Community Awards and stated that the support of the base in sponsoring them was greatly appreciated.

In his report, he detailed the major projects undertaken during the past year and outlined the work the Council undertook each year. He gave particular praise to Mr. Richard Bailey, the Moat Committee and all the volunteer helpers who had worked on the Moat and Glebe projects and other areas the Council was responsible for. More details were included in the information packs that had been issued.

He then invited comments or questions from the floor.

Mrs. Clarke asked for an update on the planning applications on land opposite Rapra and at Sparrow Cottage.

The Chairman responded, stating that the Council had not received any formal communication about the major application and that after an appeal by the developers of Sparrow Cottage, the application was being dealt with by the planning inspectorate.

5. United Charities Committee:

Mrs. Medley, the Council's representative on the committee, outlined the purpose of the Charity which was to give financial help to organisations or individuals in the community that were in need. Several small grants had been made during the year. Currently the Charity had over £7,800.00 available. She

urged people to nominate anyone in the Parish who appeared to be in need, stressing that all the nominations would be treated confidentially.

A copy of the Statement of Accounts was presented.

6. Community Service Awards – Sponsored by RAF Shawbury:

The Chairman outlined the purpose of the award, which was to recognise outstanding service in the Community and he was pleased to report that seven awards were being made this year.

Certificates and plaques were then presented by Wing Commander Johnson to the following people:

Mrs. M. Powell, Mr. A. Carter, Mrs. B. Marshall, Mr. D. Hanson, Mr. C. Kirkup, Mr. S. Davies and Ms. J. Jarvis.

Details of the reasons for the awards are attached.

Wing Commander Johnson said that he was pleased that the RAF were sponsoring the awards and welcomed the opportunity to attend the meeting and present them. He had served at Shawbury on several occasions and was always impressed by the community spirit and the way in which the Parish was maintained. He felt sure that sponsoring the awards strengthened the bond between the RAF base and the local people, recognising the valuable volunteer community work being carried out.

7. Open Forum:

Mr. Bailey stressed the need for all parishioners to be aware that a group of young motorcyclists were intent on using the Moat and Glebe areas as a motorcycle track. It was essential that this was curtailed as it would damage all the new areas. He urged anyone who saw this happening to report it to the police by telephoning 101.

The Chairman stated that Council Members fully supported this proposal.

There were no further issues raised.

8. Chairman's Closing Comments;

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance, stating that it was good to see a positive turnout of people and again urged them to raise issues with the Council and if possible to attend Council meetings. This was the only way that Councillors could determine what was needed in the Parish.

Minutes approved as a true record of the meeting.

Signed _____ Chairman.

Date _____