

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY MARCH 14TH. 2017 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

Mr. Russ Currie was present and gave an up-date on the Parish Defibrillator which was now in position on the wall of Mr. Crow's butchers shop. He thanked the Council for supporting the plan with particular thanks to Councillor Sharp for his active support and work of the Chairman, Mrs. Jenni Jervis (First Responder) and the Clerk.

He and Councillor Sharp would form a small group to manage the unit and a public meeting, funded by the W.I., would be held in May to demonstrate how the unit could be activated in an emergency.

The Chairman thanked Russ for the report and for all the work he had carried out.

Representatives of Shawbury Football Club and the Young Farmers were in attendance to discuss the possibility of them organising and managing the annual Bonfire and Firework event. The Council's policy regarding the future of the event was outlined which included a grant of £500 to cover the initial costs with free access to the field and the necessary equipment but the event would need to be organised in the same way that the Fun Day now operated. Because it was no longer a Council event they would need to arrange suitable insurance cover. It appeared that the group were expecting the Council to manage the event as in previous years as they could not provide any initial funding and could not take the risk of losing money on the event. No discussions had taken place with Jack Flash Fireworks to see if they were able to provide the fireworks on the selected date.

It was agreed that the Clerk would have further contact with them.

Present:

Ms. S. McIntosh (Chairman)

Mr. A. G. Foster

Mr. R. Pinches

Mrs. J. Manley

Mr. P. Sharp

Mr. A. Brown

Mrs. G. Matthews

Mr. J. Kennedy

Mr. B. Lyon

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk.

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones

Apologies.

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Mrs. F. Medley, Mr. D. Roberts, Mrs. T. Howells and Lt. M. McArdle R.N (RAF Shawbury).

16/153 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

There were no interests declared.

16/154 Minutes of Meeting held on February 7th. 2017.

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

16/155 Matters Arising.

(a)Parish Defibrillator (16/135(a)).

It was noted that the defibrillator was now in position and that it had been recorded in the Council's asset register and that insurance cover had been included under the current policy for damage and 3rd. party risks. The unit had been treated with smartwater, provided free of cost by the company. All records and documents would be held by the Clerk who would be thanking all concerned with the project.

(b) Highways (16/135(b)).

It was reported that a meeting had been held with Mr. David Gradwell regarding a number of issues and he had promised to look at ways in which the 20mph repeater signs could be improved in White Lodge Park and Poynton Road and would arrange to have some lining work done on the A53 by the Elephant and Castle Public House. Together with Members he looked at possible improvements on the A53 close to its junction with Wytheford Road but there was little that could be done and most of the problems were caused by irresponsible drivers.

(c) Mirror (16/135(c))

It was decided that it was not possible to proceed with this project as the Co-op were planning extensive new developments to the shop. However there seemed some doubt about this and the Clerk was asked to contact the manager again to clarify the situation.

(d) CCTV Camera (16/147)

The new camera was on order and the Clerk reported that he had put in application to the police budget organised by Shropshire Council for the full cost of replacement plus an additional camera.

(e) Car Park Fencing (16/146).

Councillors and the Clerk had met up with Mr. Luke Wilson who had agreed to carry out the necessary maintenance work which was outlined by the Chairman and Councillor A. Brown. The proposed work which included replacement posts and some new seating was supported by Members. The Clerk would now put in an official order and seek an estimated cost. Councillor Brown agreed to oversee the project.

(f) Planning

Shropshire Council had indicated that the proposed path from the new development on the A53 to Poynton Road would have to be funded from CIL money.

16/156 Correspondence.

Members considered and where appropriate, responded to items of correspondence received since the last meeting. Particular note was made of the following:

Mr. S. Giles – concern about the road accident on the A53 resulting in injury to a young boy.

This had been looked into by Members and the Shropshire Council Road Safety Officer – see report under 16/155(b)

Mr. R. Bailey – tree damage following the recent gale.

Debris had been removed.

Mr. P. Murphy – lack of 20 mph signs in White Lodge Park and Poynton Road and hedge cuttings left on the pathway by the school.

Road safety Officer to look at placing more signs in the roads and School staff had agreed to clean up the hedge cuttings.

Sue Thomas – Youth Club report.

Members welcomed the report which was very positive and had been given wide publicity.

Sue Thomas – possible grant to support Youth Activities

Clerk had applied for a grant of £1,000 and suggested a number of activities it could be used for.

Mike Jeffrey – Skate Boarding events.

The offer of providing additional events had been accepted.

Richard Bailey – blocked sewer.

Richard with the help of volunteers had managed to clear the blockage.

Richard Bailey – weekly report.

He had cleaned out the debris from another fire in the play area spinning bowl and had reported damage to the new trees and stakes.

16/157 Accounts for Payment.

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (March)		£417.38
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (February)		£280.35
Inland Revenue	Tax (March)	£278.00	
	N.I. (March)	£2.67	£280.67
Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance (February)		£479.50
Mr. T. Creber	Village work (February)		£300.00
Wilson's Gardening Service	Car park fence repairs		£146.40
Shawbury Scouts & Guides	Grant		£200.00
1 st . Shawbury Cub Scouts	Grant		£200.00
Severn Hospice	Grant		£200.00
Hope House	Grant		£200.00
McMillan Cancer Care	Grant		£200.00
Meres & Mosses H. Assoc.	Allotment rent (2017 – 2018)		£25.00
Interactive Information	Website hosting and domain renewal		£276.00
SADS UK	Key code locked heated defibrillator cabinet		£335.00
EON	Streetlight repairs – Oak Drive & Princes Court		£184.19
SALC	Election training fee (Clerk)		£22.00
Physio-control	Defibrillator		£780.00
Mr. R. Pinches	Grass & Hedge cutting		£525.46
Mr. P. Sharp	Defibrillator notices		£31.61

16/158 Financial Statement.

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

16/159 Exchange of Information:

(a) Agenda Items for next meeting:

As this meeting will be held during the election process no new policy decisions were possible and the meeting would concentrate of finalising outstanding business.

(b) The following items of concern were reported:

(i) Highways:

Potholes:

General concerns raised about potholes and Shropshire Councillor Jones explained the system which had been developed to ensure that the repairs to holes in essential areas was given priority.

Flooding:

A number of issues had been reported after the last heavy rainfall and Councillor Jones confirmed that arrangements had been made to jet all the drains again but the one near the Hairdressers had collapsed and major repair work was needed.

(ii) Street Lighting:

It was unanimously agreed to re-new the contract with EON for a further three years. *Clerk to activate.*

(iii) Other:

Effluent:

The Clerk had received a complaint about effluent coming from the drains behind the Chip Shop on Drayton Road. He had sent a letter to the Environment Agency with a request for them to investigate the cause.

Election Applications:

Details were issued to all existing Members.

16/160 Reports From:**(a) Police.**

Incidents recorded in December:

Muckleton Road – burglary (1) no suspect identified.

Millbrook Drive – vehicle crime (2) under investigation.

Coppice Close – burglary (2) no suspect identified.

Glebelands – anti-social-behaviour (1); violence (3) all under investigation.

Church Close – anti-social-behaviour (1)

White Lodge Park – anti-social-behaviour (1) violence (1) no suspect identified.

b) RAF Shawbury.

Mr. Kennedy confirmed that the new quieter helicopters would not be in full operation until April 2018 but some would be in use prior to that date for training purposes.

(c) Shropshire Council.

Councillor Jones:

1. Confirmed that Shropshire Council had set a budget which would lead to an increase in the amount paid in Council tax by householders and
2. Questioned if the Council intended to apply for a Shropshire Council Environmental Grant. After due consideration Members agreed to apply for £2,000 to enable the siding out of all the parish footpaths and various clearance work.

16/161 Planning.

A. The following applications had been received:

1. Rapra Technology – siting of a temporary storage building.
Application supported.
2. Wytheford House - screening development for the proposed poultry unit.
No response needed.

B. The following application had been approved:

59, White Lodge Park – single storey extension and conversion of garage to living accommodation.

6/162 Committee/Meeting Reports.

1. SALC Area Meeting:

Councillor Sharp gave a report of the meeting, which had been mainly about the Partial Review of the Shropshire Local Plan, when an interesting and informative talk had been given by Adrian Cooper. There would be a need for change when the current SAMDev was replaced and it was necessary for Parish Councils to prepare and plan for this. Councillor Sharp suggestion that the new Council should look at this in more detail was unanimously approved. The Chairman stated that as the Parish Plan was a community document it was necessary to make comment about the possible changes needed and she would do this in her annual report at the Annual Parish Meeting.

2. Shropshire Forum of Town & Parish Councils:

Clerk reported that he had attended the meeting in Shirehall on February 21st. The Council Chairman Mr. Pate had been in attendance and reported that the situation was not as bad as first anticipated but was likely to be worse in two years' time. Transfer of the libraries, sports centres, etc. had gone well and he was pleased to report that they all appeared to be operating efficiently. The meeting was dominated by the Town Councils who were mainly involved with devolved services and were also concerned about the new business rate changes, which would have a detrimental effect on many small businesses.

Adrian Cooper had given a broad outline of the partial review of the local plan.

16/163 Safety Issues.

1. Councillor Brown reported that he had reviewed the deep water signs in and around the Moat and river areas and it appeared that there was a need for two or three new posts and signs. He would liaise with Councillor Roberts and arrange to have them put in place.
2. Clerk outlined a document that had been sent to Clerks about the possible role of the Council in supporting other forms of safety training as well as providing the defibrillator but it was decided not to proceed with any other activity.

16/164 Press Matters.

Clerk to produce an article for the Parish Newsletter and the Web Site.

16/164 Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on April 11th. 2017 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: *S. McIntosh* (Chairman) Date: *April 11th. 2017*