

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH
COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 8TH. 2009 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

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

Present:

Mr. S. Jones (Chairman)

Mrs. J. Manley

Mr. S. Dodd

Mr. D. Baldwin

Mrs. S. Dove

Mrs. F. Medley

Mr. J. Kennedy

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk.

Sqdn. Ldr. D. Lewis (RAF Shawbury)

Ms. G. Moore (Community Development Worker, RAF Shawbury)

09/81 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr. R. Bailey, Mr. A. Brown and Mr. D. Roberts.

09/82 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests:

No disclosures were made.

09/83 Minutes of the Meeting held on July 14th. 2009

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

09/84 Matters Arising:

1. Play Area/Youth Pod Paths: (09/64(1))

Grants totalling £5,000.00 have been received from the Police and Shropshire Council's Area Committee, for the development of the paths. Mr. Brown reported that he had been unable to produce plans for the paths as he was still awaiting information from Shropshire Council on the recommended standards for this type of pathway.

2. BMX Track: (09/64(3))

Planning approval had been given and Mr. Bailey reported that work would start on September 21st. Volunteer labour would be used for the preliminary work. Fencing, digger, drivers and soil are all ordered. He was confident that the work could be completed within the £3,000.00 grant awarded by N.S.D.C.

Mr. Dodd stated that concerns had been raised about the route of the new path and after discussion, the Clerk was asked to email Mr. Bailey, asking him to discuss this with Mr. Dodd and the Chairman before work starts.

3. Highways: (09/71b(1))

Clerk reported that alterations have been made to the crossing lights on the Wem Road but the Highways Department could not proceed with dropped kerb repairs, as there had been no response to the request for detailed information on the location of the problems.

Mrs. Manley stated that problems she had reported to the Clerk since the last meeting had been dealt with quickly and effectively.

4. Children's Play Area – Notice Board(09/64(6))

Mr. Dodd reported that the board would be erected later in the week.

5. Village Security: (09/64(7))

Members considered the quotation provided by IC2 for the installation of a CCTV camera and recording box. Several Members wondered whether the cost of £12,800 (+ VAT) was justified, especially as the system would not be proactive by being connected to the County system. If this could be arranged it would cost an additional £10,000.00 (+VAT)

It was decided to seek alternative quotes and to discuss the provision at the next meeting.

6. Public Toilet Signs: (09/64(9))

Signs had been erected by Mr. Bailey on the designated sites.

7. Burial Ground/Vicarage Garden Hedge: (09/64(12))

Members considered a letter from the Vicar, regarding the planting of a second hedge between his garden and the new burial ground. It was agreed that this had been a suggested solution when the Vicar's hedge had been inadvertently reduced in height. However, as an informal solution could not be reached, the Vicar had taken legal advice and the Council had passed the matter to its insurance company, who had reached a financial settlement with the Vicar. Because of this there was no obligation on the Council to take any further action.

It was agreed that consideration would be given to planting a slow growing hedge inside the new fence which had been erected. This would be dependent on available finance.

8. Streetlight – Church Street (09/77)

Clerk reported that Mr. Brown had inspected the light and recommended an immediate replacement. The Chairman had agreed and NWP had provided a quotation which was approved by the Chairman and the post was replaced within a week.

9. Councillor Surgeries: (09/54)

Chairman reported that no one had visited the first surgery.

10. Quality Council: (09/54)

Clerk gave a brief outline on the progress of the portfolio. He had attended a training session during July and noted that some of the requirements had been changed. He was hopeful he could work round them and keep to timetable.

11. Moat Safety Signs: (9/78(a))

It was agreed that the Moat Committee could order three Dibond (450 x 300) safety signs for the pond, at a cost of £11.50 per sign.

12. Floral Gateways: (09/46(4))

Mr. Bailey reported that positive comments had been received, although one Gateway by the Mytton Estate had been vandalised. However he had been able to replant it and it was recovering. Sponsorship had been promised for one of the sites and Members agreed to his request to have sponsorship signs for the sites but asked to see a 'mock up' version before the signs were ordered. It was also agreed to provide a budget of £120 for winter planting.

13. Bus Shelters: (09/71(d))

It was noted that Mr. Bailey and Mr. Dodd had cleaned the village shelters and a vote of thanks was extended to them.

14. New Road Signs:(09/70)

It was noted that the new signs for Church Close etc. had not been erected. Clerk to contact Victoria Ashmore to check on the progress.

15. Tools for Moat Area:(09/64(13))

Members agreed to a request from Mr. Brown, on behalf of the Moat Committee, that Members confirm that 'the grant for tools had been made to the Moat Project Group and that they have primary use of the equipment'.

16. Burial Ground Seat (09/64(2))

Mr. Bailey reported that the bench had been renovated and placed in the burial ground.

17. Vehicle Operated Signs Policy (Draft Document) (09/65(7))

Members considered an email from Mr. Brown, in which he suggested that the Council should object to the proposal, as it is putting the onus for payment on to Parish Councils.

It was Shropshire Councils duty to undertake accident surveys and to carry out measures to target casualty reduction. As speed is a major factor in road accidents, the responsibility for payment for signs should rest with them. Members agreed with his proposal and the Clerk was asked to respond appropriately.

18 Youth Pod:(09/37B(a))

(a) Chairman reported that he had arranged to have the Pod cleaned by a team from Shropshire Council.

(b) Mr. Bailey indicated that it had not been possible to pick up the broken glass with an outdoor vacuum cleaner.

09/84(b) Parish Matters:

(a) Village Fun Day:

Approval was given to Mrs. Manley to hold next year's Fun Day on Sunday May 2nd.

(b) Annual Bonfire/Firework Display:

Mr. Bailey reported that the event would be held on Saturday, October 31st. There would be a longer firework display from the same company but the cost would be the same. Entrance fee £2.50 for adults, children free. A funfair had been booked. No additional finance would be required.

(c) Parish Paths Partnership:

Members considered a written report from Mr. Bailey on activities, which included erecting a stile and clearing many metres of paths, placing new signs and the regular mowing of the paths. These improvements had allowed the 'Walking for Health' Monday group to use local paths and have encouraged other groups, including children to use the paths, particularly the Brickyard to Parklea circular route, thanks to a permissive path agreement with Mr. Pinches.. Much work still to be done but the work should not incur any expenditure for the Parish Council

09/85 Correspondence:

The following correspondence was brought to the attention of Members:

1. Shropshire Council – Independent review of Primary School Organisation.
2. Telford & Wrekin Council – Telecommunications Development.
3. Shropshire Council – Proposed Electoral Fees for Parish & Town Councils. Members agreed with the Clerk's suggestion that the proposals be accepted.
4. RoSPA - Play Area Inspection Reports. Clerk had sent a copy of the report for Erdington Close Play Area to Mr. Bailey, for him to consider. He had indicated that he wished to raise some issues at the next meeting. Clerk said that he was sending Mr. Dodd a copy of the new play area for him to consider whether any action was required.
5. Shropshire Council – Local Development Framework Core Strategy: Consultation on Policy Directions. Copies issued to Members.
6. Community Council – ACRE Collaboration Benefits. Representative to be invited to a Council meeting to discuss the issues raised.
7. SALC – Training Events.
8. Shropshire Council – Playbuilder Funding.
9. Playing Fields Association – The Playing Field.
10. Shropshire Council - co-option of new Member. Clerk outlined the recommended format suggested for the advert for co-opted Members and reported that notices had been placed in a number of locations and on the web site.
11. Shropshire Council – Interim Planning Guidance on Affordable Housing. Document available on www.shropshire.gov.uk/planning.nsf following menu path Planning Policy>Interim Planning Policy
12. Shropshire Council – Countryside Access. Rights of Way User Survey. Sent to Mr. Bailey for completion.
13. Rev. Humphries – outlining problems with anti-social behaviour on the Recreation Ground and in the Moat area which had resulted in injury to his wife. The Chairman reported that a Multi-Agency Group had been convened to investigate the problems and to propose action.

09/86 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (September)	£332.22
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (July/Aug)	£257.37
Inland Revenue	Income tax (September)	£83.00

Mr. R. Bailey	erecting toilet sign and cutting Bridgeway Hedge	£53.24
	Renovation, painting & installing seat in Burial Gd,	£125.59
Mr. T. Creber	Village Work (September	£437.00
Mr. A.Houlihan	Provision of toilet facilities (September)	£50.00
Scottish Power	Electricity supply (Aug/Sept.)	£332.70
Mr. R. Bailey	Erdington Close - Grass cutting & Maintenance	£150.00
Nobridge Ltd.	Grass cutting (May 25 th . – July 31 st)	£949.90
	Burial Ground (April 3 rd . – July 31 st .)	£241.50
S.A.L.C.	Course fee (New Councillor Training Mr. Roberts)	£20.00
Playsafety Ltd.	Play area inspections	£185.15
N.W. P Electrical	Replacement streetlight Church Street)	£1,587.00
Shawbury Village Hall	Rent (Sept. 8 th . – July 13 th .)	£243.62
Harry West Ltd.	Play Area notice board	£218.14
Interactive Informatic	Computer support	£138.00
Mr. M. Sheehy	Internal Audit	£190.00
Reprographics	Printing Parish Plan	£491.00
Woodland Timber	Materials for BMX Track	£786.70

09/87 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

09/88 Mid Year Financial Statement:

The Clerk tabled a mid-year statement which was considered and approved.

09/89 Site Meeting Reports:

No site meetings had taken place.

09/90 Parish Matters:

(a) For Members to raise issues for inclusion on the next agenda:

1. Request from Junior Football Club to move goalposts on the Recreation Ground.
2. Anti-social behaviour in Moat and surrounding area.
3. RoSPA Play Area reports
4. Possible Council Christmas tree.
5. C.S.O's power to issue on the spot tickets for littering and dog fouling.
6. New gap in hedge by the Youth Pod.

(b) For Members to raise issues needing urgent attention:

1. Fly Tipping:

Report of a mattress and other debris in the River Roden, about 100 yards from the Bridge.
Clerk to ask Shropshire Council's Environment Department to take action.

2. Dog Fouling:

Clerk to ask the Dog Warden to make regular visits and to try and identify culprits and take action against them

09/91 Reports from:

(a) Police:

A written report indicated that in the period July 7th. to September 4th. the following offences had been recorded;

Possession of controlled drug – 1; Dangerous driving -1; Burglary non-dwelling -1; Theft of pedal cycle -2; Theft from Farm Shop -3; Assault -3; Theft from motor vehicle -1; Criminal Damage -1; Making off without payment -1; Interference with motor vehicle -1; Theft in dwelling -1.

Members were delighted to hear that the members of the Youth Action Group had been awarded Police Commendations for their services to young people.

(b) Youth:

No report tabled.

(c) RAF Shawbury:

Sqdn. Ldr. Lewis gave details of the following events:

September 11th. Battle of Britain Remembrance including helicopter fly past.

September 16th. Annual Reception including helicopter fly past.

September 22nd. Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee meeting.

September 28th. Land Owners Day, including ‘Red Arrows’ fly past at 12.40.

He also reported that:

(a) Group Captain James would be taking up the appointment of Station Commander on September 28th.

(b) The station had been awarded the ‘Firmin Sword’ for being assessed as the best base for giving support to and liaising with local, National and International Communities.

Ms. G. Moore informed the meeting that a range of summer activities, planned for young people, had attracted 108 participants and that grants had been obtained, which had enabled the base to get the PTIs appropriately trained for working with young people.

It had been decided to set up a camp based Air Scouts Squadron for 13-17 year olds starting on September 14th. and meeting on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

(d) Shropshire Council:

No report tabled.

09/92 The Power of Well Being:

Having achieved all the necessary criteria, Members passed a resolution determining eligibility to adopt the ‘Power of Well Being’.

09/93 Planning applications:

A. Applications received from Shropshire Council:

17, Birch Drive – demolition and replacement of front porch. No objections.

B The following applications had been received during August and following discussions with Members no objections had been raised.

1. 119/119A Church Street, Shawbury – change of use of part ground floor from retail to domestic and erection of a conservatory.

2. Cookes Farm Shop – siting of a mobile hot food takeaway van

A. The following applications have been approved by Shropshire Council:

White Cottage, Church Street, Shawbury – remedial tree work.

Lorien, Edgebolton – erection of a single storey extension

9, Church Close, Shawbury – erection of a two storey extension.

Shawbury Glebe – change of use from agricultural to creation of a dirt BMX Track.

09/94 Committee Reports:

(a) Shropshire County Council Area Committee:

Mr. Kennedy reported that he had attended the planning meeting for the Area Meeting, being held on September 23rd. As he was unable to attend that meeting, Mrs. Dove agreed to represent the Council. Clerk to arrange.

(b) Parish Plan:

Mr. Bailey had reported that the shortened version had been completed and was being delivered to every household in the Parish. He expressed special thanks to Councillor Dodd for his patience and support in producing the document.

The definitive version was awaiting final amendments and should be ready for printing in October. Each Councillor would receive a copy and copies would be given to the Clerk, the Library and schools. Electronic copies would be sent to Council partners and arrangements made to place a copy on the web site

(c) Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee:

Mr. Kennedy indicated that he would be unable to attend and Mr. Dodd offered to represent the Council. Clerk to arrange.

09/95 Press Matters:

No items proposed but Clerk would be producing a News Letter for distribution with the Parish Magazine.

09/96 Date and Time of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on October 13th.at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: Jill Manley Date:October 13th.
Chairman