

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>. 2014  
At 7.00pm.**

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**Public Session:**

There was one member of the public present- Mr. John Martin - who raised concerns about restrictions being placed on dog walkers using the Dawsons Rough area of the village.

Flt. Lt. Hobkirk confirmed that this action was being brought forward because of the amount of dog fouling in the area which was a danger to children and official users of the area. The area concerned was MOD property and not open access for non- service personnel unless it is for legitimate reasons and this regulation was being enforced for all other users.

He agreed that it would be helpful if an article was published in the Parish Magazine and he would ask for this to be done.

Members unanimously supported the decisions.

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**Present:**

Mr. D. Roberts (Chairman)

Ms. S. McIntosh

Mrs. G. Matthews

Mr. R. Pinches

Mr. P. Sharp

Mr. A. Foster

Mr. J. Kennedy

Mrs. M. Clark

**In Attendance:**

The Parish Clerk.

Flt. Lt. Hobkirk (RAF Shawbury).

**14/49 Apologies:**

Apologies were presented and accepted from Mrs. F. Medley, Mrs. J. Manley and Mr. S. Jones (Shropshire Councillor).

**14/50 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:**

There were no interests declared.

**14/51 Broadband Development:**

Postponed to the September meeting.

**14/52 Minutes of Meeting held on June 10<sup>th</sup>. 2014:**

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

**14/53 Matters Arising:**

(a)Highways (14/361(a)).

The report from Victoria Doran had been circulated to Members and its contents were noted.

b) Notice Board by Play Area (14/36(b)).

Following advice from Mr. Bailey about the condition of the board it was decided not to proceed with erecting it near the playing field gate.

(c) Council Vacancy (14/43(iii)).

As there had been no call for an election the Council would now have to try and co-opt a new Member.

(d) Play Area Inspections

These had taken place on Monday June 30<sup>th</sup>. and Mr. Bailey had accompanied the Inspector on his visit to the sites. The full report had not been received yet but it seemed that there were very few problems.

(e) Shropshire Council – Government grant of £400k (14/43(a)).

Clerk reported that this fund was for a specific purpose in helping those in need. There had been very few applications and Shropshire Council had decided to set up a web site at a minimal cost, giving all the details of the grant in the hope that it would generate a greater response.

It was agreed that information should be placed in the Parish Magazine and on the Parish Council web site.

(f) Oak Drive (14/43i (b)).

Shropshire Council had confirmed that as this was an un-adopted road, it was the responsibility of the residents to undertake any action they felt necessary to deter or prevent its use by unauthorised vehicles.

(g) Moat Paths (14/36(c)).

Mrs. Medley had reported that she was still receiving complaints about one section of the pathway. The Chairman stated that extra bonding material had been put in by Mr. Allmark but was already being washed away. He would have another word with him to see what action could be taken to improve the path.

**14/54 Correspondence:**

Members considered the following correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting:

Shropshire Council – free trees available.

*It was decided not to apply for any this year.*

ALC – Information Bulletin June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Shropshire Council -Emergency Planning newsletter.

Elections Officer – polling stations.

Shropshire Council – empty homes strategy.

Mr. J. Martin – dog walking in Dawsons Rough.

Gail Matthews – complaint received about noisy cockerel.

*Complainant had been advised to try and resolve the matter with the owner of the cockerel and if this was not successful to report it to Shropshire Council's Environmental Health Department.*

Richard Bailey – wet area behind houses in Glebelands.

*This had been reported to Severn Trent who had identified and cleared a blocked sewerage pipe.*

Richard Bailey – damage to farmer's hedge; vandalism of bench in the Moat area.

*Clerk reported that both benches had now been damaged beyond repair and that one had been thrown into one of the pools. Chairman was unsure whether the damage was the result of determined vandalism and that damage to the hedge was minimal.*

Jessica Mahday – light not working by the Church.

*Clerk reported that this light illuminates the Church clock and it is unclear who is responsible for its maintenance. It was resolved to take no action at present.*

Shropshire Fire and Rescue – Newsletter.

Jill Manley – various.

**14/55 Accounts for Payment:**

It was resolved to pay the following invoices:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (July)	£538.86
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (June)	£81.70
Inland Revenue	Tax/N.I (July)	£134.80
Mr. T. Creber	Village work (June)	£320.00
Mr. D. Roberts	Keys for playing field gate	£10.00
Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance (June)	£523.00
	Parish paths	£50.00
Mr. A. Allmark & Sons	Construction of Moat paths	£8,908.80
Cura	Maintenance contract (photocopier)	£226.80
SALC	Finance course fee (Clerk)	£20.00
Glasdon Ltd.	Dog waste bin and fittings	£235.48

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Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (August)	£538.86
Inland Revenue	Tax/N.I. (August)	£134.80
Mr. T. Creber	Village Work (July)	£310.00
Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance (July)	£420.00

**14/56 Financial Statement:**

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

**14/57 Exchange of Information:**

(a) Items for inclusion on the next agenda:

1. Review of litter picking and the contract.
2. Reserve fund based on annual % increase.

(b) The following concerns were reported:

(i) Highways:

1. Beech Grove.

It was reported that a hedge and a tree had been planted in the grass verge belonging to Shropshire Council, outside the first bungalow on the left side of the road. Clerk to check if permission had been given for this development.

2. A53

It was noted that a wide gap was developing between the lay-by and the highway outside the cottages on the left side of the road just past the bridge. The gap was wide enough to trap cycle wheels and could cause an accident.

(ii) Streetlights:

No issues raised.

(iii) Other:

1. Litter Picking.

After reviewing a report from Mr. Kennedy about the amount of litter on the field it was agreed to increase Mr. Creber's contract to three days per week from July 1<sup>st</sup>. to September 30<sup>th</sup>. Clerk to action. A full review of the new contract would be undertaken at the September meeting.

2. Bus Shelters.

Mr. Roberts and Mr. Sharp agreed to clean both bus shelters.

3. Waste Bin.

It was agreed to purchase an additional bin for the Council car park if Shropshire Council were unable to supply one.

4. Cherry Tree.

It was agreed to plant a new tree in White Lodge Park as soon as the alterations had been carried out to the adjacent hedge.

5. Housing Development beside the A53.

Clerk reported that Adrian Cooper (Planning Officer) had requested a meeting with representatives of the Council and Nigel Thorne from the developers, to discuss issues related to the development. There were items which the developers wished to clarify before they submitted the planning application.

Chairman and Clerk to attend and if convenient one additional Councillor.

6. Gate Post.

It was agreed that Mr. Bailey should be asked to replace the damaged post at the entrance to the playing field.

**14/58 Reports from:**

**(a)Police:**

The police web site indicated that the following offences had been recorded in May.

Shop lifting -3; Burglary – 2; Robbery -1; Theft -2; Criminal damage -1; Vehicle crime – 1; Anti-social behaviour – 5.

**(b) RAF Shawbury:**

Flt. Lt. Hobkirk confirmed the dates of the Family Day on July 11th and the Officer's Ball on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

**(c) Shropshire Council:**

No report tabled.

**14/59 Planning:**

A. The following applications had been received with no objections raised:

115, Drayton Road: insertion of dormer windows to rear roofline plus internal alterations.

12, Glebelands – erection of single storey extension to rear of property.

B. The following application had been approved:

Jayroc Stables – extension to existing stabling.

**Committee/Other Reports:**

There were no committee reports tabled.

**14/60 Press Matters**

There were no issues.

**14/61 Date and Time of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be on September 9th. 2014 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

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

**Signed: S. McIntosh (Chairman)**

**Date: September 9<sup>th</sup>. 2014**