

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY JUNE 10TH. 2014
At 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

There were no members of the public present.

Mr. D. Roberts (Chairman)

Ms. S. McIntosh

Mrs. G. Matthews

Mrs. F. Medley

Mr. R. Pinches

Mrs. J. Manley

Mr. P. Sharp

Mr. A. Foster

Mrs. T. Howells

Mrs. M. Clark

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk.

Flt. Lt. Hobkirk (RAF Shawbury).

P.C. D. Carpenter (West Mercia Constabulary).

14/32 Apologies:

Apologies were presented and accepted from Mr. J. Kennedy and Mr. S. Jones (Shropshire Councillor).

14/33 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

There were no interests declared.

14/34 Broadband Development:

This item was deferred to the July meeting.

14/35 Minutes of Meeting held on May 13th. 2014:

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

14/36 Matters Arising:**(a) Highways (14/21(a)).**

It was noted that no further action had been taken over any of the outstanding issues and Clerk was asked to discuss these with Victoria Doran at the Highways Department.

b) Notice Board by Play Area (14/21(b)).

Clerk to speak to Mr. Bailey about erecting the sign on the car park.

(c) Moat - new pathways (14/21(c)).

It was reported that the paths had been completed but Mrs. Medley reported that she had received some complaints from residents about a couple of areas which were difficult to use.

Clerk to speak to Mr. Allmark and ask him to speak to the Chairman or Mrs. Medley to see how these can be resolved.

(d) Motorcycle notices (Public Session)

The notices had been printed and widely distributed and several residents had reported incidents to the police regarding the use of motorcycles etc. in the Moat and the Glebe.

(e) Angling Club.

Clerk reported that he had eventually received a cheque from Mr. Dove but it had been made out to the 'Angling Club' He had returned it to the bank for amendment but he had received no further correspondence. There Council could have no legal redress regarding this money as the standing orders for the disbanded club stated that, 'if the club was dissolved the money should be passed to a charity or an alternative fishing club'.

14/37 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting:

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

14/38 Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

14/39 Correspondence:

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

Patrick Cosgrove – items about Broadband in Shropshire.

ALC – Information Bulletin May 16th.

Brian Williams – The Planning Service.

ALC – copy of Chief Fire Officers Risk Management.

Shropshire Together – Newsletter about dementia.

Shropshire Playing Fields Association – membership request. After consideration it was decided not to apply for membership of the Association.

ALC – copy of response from Nick Boles (Planning Minister).

Planning Department – appeal by developers of Sparrow Cottage.

14/40 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following invoices:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (June)		£539.06
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (May)		£115.26
Inland Revenue	Tax/N.I (June)		£136.07
Mr. T. Creber	Village work (April)		£200.00
Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance	£420.00	
	Gateway planting	£110.65	
	Glebe work	£39.13	
	Weed killer & new key	£7.30	£577.08
Eon	New lantern (Church Close) February		£158.09
Mr. M. Sheehy	Internal audit		£265.00
Shropshire Trophy Centre	Award plaques		£43.75
Paper Write	Certificates/Motorcycle circulars		£18.05

14/41 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

It was resolved to increase the reserve fund to £10,000.00.

Mr. Foster suggested that the reserve fund should be further increased each year as part of the budget setting, to allow for the depreciation of Council assets. It was agreed that this should be discussed as an agenda item at the next meeting.

14/42 Audit report:

The Clerk had forwarded all the end of year reports and documents, including the Internal Auditor's report, which had not identified any concerns over any aspect of Council business.

After consideration, the documents were unanimously approved and signed off by the Chairman.

A vote of thanks was made to both the Clerk and Mr. Sheehy, the Internal Auditor, for the detailed and accurate reports.

14/43 Exchange of Information:

(a) Items for inclusion on the next agenda:

Mrs. Clark asked for an item to discuss media reports that Shropshire Council had not used a £400,00.00 Government grant to assist people in need and were proposing to use it on alternative projects.

(b) The following concerns were reported:

(i) Highways:

(a) Mrs. Manley reported that Shropshire Councils grass cutting programme on the A53 and other areas had been left so long that the resulting grass cuttings were strewn all over the roads and footpaths. Also no attempt had been made to have the rubbish collected prior to cutting the grass.

Clerk to report complaint to Highways Department.

(b) The Chairman reported that he had been approached by Mr. Kynaston from Oak Drive, which is an un-adopted road regarding a marked increase in vehicles including HGV's using and turning round in this road causing considerable damage. Mr. Kynaston wondered what redress the residents had.

It was suggested that the residents needed to seek legal advice from a solicitor or visit the Citizens Advice Bureau. In the meantime a resident should speak to the owner of the Elephant and Castle Public House to see if he would remove a bollard preventing access to his car park.

The Clerk was also asked to raise the issue with Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones to see if he could give any advice or help.

(ii) Streetlights:

It was agreed to carry out modifications to a light in Bridgeway.

(iii) Other:

1. Clerk advised Members that as Mr. Davies had not attended Council meetings for six months, under Section 7.10 of the Local Government Act 1972 he automatically ceased to be a Member.

He had been informed and the necessary action to secure a replacement was underway.

2. It was agreed that the following activities could take place on the playing field:

(a) Football Club Fete and Fun Day June 28th. 9.30am to 5,00pm.

(b) Cubs – District Football Tournament July 13th.

(c) Gail Matthews – car parking for wedding August 9th. 2.00pm – 5.00pm

14/44 Reports from:

(a) Police:

The Chairman welcomed P.C. Dave Carpenter to the meeting and he gave an overview of police activity. The police were taking action against two of the motor cyclists who had caused problems in the

Moat and Glebe areas and would continue to try and resolve the issue. The police were grateful for the support they had received from local residents over this.

Local police and specialist teams were continuing to target drug activity at local level and in the wider community.

Clerk reported that information on the web site indicated the following offences had been recorded in April:

Anti-social behaviour -5; Theft -1; Drug related offence -1; Criminal damage – 1; violent behaviour – 1.

Dave Carpenter said there was a range of other reported police activity which did not appear on the web site.

(b) RAF Shawbury:

Flt. Lt. Hobkirk stated that:

1. The forbearance of local people was appreciated regarding the aircraft noise related to Cosford Air Show.
2. The base now had a Facebook site.
3. The Officer's Ball and Family Day would go ahead as previously reported.

(c) Shropshire Council:

No report tabled.

14/45 Planning:

A. The following applications had been received and sent to Members for consideration and comment.

1. Field House, Wytheford Road – erection of eight bungalows (four affordable).
2. Ponderosa, 3, Little Wytheford – alterations in connection with the conversion of a redundant barn to provide ancillary accommodation.

As neither the Chairman or the Clerk had received any feedback from Members within the stipulated time, a 'No Comment' response had been sent to the Planning Department for both applications.

B. The following application has been approved:

- 5, Muckleton Cottages – erection of a first floor extension.

14/46 Committee/Other Reports:

There were no committee reports tabled.

14/47 Press Matters

There were no issues.

14/48 Date and Time of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on July 8th. 2014 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: D Roberts (Chairman)

Date: July 10th, 2014