

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH
COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY
JANUARY 11TH. 2011 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

No members of the public were in attendance and 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. S. Dodd
Mr. A. Brown
Mr. D. Roberts
Mr. J. Kennedy (part of the meeting)

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk
MACR G. Longmuir

10/166 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs. T. Howells and Mr. S. Jones (Shropshire Councillor).

10/167 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

Mr. Bailey declared an interest in item 7 and Mr. Dodd in item 5(11) on the agenda.

10/168 Mrs. Sara Grist

Mrs. Grist had sent her apologies as her 'Well Being Project' had not developed as she had planned it.

10/169 Minutes of Meeting held on December 14th. 2010:

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

10/170 Matters Arising:**(a)Highways (10/157(i):**

The divisional engineer had agreed to inspect the damaged pavements and provide two salt bins in Poynton Road.

(b) Application for grant aid for Cycle Track (10/150(b)):

Clerk had been advised that a meeting was planned for Friday January 14th. when it was anticipated that the grant would be approved.

(c) Land between Recreation Ground and the River (10/156):

An email had been received from Mr. Watney confirming that the Diocese has agreed to lease the land to the Parish Council. He would be confirming details by letter later in the month.

(d) English Heritage (10/150(g)):

Additional grant for grass cutting had been received and banked.

(e) Advertisement for new Councillor (ref. Resignation of Mr. Jones):

Clerk confirmed that notices confirming the vacancy had been displayed. If there was no call for an election by January 24th, attempts would be made to co-opt a new Member.

(f) CCTV (10/150(f))

(a) Mr. Roberts (Shropshire County Council) had confirmed that it was in order for a Councillor to carry out checks to see that the equipment was in working order. The visits needed to be recorded. Mrs. Medley offered to carry out the checks and maintain the records. Other Members would help when necessary.

(b) The possibility of connecting to the Library Broadband had yet to be resolved.

(g) Village Hall – Drop in Centre (10/150(i)):

Mrs Medley confirmed that to date thirteen people had volunteered to help set up and run a ‘Drop in Centre’ at the Village Hall, initially on one day each week. This would be extended to two days if there was sufficient demand. It was planned to start in the second or third week of February on Tuesdays 10.30am -12. 30pm.

Mrs. Medley would keep the financial records and invoice the Council as necessary for payment from the Parish Council grant. Council to underwrite rent for a six month period.

(h) Simon’s Garage – sign (10/150(j)):

Mr. Bailey and Mr. Pinches had met with the owner, who was not adverse to the work being carried out, providing it did not create other problems and did not cost him anything in time or money. Mr Pinches was carrying out further investigations. He was prepared to do the work and would provide further details and a quotation for consideration at the next meeting.

(i) Sparrow Cottage (10/150(l)):

The owner of the property had appealed against the decision of the Planning Department not to allow development on the site. If the appeal goes ahead the Parish Council will be able to comment on the application by sending a written report to the Planning Inspectorate.

Members to forward comments to the Clerk.

(j) Mr. Jamie – tree work (10/150(m)):

Mr. Jamie had carried out additional work and Mr. Brown offered to check if any work was still outstanding.

(k) Tree planting between Play Area and Glebelands (10/151(3)):

Discussions were on going with the Planning Department at Shropshire Council.

(l) Youth Pod – repairs (10/155):

Clerk had contacted Monster Play before Christmas and had been promised a quotation.

There had been no response to date.

(m) Peoples Post Code Trust (10/151(7)):

Clerk confirmed that grants were available for various projects but that there was a tight time limit on when the money should be spent. Mr. Bailey pointed out that grants were also possible from ‘Awards for All’. Both of these could be considered when the new lease was agreed for the Glebe and for other projects.

(n) Post box at junction of A53 and Wytheford Road (10/157(3)):

Clerk reported that he was still trying to get some information about this.

(o) Recreation Ground – Rotary Club Charity Boot Sale on February 19th. (10/158)

Clerk to advise the organisers not to use the football pitch area.

10/171 Correspondence:

1. Scottish Power - advising the Council that the street light power costs had not been reviewed since 1999 and that from April 1st. the annual cost would rise to £3,217 (+VAT). It was agreed to contact other power provides for a quotation. Clerk to action.
 2. Shropshire Council – Local Joint Committee Bulletin.
 3. Shropshire Council – review of Community Working Team. It was noted that this would mean that the Community Action Officer for Shawbury would be Ruth Mansfield who was replacing Sue Thomas.
 4. Shropshire Council – proposal for lamppost advertising
 5. NALC – details of an additional public holiday on April 29th.
 6. Gail Parry – concerns about the possible sale of Shawbury Wood. Clerk to contact the Forestry Commission to see if this is planned.
 7. Mr. M. Jones – nominating a Councillor for a Community Service Award. Clerk had contacted Mr. Jones pointing out that serving Councillors were not eligible
 8. Shropshire Council – details of consultation meetings on Bus Strategy for Shropshire.
- Mr. D. Baldwin agreed to attend a meeting and report back to the Council

10/172 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr .J. Wilson	Salary (January)	£428.51
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (December)	£68.01
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (January)	£107.51
Mr. T. Creber	Village work (January)	£417.00
Mr. A. Houlihan	Toilet facilities (January)	£50.00
Mr. R. Bailey	Provision of Church Festival Christmas Tree	£13.00
NWP Electrical	Streetlight maintenance	£232.42
Mr. A. Humphries	Japanese Knotweed spraying	£75.00
Mr. A. Dawson	Mole control	£118.36
Mr. J. Jamie	Tree maintenance in Moat area	£600.00

10/173 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

10/174 Toilet Facilities:

A response has been received from the Parochial Church Council stating that they were not willing to have public access to the Church toilets advertised and suggested an approach to one of the local garages. Members did not feel that this was feasible.

It was decided to continue to use the Elephant and Castle but complaints had been made about the cleanliness of the male toilets. Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Houlihan expressing Member's concerns and asking for action to be taken. Mr. Baldwin agreed to deliver the letter.

10/175 Church Street Lighting:

Members considered a design paper produced by Mr. Brown in which he confirmed that the lighting could be considerably improved by using a different type of light, which would mean that the posts could be retained. Clerk was asked to obtain quotations for replacing the current lights with either high pressure sodium (SON) or LED lights.

10/176 Village Design Statement:

After careful consideration it was decided not to proceed with producing a Design Statement at this stage. If necessary this would be reviewed at a later date. Mr. Brown was thanked for his work.

10/177 Poynton Road Hedge:

Members considered a number of issues and decided that public consultation should take place before any action was taken to remove all or part of the hedge. It was decided to have this as an agenda item at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

10/178 Shropshire Council – Draft Supplementary Planning Document:

It was decided to produce a reasoned response at the next Council meeting.

10/179 Exchange of Information:(a) Issues for consideration on the next agenda:

No issues raised.

(b) Issues needing urgent attention:i Highways:

General concern about the state of the roads across the Parish especially the number of large potholes.

It was agreed to ask that the planned sign for the A53 should state ‘Pedestrians Crossing’

ii. Streetlights:

No problems reported.

iii Other:

.1. Mrs. Medley thanked Mr. Bailey and Mrs. Manley for providing and decorating the Council Christmas Tree as part of the Church Christmas Festival.

10/180 Other Information:

Members were issued with detailed proposals for renovating and improving the car park which had been prepared by Adrian Brown. It was decided to discuss these at the next Council meeting. Chairman thanked Adrian for the work he had done.

10/181 Site Meetings:

No site meetings held.

10/182 Reports from:**(a) Police:**

A written report had been received which indicated that in the period between December 12th. and January 10th. the following offences had been recorded;

Robbery - 1; Criminal damage to motor vehicle - 1; Theft – 1.

(b) Youth:

No report tabled.

(c) RAF Shawbury:

MACR G. Longmuir reported that:

- (1) There would be a large number of RAF personnel attending a funeral in the Church on January 21st. at 2.30pm. Clerk to ask Mr. Creber to open the field gate to allow access for cars.
- (2) Chinook helicopters would be using the base between January 17th. and 21st.
- (3) Some night flying would be taking place in the first week of February
- (4) Intensive night flying would begin in March for four weeks.
- (5) Planning approval had been given for the erection of the new sports centre and he had been asked to stress that this was an RAF facility, although there would be an opportunity for some access for local residents.

(d) Shropshire Council:

A written report had been received from Councillor Jones stating that Shropshire Council was having to make revised estimated savings of £30.8 million in order to set a balanced budget for 2011 – 2012 and working on identifying a further £30 million savings for 2012 -2013 and 2013 – 2014.

10/183 Planning Applications:

Shawbury Park – conversion of farm buildings into four two bedroom dwellings.

This application was being considered by the Planning Committee on January 18th. with a recommendation that it was approved.

10//184 Committee Reports:**(a) Moat Committee:**

Mr. Brown stated that because of bad weather, the planned Committee Meeting had been postponed until the last week in February and the ‘tidy up’ sessions had been cancelled.

An English Heritage Section 17 Management Agreement for installing the pools had been received but some clarification of the wording had been requested.

Mr. Bailey queried where the pools and development was taking place and Mr. Brown promised to forward a map to the Clerk for circulation to all Members.

(b) United Charities:

Mrs. Medley confirmed that grants of £100 had been made to the Day Centre and the Scouts and Guides for the senior citizens party. Hampers had been presented to eight families in need and gifts to an additional nine families. The current account balance was £1,423 and £1,272 income had been received.

(c) Local Joint Committee:

Mr. Kennedy reported on the planning meeting which had been held earlier in the evening. Information included:

- (a) No grants to be made to Parish Councils
- (b) Maximum grant for future applications set at £2,000
- (c) Substantial cut likely in the overall budget.
- (d) Maximum of three meetings each year.

(e) No applications for grants to be considered before the beginning of the financial year.

The next full meeting, open to the public, was taking place in Harmer Hill Village Hall on January 25th. at 7.00pm.

10/185 Unresolved Parish Business

Members considered and reviewed a list of unresolved parish issues prepared by the Clerk.

10/186 Press Matters:

.. Details of Community Service Awards and requests for nominations.

10/187 Date and Time of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on February 8th. at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

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

UNRESOLVED PROJECTS/ISSUES

PROJECT/ISSUE	BRIEF COMMENTS
CCTV CAMERA – ACCESS TO BROADBAND.	AWAITING RESPONSES FROM LIBRARY SERVICE.
CAR PARK RENOVATION	PLANS BEING CONSIDERED
POYNTON ROAD/RECREATION GROUND HEDGE	AGENDA ITEM AT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
POST BOX A53/WYTHEFORD ROAD	AWAITING RESPONSE FROM P.O.
FENCE ON A53 BY ENTRANCE TO MOAT	AWAITING DETAILS OF PROPOSED FENCE FROM MOAT COMMITTEE
VEHICLE OPERATED SPEED CONTROLS	COSTING OF SERVICE BEING REVIEWED BY SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL
A53 CROSSING SIGNS	INSTALLATION PROMISED IN 2011-2012 BY SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL
LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE – SUBSTITUTE COUNCILLORS	MR. KENNEDY TO RAISE AGAIN AT THE NEXT LJC MEETING
REMEDIAL WORK ON TREES IN MOAT AREA	MR. BROWN REVIEWING SITUATION
POYNTON ROAD WARNING SIGNS	INSTALLATION PROMISED IN 2011-2012 BY SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL
YOUTH POD	AWAITING QUOTATIONS FOR REPAIR FROM SUPPLIERS OF POD
BURIAL GROUND PATHS AND HEDGE	BEING ASSESSED AT MEETING TO BE ARRANGED BY COUNCILLORS
SIGNS TO CAR PARK AND RAF SHAWBURY	NEW SIGNS PROMISED BY SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL IN 2011-2012
SPARROW COTTAGE – PLANNING ISSUE	AWAITING RESULT OF THE PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ORDER
CAR PARK TREE	SAFETY ASPECTS BEING MONITORED
CYCLE TRACK GRANT FOR £500	AWAITING RESULT OF YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING
ERDINGTON CLOSE PLAY AREA – FENCE TREATMENT	PLANNED FOR ACTION IN THE SPRING WITH HELP FROM RAF VOLUNTEERS
CHURCH STREET LIGHTING	AWAITING QUOTATIONS
SIMON’S GARAGE – SIGN	MR. PINCHES TO REPORT AT FEBRUARY MEETING
DROP IN CENTRE – VILLAGE HALL	PLANNED TO START IN FEBRUARY
GRASS CUTTING 2011 -2012	MEETING PLANNED BETWEEN NOBRIDGE,MR. BAILEY AND CLERK
GRIT BINS IN POYNTON ROAD	TWO BINS PROMISED BY HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT