

**SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH. 2023 at 7.00pm.**

Before the meeting began Councillor P. Sharp gave a brief resume of the situation regarding a change of name for the playing field, confirming this did not include the Moat or the Glebe and any proposal would be open for full public consultation before any action was taken. Because of the confusion and public response the Chairman, who was unable to attend the meeting, had asked for further discussion to be postponed until the October meeting.

The statement was counter-claimed by Shropshire Councillor S. Jones and a member of the public.

Public Session:

Two members of the public were present and both stated they were there in relation to the published information about a possible change of name to the Playing Field and Moat area with Mrs. Coombs giving a brief impassioned report on the history of the Moat, before leaving the meeting.

Present:

Mr. A. Brown (Chairman)
Mrs. J. Herbert
Mr. P. Sharp
Mr. J. Vernon
Mr. C. Kirkup
Mr. R. Pinches
Mr. K. Pickering
Mr. A. Foster

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones.
Flt/Lt. J. Jones (RAF Shawbury).
The Parish Clerk.
One member of the public.

23/71 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr. B. Lyon, Mr. C. Forshaw and Mr. M. Roberts.

23/72 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

No interests were declared.

23/73 Minutes of Meeting held on August 8th. at 7.00pm.

The minutes of the meeting having been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record after two amendments were agreed.

23/74 Matters Arising.

(a) Up-grading VAS Units (23/60(a):

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Morelock Ltd. and they had quoted a sum of £3,345.00 to remove and dispose of an existing sign and replace it with an up-dated version. After consideration it was decided to delay a decision until the re-surfacing work on the A53 had been completed.

(b) Proposal to Re-Name the Playing Field (23/60 (c) :

In view of the controversy and response to this proposal the Chairman, who was unable to attend the meeting, had asked that further discussion was delayed until the October meeting and this was agreed.

The Clerk apologised for the misleading wording of a news item that had been sent to the Parish Newsletter which indicated that the name 'Queen' would relate to the Moat and Glebe as well as the Playing Field. However it had always been intended to arrange for public consultation and support for any proposal.

(c) Street lights:(i) Replacement Lights in Bridgeway and Millbrook:

The Clerk reported that Scottish Power had connected the new lights to the system and the old lights were being removed this week and this would complete the project. This had been ongoing for well over two years, following a breakdown in the business relationship between Scottish Power and E.ON.

(ii) Power Supply:

Clerk reported that following informal discussions with the Head of Street Lighting at Shropshire Council, he had written to Scottish Power again regarding the refund of the money they had over charged the Council for power. He received a reply stating that this would now be actioned but as yet no money had been paid into the Council's account.

He had also worked with Shropshire Council's street lighting team to try and arrange for the Parish to join their consortium, in the hope that this would solve the problem being experienced with Scottish Power. All the necessary documents had been completed and sent to Scottish Power but as yet there had been no response. It was recorded that the Council had still not received any invoices for power since the tariff was increased over twenty months ago but sufficient funds were being held in reserve.

(d) Allotment (23/60/b).

It was noted that the materials for the construction of the new gateway had been purchased but the planning application had been returned as more specific plans were required. Councillors J. Vernon and C. Kirkup agreed to try and get this resolved.

23/75 Correspondence.

Members considered the attached list of correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting and forwarded to Members, noting that where necessary appropriate actions had or were being taken and responses made.

23/76 Accounts for Payment and Financial Statement.(a) Payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (September)	£669.02
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Aug.)	£63.75
Mr. J. Wilson	Office Rent (April- September inclusive)	£250.00
Inland Revenue	PAYE + N.I (September)	£177.99
Mr. M. Varndell	Collection & disposal of litter (Aug.)	£450.00
Mr. M. Sheehy	Internal Audit	£390.00
Mr. C. Ruck	Up-grading web site information	£30.00
Highline Electrical	Up-grading lights in Bridgeway & Millbrook	£16,752.14
Mr. A. P. Sharp	Expenses (Field Posts; Parish Paths; Weed control)	£398.24
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	£378.00
Park Timber (Roden)	Allotment Gate and fittings	£285.02
Mr. A. P. Sharp	Materials/Equipment for Moat & Glebe	£37.92

(b) The financial statement was tabled and approved.

23/77 Mid-Year Statement of Accounts.

A copy of the accounts had already been sent to Members and after consideration it was approved and adopted.

23/78 Exchange of Information.(a) Items for inclusion on the next Agenda.

The future plans for replacing playing field boundary posts.

(b) Issues Needing Urgent Attention:(i) Highways:

It was noted that requests had been received for action to be taken to keep pavements cleaned and accessible. It was agreed to offer JST a further contract to carry out this work under the EMG contract the Council had with Shropshire Council. *Clerk to action.*

(ii) Streetlights:

There were no issues raised but the Clerk stated that there had been two reports of lights not working and these had been dealt with quickly by Highline Electrical, the new contractor.

(iii) Other:

The External Audit report which had been received from PKF Littlejohn was considered and adopted.

23/79 Reports from:**(a) Police:**

The following incidents were recorded in July:

Violence -4 Glebelands -3: Church Street -1).

Theft - 4 (A53 -2: Beech Grove -1: Glebelands -1)

Criminal Damage – 2 (Coppice Close -1 Glebelands -1).

Anti-Social Behaviour -1 (Poynton Road).

Public Order -1 (Oak Drive).

Shoplifting -1 (Wytheford Road).

b) RAF Shawbury:

Flt. Lt. J. Jones reported that:

Night Flying would continue until 21st. September.

The summer edition of the Aries Magazine had been published as was available on line.

Representatives from RAF Shawbury would be involved in a Battle of Britain remembrance parade through Shrewsbury on Sunday 17th. September.

(c) Shropshire Council:

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones reported that:

(a) Shropshire Council will be working in partnership with Herefordshire, Monmouthshire and Powys Councils to work collaboratively on cross border issues applying for funding from both the English and Welsh Governments, boosting investment into the Region.

It was important to note that this will not be a Super-Council as each authority will retain its own identity and independence and will carry on delivering services in the same way as they do now.

(b) At the end of June 2023, £34 million of the spending reductions have been delivered or are underway towards reaching the £51.4 million target in this financial year. The Cabinet had considered and rejected the idea of filing a 114 notice as had been done in Birmingham and some other County Councils.

23/80 Planning Applications:

A. The following applications have been received for consideration:

1. Moss Farm, Muckleton Lane, Edgebolton – Change of use agricultural buildings for storage and distribution (23/03556/PAAFC). *A 'No Comment' response.*

2. 36, White Lodge Park – Erection of a first floor extension and internal refiguration (23/03481/FUL). *Application supported – no concerns raised.*

3. The Lodge, Shrewsbury Road, Shawbury – rear single storey flat roof extension with internal alterations; change of use stables to gym, cinema and games rooms; change of use hairdressers to residential accommodation.(23/03572/FUL). *The plan was supported but with a request that the Highways Department ensure that arrangements for access and exit to the site from the A53 are acceptable.*

B. The following application has been approved by Shropshire Council

Park Hall Farm – erection of a new tower for the Anaerobic Digestion Plant (23/01754/FUL).

C. The following application has been refused by Shropshire Council:

11, White Lodge Park, Shawbury – New Dwelling (23/01912/FUL)

23/81 Committee and Other Reports.SALC Area Committee:

Councillor M. Roberts had produced a written report which had been forwarded to Members for consideration but no issues were raised.

23/69 Press Matters.

Clerk to produce a report for the Parish Magazine and Members approved his suggestion that a copy of the report might also be placed on the local Facebook site.

Clerk confirmed that the report was always forwarded to the Chairman and Vice Chairman for comments before it was published.

23/70 Date of Next Council Meeting:

Tuesday October 10th. 2023 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:Details of correspondence received since the August meeting.

Dianne Dorrell – SALC AGM.

Works Team – Hazels Road planned work.

Cllr P. Sharp – Play Areas maintenance report.

Elaine O’Rahitty – Shropshire Councils Streetlight consortium.

Resident – Request for starting date of Oakland’s Park.

Gail Power – SALC AGM.

Cllr. J. Herbert – Concern re horses accessing Moat etc.

Shawbury Newsletter.

Cllr S. Jones – Redundant ‘phone box.

Gail Power – Outline Planning Register.

Jack Harper – Local Policing Charter.

Resident – Query re. Allotments.

Vice Chairman – Draft Sign for Queen’s Park.

Resident – request for treated pavements to be kept clear.

Three residents – Objections to proposed name change to Queen’s Park.

Lezley Picton – Marches Forward Partnership.

John Campion – PCC Newsletter.

Scottish Power – repayment of excess charges.

Resident -= Streetlight not working

Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS – News Up-date.

PFK Littlejohn – Audit report.

Stephen Robinson – Police Newsletter.

David Richards – Contractors.

Adrian Vine – RAF Shawbury involved in National Exercise.

Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS – Newsletter.

Thirty one emails and five ‘phone calls responding to the report regarding ‘Queen’s Park’.