

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH
COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY
JANUARY 12TH. 2010 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

Two members of the public were present and Mr. Littlemore raised concerns about the support being given to young people whom he felt should be more involved with the planning of developments. He would like to see a purpose built Youth Centre and also to become involved in running a Youth Club.

Chairman outlined the developments that had taken place with youth involvement and advised him to speak to the Youth Officer if he wished to help with running the Youth Club. Support would be given to any effort made to raise funds and he was advised to talk to Councillor Dodd who had responsibility for activities involving young people.

Present:

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

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk
Mr. D. Roberts (Shropshire Council)
Sqdn. Ldr. D. Lewis (RAF Shawbury)
Two members of the public.
Two applicants for co-option on to the Council.

09/146 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs. S. Dove and Mrs. G. Moore.

09/147 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests:

Mr. Bailey and Mr. Brown each declared an interest in Item 7 of the agenda.

09/148 Council Vacancy:

The Chairman introduced Mrs. T. Howells and Mr. P. Dyson who had applied for co-option on to the Council to fill the current vacancy. They were each invited to give a brief outline of how they felt they could help the Council and the community.

After due consideration, Mrs. Howells was elected on a unanimous vote by Members. Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Dyson thanking him for his interest and asking him to apply again if another vacancy arose.

Clerk to inform Elections Officer of the decision and provide Mrs. Howells with the necessary paperwork.

09/149 Village Security (09/133(1)):

Chairman welcomed Mr. D. Roberts from Shropshire Council, who outlined the legal requirements relating to human rights and data protection involved in installing and using a security camera. He offered the services of Shropshire Council to manage and oversee the service for the Parish and confirmed that no charge would be made for this. There would be a need for the Council to complete a protocol and he agreed to send the Clerk details of this. In response to an enquiry about changing the camera's field of vision, he suggested that this should be included in the maintenance contract agreed with the supplier. Clerk to discuss this with the identified contractor.

Mr. Roberts pointed out that under new legislation, the camera could not be used for identifying offences like littering and dog fouling.

09/150 Minutes of the Meeting held on December 8th. 2009

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

09/151 Matters Arising:

1. Play Area/ Youth Pod Paths (09/133(3))

Members considered and approved a specification for the construction of the paths and agreed that the following contractors should be invited to quote – R. A. Allmark, R. Parry, Enterprise and L. Humphreys.

2. Access Report (09/133(5))

Deferred until the next meeting.

3. Gap in Hedge on Poynton Road.09/133(7))

Members considered a report prepared by Mr. Bailey, following a site meeting attended by three Members and Archdeacon John Hall and Michael Watney (Balfours). The Archdeacon had been sympathetic to the problems faced by the Council, in relation to young people exiting the Recreation Ground through holes in the hedge and to the suggested solution.

It was resolved to write to the Diocese Glebe Committee, thanking the Archdeacon and asking for their approval to remove the hedge, subject to the necessary planning permission being granted and to replace it with 15cm square wooden posts 80cm above ground and set at intervals of 1.4m...

4. Rural Community Engagement (09/134(7))

It was decided to declare an interest in being involved in the next scheme.

5. Cycle Track (09/133(2))

Mr. Bailey reported that he had taken delivery of a waste bin but because of the inclement weather had been unable to fix it on site. The weather had also prevented him from carrying out the required modifications to the site.

6. Garage Sign (09/138(1a))

The Planning Department had confirmed that the erection of the sign had been agreed in the original planning application. The Chairman agreed to speak to the owner of the garage to see if he was prepared to modify the position of the sign to improve visibility.

7. Street Sign (09/133(11))

It was noted that no action had been taken and the Clerk was asked to discuss this with the Street Scene Manager.

8. Dog Fouling/Litter (09/133(11))

The Street Scene Manager had agreed to get the Dog Warden to make frequent visits to the Recreation Ground and Mr. Sneddon had promised that once trained, operatives would be made available to carry out work in Shawbury.

9. Highways (09/138 (1b))

Mr. Limb has agreed to have the area around the traffic light cleared early in the New Year

09/152 Correspondence:

The following correspondence was brought to the attention of Members:

1. Shropshire Council – road closure in respect of repairs to Poynton Bridge.
2. West Mercia Police Authority – Your Police Service 2010 and beyond.
3. SALC Training – Fundamentals of Chairmanship Skills. Mrs. Manley to attend.
4. Shropshire Council – Review of Public Conveniences. Clerk to respond.
5. Shropshire Partnership – ‘Shropshire’s Night Time Economy’.
6. SALC North Shropshire Area Committee - Minutes of AGM. Mrs Manley (Council Rep.) had not been informed of the meeting. Clerk to investigate the reason.

09/153 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (January)	£336.50
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (December)	£79.79
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (January)	£83.50
Mr. T. Creber	Litter collection (January)	£417.00
Mr. A. Houlihan	Toilet facilities (January)	£50.00
NWP Electrical	Streetlight maintenance	£222.73
Mr. R. Bailey	Parish Pathways Expenses	£100.13
Mr. R. Bailey	Moat Area –diesel oil/ blades	£35.64
Mr. R. Bailey	Materials for waste bin and concrete for fixing on site at Cycle track	£171.53
Balfours	Car Park rent (arrears)	£25.00
Scottish Power	Electricity supply	
Mr. A. Brown	Parish Plan expenses	£22.26
Mr. A. Brown	Moat expenses	£52.08
Mrs. H. Currie	Moat expenses	£39.99

09/154 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved

09/155 Issues requested for inclusion on the agenda:1. Youth Pod:

Mr. Bailey expressed his concern at the dreadful state of the Youth Pod, which appeared to be being systematically destroyed. His comments were supported by other Members who felt that there was a small group of young people who were determined to spoil everything. It was agreed that the Council would not provide any money to carry out the necessary repairs.

2. Car Park

It was agreed to proceed with modifications to the car park and these would be discussed in detail at the next meeting.

3. Loose dogs on the Recreation Ground:

Clerk reported that there was not a byelaw in place stating that dogs must be kept on a lead. He was asked to investigate the possibility of the Council obtaining an order for this.

4. New Burial Ground:

Clerk was asked to start the process for getting the Burial Ground extension consecrated.

09/156 Exchange of Information:

The following items were raised as needing urgent attention:

(a) Highways:

1. It was noted that the Highways Department had indicated some time ago that they were seeking estimates and the finance to carry out repairs to the B0563. Clerk was asked to check when this was going to be done.
2. Mrs. Medley reported that the pavement by the garage needed urgent attention.
3. Mr. Kennedy reported that the 'dropped kerb' at the entrance to the Doctor's surgery needed some repairs.

(b) Streetlights:

Mrs Manley reported that Streetlight Number 73 needed to be inspected as it appeared to be rusting away at the base. Clerk to action.

(c) Other:

Mr. Bailey said that there were three sites where fly tipping was taking place. Clerk to forward details to the Street Scene Manager and ask for urgent action.

09/157 Quality Council:

Clerk reported that he had met with Karen Roper at SALC., who had reviewed the file. She had suggested a few modifications which had been done and the file was complete. The next step was for the Chairman, Mrs. Dove and the Clerk to present the file to a panel at Shirehall which SALC would arrange. Clerk was given permission to pay to have the required second copy photocopied.

09/158 Reports from:(a) **Police:**

A written report had been received, indicating that in the period since the last meeting the following offences had been recorded.

Assaults -3; Burglary of dwelling -2; Theft from motor vehicle 2; Criminal damage -4

(b) Youth:

No report tabled.

(c) RAF Shawbury:

Sqdn Ldr. Lewis reported that:

1. A graduation party was planned for Friday 17th January which would include a short firework display.
2. The Hanger Party was being held on March 6th. Tickets would be available from The Post Office

In response to a query from Mr. Bailey, he confirmed that joint youth activities were continuing for young people living in the village and on the base and there was an ongoing training programme for RAF staff working with young people

Shropshire Council:

Mr. Jones reported that:

1. The Council had six days supply of grit available for treating ice on roads.
2. Waste collection was now going ahead providing there were no further problems with snow.
3. Retired people in possession of bus passes would be able to continue using the passes on 'Park and Ride'.

09/159 Planning applications:

No objections were raised to the following applications:

1. London House, Shawbury Heath – erection of an extension to steel portal framed building
2. The Cottage, Drayton Road - erection of extensions to side and rear and a detached open front garage.

09/160 Committee Reports:**(a) Moat:**

Mr. Brown had forwarded a detailed written report which was circulated to Members. It contained a range of information, including:

- A delay in the start of the tree work until late January
- Receipt of a Grassroots Grant of £420.73 from the Community Council of Shropshire.
- Dates of Moat tidy-ups and 'The Moat Story' published on the Shawbury Web site.
- 'Danger – Deep Water' signs purchased and erected on site.
- Requests for a quotation for grass cutting sent out to contractors.
- Letter sent to Channel 4 Time Team outlining details of the project to ascertain if they were interested in the site(s).
- A query regarding the standing of the Moat Project Group. It was agreed to include this as an agenda item at the next meeting.

The detailed report is on file.

(b) Parish Plan:

.Mr. Bailey reported that problems had occurred when the printers tried to print the data .from the computer disk. They were discussing this with the lady who had carried out the work for the committee and he was hopeful of a quick solution.

(c) Shropshire Council Area Committee.

Mr. Kennedy reported that because of a last minute work commitment, he had been unable to attend the meeting. Under the regulations covering the committee it was not possible for a replacement representative to attend, unless a written application had been sent before the planned date of the meeting. Members were unhappy with this and the Clerk was asked to discuss this with an officer at Shropshire Council.

09/161 Press Matters:

Details of Mrs. Howells co-option to be sent to local press.

09//162 Date and Time of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on February 9th .at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed J.Kennedy

Date: February 9th 2010

Chairman