

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 10TH.
2013 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Present:

Mr. D. Roberts (Chairman)

Mrs. J. Manley

Ms S. McIntosh

Mr. R. Pinches

Mrs. G. Matthews

Mr. A. Foster

Mr. J. Kennedy

Mrs. F. Medley

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk.

13/135 Apologies:

Apologies were presented and accepted from Flt. Lt. J. Hobkirk (RAF Shawbury), Mr. P. Sharp, Mrs. T. Howells and Mr. J. Davies.

13/136 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

There were no interests declared.

13/137 Minutes of Meeting held on November 12th. 2013:

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

13/138 Matters Arising:**(a) Highways (13/121(a); (13/125(b))**

It was noted that no action had been taken over the issues raised at the last meeting.

(b) Burial Ground (13/121(b))

Mrs. Medley and Mr. Kennedy reported that they had discussed with Richard Bailey, the planned development of a suitable area for the burial of ashes from cremations and he was considering a number of options. Clerk reported that Richard would be providing a quote early in the New Year.

(c) Moat (13/132)

Clerk reported that:

(a) He had written to Mr. Adrian Brown advising him that the Council did not want to proceed with another Heritage Lottery Grant application.

(b) He had replied to Mr. B. Klemperer at English Heritage asking for his suggestions for other sources of funding but had not received a reply.

(d) Village Hall Planning Application (13/129(a)):

Following further details received from Mrs. Medley and circulated to Members and information that there was no commitment for the Parish Council, it had been decided to support the application.

13/139 Correspondence:

Members considered the following correspondence received by the Clerk:

Alison Tudor – Shropshire Rural Hub Newsletter.

ALC – Information Bulletin November 8th.

ALC - Information Bulletin November 15th.

Andrew Gough – CCTV.

Robert Pinches – CCTV.

Clerk reported that he had forwarded Mr. Pinches' comments to Andrew Gough and the police but had not received a response.

ALC – Briefing update on planning.

ALC for Shropshire Council – Mobile Infrastructure Project.

3/140 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following invoices:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (December)	£539.06
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (November)	£105.18
Inland Revenue	Tax/N.I (December)	£134.60
Mr. T. Creber	Village work (December)	£417.00
Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance contract + sundries	£342.99
Paper Write	Photocopy cartridge	£96.79
St. John Ambulance	First Aid for Firework event	£63.36
ORP	CCTV Maintenance contract	£570.00
Eon	54 Church Close – replacement lantern	£131.74
Nobridge Ltd.	Ground maintenance	£1,358.36

13/141 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

13/142 Exchange of Information:

(a) Items for inclusion on the next agenda:

Litter Collection.

Moat Pathway.

Grass cutting contract.

The following concerns were reported:

(i) Highways:

No new issues but Clerk to remind the Highways Department of all the outstanding items.

(ii) Streetlights:

Shropshire Council light on Wem Road not working and light No. 1 on A53 still not repaired.

Clerk to inform Lighting Department

(iii) Other:

No issues raised.

13/143 Litter Picking.

During the preparation of the budget for 2014 – 2015, concerns had been raised that the Council was spending about 12.5% of the precept on picking up litter. Investigations had indicated that we were duplicating work that should be carried out by Shropshire Council and that some areas in the contract were no longer needed. A paper had been produced suggesting that there was a need to completely review the service.

After detailed consideration it was decided that there was no need for the current system and that the current contract with Mr. Creber should be cancelled at the end of the current financial year – March 31st. As he was paid a month in advance the final payment to him would be made at the March meeting. At the next meeting there would be a full review of the service needed in the future.

Clerk to inform Mr. Creber of the decision.

13/144 Budget and Precept Setting 2014 – 2015.

Members considered a draft budget presented by the Clerk and after due consideration this was approved following the amendment to the budget for litter collection.

Clerk reported that as part of his contract Richard Bailey had agreed to cut the grass in the play area on the playing field.

A copy of the budget is available on the Council web site.

13/145 Glebe Area Developments

Clerk reported that he had received the grant of £5,000.00 from the Diocese as a contribution to the cost of the paths and the grant of £1,782.00 from the LJC for the picnic tables and seats. A meeting of the committee had agreed where these should be sited once they were delivered.

It was agreed that the urgent need in the Glebe area was to get all the old fencing, barbed wire, etc. and removed before the spring and complete any necessary drainage work. Clerk to discuss this with Mr. Bailey. Once that was complete other issues could be addressed.

It was suggested that a holiday/weekend project could be arranged for children to build and put in place nest boxes, etc.

Clerk reported that Mr. Dove had contacted him and was arranging to transfer the money held by the Angling Club into the Council's account.

13/146 Reports from:

(a)Police

No report tabled.

(b) RAF Shawbury:

No report tabled.

(c) Shropshire Council:

No report tabled.

13/147PlanningApplications:

A. The following applications had been received and no concerns raised:

2, The Lawns, Church Close – erection of a conservatory to rear of property.

The Hollies, Butlers Bank – erection of a single storey extension to existing cattery and regularisation of existing layout.

B. The following application was considered and no objections were raised:

Jayroc Stables, Shawbury Heath – extensions to existing stables and additional units for alpaca breeding and storage.

C. The following application had been approved by Shropshire Council:

Little Wytheford Farm – erection of agricultural building.

13/148 Parish Place Plan.

Clerk had discussed this with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and had presented Members with a suggested response. This was considered and adopted, after the removal of the statement in the Infrastructure Levy Priorities relating to the sewerage upgrading, as this was the responsibility of the developers.

13/149 Committee/Other Reports:

Moat Committee

The Chairman reported that there had been a meeting of the Committee when disappointment was expressed about the lack of support from English Heritage. It was agreed that the essential work was to keep the area neat and tidy and encourage working parties to participate in this.

There was a need to consider the construction of a path through the Moat area up to the A53

13/150 Press Matters:

No matters to report.

13/151 Date and Time of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on January 14th. 2014 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: _____ (Chairman) Date: _____.