

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 20th. 2011 at 7.00pm.

Public Session:

Six members of the public were present but no issues were raised.

Present:

Mrs. J. Manley (Chairman)

Mrs. S. Dove

Mr. D. Baldwin

Mrs. F. Medley

Mr. R. Bailey

Mr. R. Pinches

Mr. J. Kennedy

Mrs. T. Howells

Mr. D. Roberts

Mr. R. Rathbone

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk.

Mr. J. Berriman (Head of Strategic Development at Shropshire Council)

Six members of the public.

11/131 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr. A. Brown and Mrs. G. Matthews.

11/132 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

No declarations were made.

11/133 Shropshire Councils Planning Documentation.

Jake Berriman, Shropshire Council's Strategic Development Officer, gave a very detailed and interesting assessment of the new regulations introduced by Shropshire Council, in relation to housing development in rural communities.

He stressed the need for community involvement in decision making and suggested various ways in which this could be done. Evidence from the Parish Plan was valuable but not the only way of obtaining information.

Parishes had the option of deciding that no further housing development was needed in their area and in this case they would be deemed to be Countryside Communities and no housing development, other than affordable housing, would be approved.

Parishes could opt to be termed 'hubs' or join with other parishes to form a cluster. Development would be allowed in these areas but this would be in consultation with the Parish Council who would identify the required level of housing development over the next fifteen years and the possible locations for any development. Where development takes place the builder will have to pay a levy of £8,000 for each new property and up to 90% of this would be made available to the local community for improving the infra-

structure. Currently this money would only be for capital expenditure but within the Government's Localism Bill there were proposals for that to be extended to revenue expenditure.

Shropshire Council were looking for a response by January 2012 when there would be a need to inform them whether or not the Parish wished to be a hub and if so, to indicate the number of properties, possible sites and recommended infrastructure developments.

11/134 Comments and Questions:

Jake responded to a number of questions posed by Members and promised that help would always be available to deal with any situation which might arise.

11/135 Future Development:

The Chairman pointed out that from documents received from Shropshire Council it had appeared that a detailed response from the Parish was required by the end of September. As the final date was set for January there was no need for an immediate response and it would give the Council time to discuss ways in which the public could be engaged in the debate. As a result she declared the meeting closed and thanked Jake for his attendance and the detailed information he had given.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed _____ **(Chairman)** **Date** _____