

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

Public Session:

There was one member of the public present who raised concern about the amount of litter frequently left on the car park and questioned why those responsible had not been identified from a camera recording and then prosecuted. He was also concerned about articulated lorries using Church Street at times when children were being transported to and from school. The Chairman and other Members gave him a detailed response to both issues.

Present:

Ms. S. McIntosh (Chairman)
Mr. A. G. Foster
Mr. A. Brown
Mr. B. Lyon
Mr. J. Kennedy
Mrs. J. Manley
Mr. D. Roberts
Mr. C. Kirkup
Mr. P. Sharp
Mr. J. Vernon

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk.
Mr. G. Verling.

17/119 Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Lt. M. McArdle RN (RAF Shawbury).

17/120 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

There were no interests declared.

17/121 Mr. Guy Verling:

Mr. Verling, Head Teacher at Shawbury Primary School, was introduced by the Chairman and he updated Members on the current situation at the school and spoke highly of the quality of the staff and the children. He welcomed the opportunity to work closely with the Council on a range of issues and would be happy for Members to visit the school. He agreed that there was a problem with vehicles parking at or near the school and was looking at ways in which improvements could be made.

The Chairman thanked him for attending and it was agreed to keep him informed of Council activities.

17/122 Minutes of Meeting held on October 10th. 2017.

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

17/123 Matters Arising.

(a)Highways (17/113bi).

1. Councillor D. Roberts reported that with the help of a group of volunteers from RAF Shawbury, sections of the footpaths in the Parish had been sided by clearing away overgrowth and debris. A total of 50 bags of waste had been collected and this was taken away by staff from Shropshire Council's Highways Department.

2. Safety Barrier:

Concern was again expressed about the lack of action over the repair of the safety barrier at the entrance to White Lodge Park from the A53.

Clerk to raise the issue again with Shropshire Council.

(b) Community/Neighbourhood Plans (17/107(b)).

It was decided not to proceed with developing a Neighbourhood Plan until details of any suggested planning proposals in the Parish were identified in more detail during the early part of 2018.

(c) Street light repairs (17/107(c))

It was noted that a start had been made on the repair work.

(d) Smartwater (17/107(d))

Clerk confirmed that Ms. Rachael Oakley and Police Superintendent Harding would be attending the next meeting to discuss plans for financing the project.

(e) Car Park – additional lighting (17/111).

There had been support for the project from nearly all the Members and as Sue Thomas was processing a grant to cover the cost which needed to be submitted before the end of October, it had been decided to go ahead with the project. The lights would be controlled and only used by the Youth Club.

(f) White Lodge Park (17/113(bi))

It was noted with appreciation that the owner of TC's Haulage had taken immediate action to stop any of his lorries travelling through White Lodge Park.

(g) Play Area – equipment repair (17/107(i))

The Clerk reported that an effective repair had been carried out.

(h) CCTV:

The Clerk reported that it had not been possible to access a police grant this year as they would no longer support annual maintenance and running costs.

(i) Road Name Signs:

Members considered a detailed report prepared by the Vice Chairman, which identified the condition of signs around the Parish, many of which needed considerable attention and repair. He was thanked for the excellent report and it was agreed to forward it to Shropshire Council for consideration and comment and to look at the possibility of using any future Environmental Maintenance Grant money to pay for the work.

17/124 Correspondence

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

Eon – SOX Lighting.

Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the contractors stating that an EU directive had been issued pointing out that SOX (low pressure sodium lighting) is to be phased out by the end of 2019. There are currently 46 such lights in the parish and it had been suggested that these were dealt with by a phased approach as the total cost would be in the region of £11,000.00.

It was agreed to take that approach and the Clerk would discuss this with Eon representatives.

Ms. Vicky Roberts:

Had made a request for additional lighting at the bus stop in Edgebolton and for hedges overhanging the footpaths to be cut back. Councillor A. Brown stated that he had carried out a site visit and to provide a light would entail additional cabling and the erection of a new light. Alternatively, the bus stop and seat could be moved nearer to the existing light.

It was decided that it would be too expensive to provide an additional light and Shropshire Council should be approached regarding the possible re-location of the bus stop.

The Highways Department would be asked to remind the land owners of their responsibility to cut back the hedges.

Mr. Cooke and Mr. Verdino – re. Football Club lease.

Emails had been sent to the Clerk expressing disappointment that they had not had an opportunity to challenge some of the statements made at the last meeting and wishing to clarify the delay which they considered was not entirely their fault.

Mr. Cooke had asked for his email to be passed to Members and this had been done. After discussions with the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Clerk had responded and Mr. Cooke had been invited to attend the Council meeting. Unfortunately he was unable to attend.

The Chairman felt that there was no further action the Council could take at this stage and this was agreed.

Mr. Richard Bailey – picnic bench damage and other reports.

Members noted the report of repeated fire damage to the picnic bench and the waste bin situated in the Glebe area. It had been necessary to remove the bin although this would result in additional litter in the area.

It was agreed that the reason for this action should be sent for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter.

17/125 Accounts for Payment.

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (November)		£561.90
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (October)		£76.08
Inland Revenue	PAYE (November)	£140.40	
	N.I. (November)	£3.08	£143.48
Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance (October)		£250.00
	Floral Gateways		£130.00
Mr. T. Creber	Litter collection (October)		£310.00
Mr. L. Wilson	Play Area grass cutting etc. (Oct.)		£167.00
Mr. L. Wilson	Replacing car park posts		£510.00
SALC	Training fee (Vice Chairman)		£25.00
Mr. C. Ruck	I.T. Support (08/17 - 08/18)		£120.00
Lexis Nexis	Local Council Admin (10 th . Edition)		£64.80
Scottish Power	Electricity Supply (30/06 -30/09)		£736.10
E-ON	Street light repairs (Church Close)		£130.69
Mr. P. Brown	Repair and re-painting Moat gate		£583.00
Information Commissioner	Annual Fee (S/O)		£35.00
Mr. D. Roberts	Tools for path footpath clearance		£63.95
Nobridge Ltd.	Ground Maintenance		£582.16

17/126 Financial Statement.

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

17/127 Exchange of Information:

(a) Agenda Items for next meeting:

Budget and Precept Setting which would include details of proposed future developments.

(b) The following items of concern were reported:

(i) Highways:

Road Safety in Church Street related to the use of the road by articulated lorries.

Clerk to discuss with TC's Transport.

Overgrown hedge outside No. 52, Bridgeway.

This was being dealt with by Eon when they carried out street light repairs.

(ii) Street Lighting:

Still problems with light No. 4 in Church Close.

Clerk to discuss this with Eon.

(iii) Other:

1. Burial Ground:

(a) Pathway.

It was agreed that the Chairman and Councillor Mrs. Manley would look at the need for remedial work to be carried out and report back at the next meeting.

(b) Collection and disposal of waste material.

Councillor P. Sharp reported that there was a need to assess the method of disposing the waste material collected in the burial ground as the current volunteer had indicated that he wished to retire.

It was agreed that Councillor J. Kennedy would approach Mr. Creber to see if he was prepared to be involved and then there would be a need to have discussions with the Church Warden regarding arrangements to obtain a new bin.

2. Shropshire Council – Youth Grant:

Councillor J. Kennedy reported that the L.J.C. Committee had been informed that next year the Wem area would not be receiving any money from Shropshire Council to support Youth Activity. This would mean that the Shawbury Club would lose the £1,000.00 they currently receive.

3. Hazeldine Crescent:

Vice-Chairman reported that the grassed area was becoming overgrown.

Clerk to contact Nobridge and ask for it to be cut back.

4. Bus Shelters:

The Chairman agreed to contact the contractor and have the bus shelters cleaned again.

17/128 Reports From:

(a) Police:

1. The following incidents were recorded in September:

Leasowes Park: Anti-Social Behaviour – 1: Violence – 1 (Unable to prosecute).

A53: Anti-Social Behaviour -1: Burglary -1 (Under investigation).

Mytton Road: Criminal Damage -1 (No suspect identified); Violence -1 (Unable to prosecute).

River Gardens: Shop lifting -1 (Unable to prosecute).

Carradine Close: Burglary -1 (No suspect identified).

Bridge Way: Violence -1 (No suspect identified).

Playing Field: Anti-Social Behaviour -1

2. Statistical Report:

Members considered a document prepared by Councillor A. Brown which was a comprehensive record of the range, number and location of incidents in the Parish, recorded by the police over the past five years. He was thanked for the excellent and valuable project.

(b) RAF Shawbury.

The following news items were reported:

1. A live security exercise involving RAF personnel and the police was taking place on Thursday November 16th.

2. The Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch for residents aged over 70 would be taking place in the Officers Mess on Tuesday 12th. December - 110 invitations had been sent out.

3. Contractors had been asked to carry out additional emptying of a bin near Jubilee Hall which was often overflowing.

(c) Shropshire Council.

No report tabled.

17/129 Planning.

A. The following application had been received and was supported:

74, Bridgeway – erection of a detached garage; formation of brick wall and gates to side and front of the property.

B. The following applications had been approved by Shropshire Council:

SMC Operations – up-grade of existing 11kv line to 3 phase.

Central Garage etc. – Erection of a new Co-op Convenience Store

17/130 Committee/Meeting Reports.

No reports tabled.

17/131 Place Plans:

Members carried out a full review of the current Place Plan and amended and added items where necessary.

17/132 Budget

Clerk reported that he was meeting with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to produce a draft budget which would be available for Members to consider and approve at the December meeting, when next year's precept would need to be set.

It was agreed to maintain the current list of budget heads but it was suggested that the following additional ones should be included:

Additional CCTV camera(s); replacement SOC lights; Mirror on the Co-op wall; Neighbourhood Plan

17/133 Press Matters.

Clerk to arrange a suitable article.

17/134 Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on December 12th. 2017 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: S. McIntosh (Chairman) **Date:** December 12th. 2017

Correspondence received since last meeting – October.

Dave Carpenter – Incidents at the bowling club.

Phil Moore – thanks for support.

Mr. G. Verdino – response to complaints about the lack of development.

Ian @ TC's Haulage – re. White Lodge Park/lorries.*

Gale Power – Shropshire Council's preferred scale of the distribution of development.*

Gail Power - Shropshire Council cabinet report on Youth Activities and funding.*

Sue Thomas – Shropshire Councils Economic Growth Strategy.*

Sue Thomas – Parish Plans.*

ALC – CEO's bulletin October 13th.*

Dianne Dorrell – Future Fit Meeting.*

Dianne Dorrell – SALC presentations.*

Gavin Hogarth – Shropshire Families Event*

EON – SOX lighting.

Dianne Dorrell – AGM cancelled.*

Vicky Roberts – request for a light by the bus stop in Edgebolton + overgrown hedges.*

Rachael Oakley – Smartwater – Police Superintendent Harding attending the Dec. meeting.*

Mr. Tim Leddy – statement.*

Gail Power – Shropshire Local Plan.*

Mr. Rodney Cooke re lease of land.*

Richard Bailey – removal of fallen branches, etc.

Shropshire Council – election fees.

Matt Ford (RAF) – Community work

Gail Power – Hospital Journeys.*

Rodney Cooke – meeting apologies.*

Patricia Martin – Health watch Shropshire.

RAF (Shawbury) Use of sports facilities by the Youth Club.

Dave Carpenter – various reported incidents – CCTV check.

Richard Bailey – fire damage to picnic table and waste bin liners.

Kim Leach (RAF Shawbury) Exercise on November 17th.*

Post Office Ltd. Re. Shawbury Post Office.*

Dianne Dorrell – General Data Protection Regulation.*