

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>. 2019**

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The Chairman advised everyone that this was not a public meeting but a Parish Council meeting and therefore subject to the regulations governing such meetings. Members of the public were permitted to speak in the public session prior to the start of the meeting but could not participate in the actual Council meeting.

**Public Session:**

Approximately 80 members of the public were in attendance and several of them raised concerns about the proposals for Shawbury, which were outlined in Shropshire Council's Local Plan Review through to 2036.

It was widely felt that although there would need to be development that these should not take place until at least 2026, which would give time for the current building programme to be completed and for the additional population to be assimilated into the community.

There was substantial concern about the effect of further development on village facilities and infrastructure, many of which were already seriously under pressure.

There was a good deal of comment about the Preferred Site proposed by Shropshire Council, with many people pointing out that the area was subject to considerable flooding; access to it would be difficult through the current housing development and further pressure would be out on Poynton Road and other established roads and locations.

There was a general request for the Parish Council to listen closely to the concerns that had been raised and respond to the proposals in a manner that would be supportive of the local community concerns

It was pointed out that a petition was being circulated but the Chairman felt that it would not be appropriate to send it to the Parish Council and Shropshire Councillor S. Jones advised the organisers to pass it to him and he would place it before Shropshire Council's cabinet at the appropriate time. In the meantime he advised everyone to respond to the consultation document issued by Shropshire Council.

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**Present:**

Mr. A. G. Foster (Chairman)

Mr. J. Kennedy

Mrs. J. Herbert

Mr. B. Lyon

Mr. R. Pinches

Mr. P. Sharp

Mrs. J. Manley

Mr. A. Brown

Mr. J. Vernon

Mr. C. Kirkup

**In Attendance:**

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones

The Parish Clerk.

**1. Apologies:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Ms. S. McIntosh and Mr. D. Roberts.

**2. Personal or Prejudicial Interests.**

There were no interests declared.

Prior to considering the items under agenda item 3, the Vice Chairman gave a factual account of the current situation with regard to current development; information which had been given to the Council and the reasons the meeting had been arranged.

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones pointed out that this was only the beginning of the process with all responses to the overall County plan being considered by Shropshire Council's Cabinet and then the full Council before being forwarded to the Government's Planning team for consideration, comment and approval. No building could take place until that process was complete.

If and when the County plan was approved, any application for housing development would have to be made in the normal way, when the public had every right to respond.

### **3. Shropshire Councils Local Plan Review through to 2036**

Under published plans relating to Shawbury Parish the following statements were considered and the responses shown in italics:

(a) The Shawbury should continue to be considered as a 'hub'

*Shawbury Parish Council recognises that Shropshire Council has had to undergo a Local Plan Review to allocate additional housing throughout the County and that as part of this process Shawbury is identified as a 'hub'.*

(b) There is a requirement for the Parish to accept the construction of a further eighty houses in the period up to 2036

*Shawbury Parish Council understands and supports the requirement for the construction of a maximum of eighty additional properties in the Parish by 2036.*

*Furthermore the Parish Council would strongly ask Shropshire Council not to consider any new application for large scale development in the next five years due to the short time scale taken to approve the completion of the fifty homes up to 2026. Time must be given to assimilate the additional population into the village and assess the impact on the existing facilities and infrastructure.*

(c) That from the selection of sites offered for the development the site identified is the most appropriate.

*The 'Preferred Site' proposed by Shropshire Council is appropriate as are other locations in the village which may be considered.*

No further business was discussed.

**Approved as a true record of the Meeting.**

**Signed: A. Foster (Chairman)**

**Date: February 12<sup>th</sup>. 2019**