

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12TH.
2013 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

There was one person present - Mr. Rust - who raised concerns about the planning application for development at the Village Hall.

Present:

Mr. D. Roberts (Chairman)

Mrs. J. Manley

Mrs. M. Clarke

Ms. S. McIntosh

Mr. R. Pinches

Mrs. G. Matthews

Mr. A. Foster

Mr. J. Kennedy

Mrs. F. Medley

Mrs. T. Howells

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk.

Flt. Lt. J. Hobkirk (RAF Shawbury).

13/118 Apologies:

Apologies were presented and accepted from Mr. P. Sharp and Shropshire Councillor S. Jones.

13/119 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

Mrs. Clarke declared an interest in the application for development at Wytheford Heath Farm as she was employed by the applicant.

13/120 Minutes of Meeting held on October 8th. 2013:

The minutes of the meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record after the word Committee had been deleted from Item 13/114A.

13/121 Matters Arising:**(a) Highways (13/105; 13/110(i))**

It was noted that the reported pot holes had not been repaired and that a start had been made to cut the hedge at the entrance to White Lodge Park but the equipment being used had damaged the railings before the work had been completed.

Clerk to discuss issues with Ian Gilmore

(b) Burial Ground (13/105(b))

Mrs. Medley and Mr. Kennedy reported that they were meeting Mr. Bailey on November 19th. to discuss the area for burying cremated ashes.

(c) Firework Event (13/111)

A report had been received from Richard Bailey and forwarded to Members for consideration. In spite of the awful weather about 1,000 people had turned out to watch a splendid firework display and enjoy

an excellent bonfire. Because of the lower than normal attendance and increased costs there was an overall loss of £1,474.00 but VAT of £450.00 will be reclaimable on the expenditure. Profit over the previous years will mean that there is still a substantial sum available under the budget head.

Members expressed their sincere thanks to Richard and all his volunteer helpers for their magnificent effort in providing the event and ensuring that it went ahead.

(d) Craft Fair (13/111b)

Mrs. Manley reported that it had been a worthwhile event and thanked those who had given help and support. A profit of £130.00 had been made and paid into the bank.

The Chairman paid tribute to her and the willing helpers for all their effort.

(e) Glebe – Public Meeting (13/111(a))

Members noted that the event had been very successful with well over 40 members of the public present and that the Diocese Committee Members had expressed their thanks and complimented the Council on the proactive approach they had to issues within the Parish. They were very impressed by the new pathways and also felt that the removal of the boundary hedge had greatly improved the area.

Consideration was given to a detailed report from Mr. Bailey about future development but any recommendations were deferred to the next meeting when the budget for next year would be clearer.

(f) Streetlight Maintenance (13/110(ii))

Clerk reported that the Chairman; Vice Chairman, Mr. Foster and he had met with Mr Garry Johnson from Eon, when he had outlined the need for the whole lighting system to be brought up to present day standards. He had explained what was needed and how this could be achieved and agreed to look at ways in which he could reduce the overall cost.

He later forwarded a quotation of £10,600.00 (+VAT) and following discussions with the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Clerk had advised Mr. Johnson that this would be put to full Council.

The quotation was accepted.

(g) Shropshire Council – CCTV (13/106(3))

The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting called by Shropshire Council to try and identify ways in which the service could be maintained with an ever decreasing budget; lower staff levels and equipment which needed replacing. A range of options were considered but there was no suggestion that the Parish Council should be charged for the backup service provided by Shropshire Council.

(h) Play Area Maintenance (13/94(c))

Clerk reported that with Mr. Parry and accompanied by the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Mr. Bailey, the Play Areas had been visited and inspected. Mr. Parry noted that the RoSPA report had indicated the problem with the surface material was low risk and he felt that at this stage there was no need for remedial action but to keep monitoring the surface.

13/122 Correspondence:

Members considered the following correspondence received by the Clerk:

1. Simon Jones – Call for Action.
2. Alison Tudor – Shropshire Rural Hub Newsletter.
3. Ms. E. Ashton – Concerns about speeding traffic in Church Street/Poynton Road.

Ms Ashton had contacted the Clerk asking for a speed control light to be installed in Poynton Road as traffic was still exceeding the 20mph limit. Clerk had responded by pointing out the action that had been taken by both Shropshire and the Parish Council including speed checks and that there was no

likelihood of any additional funds being available but he would bring her concerns to the attention of both Councils. She had replied stating that she was not happy with the situation.

4. Emma Ellison (Shropshire Council) – Emergency Planning Newsletter.

5. Bill Klemperer (English Heritage) – re. application for Moat maintenance grant.

Clerk reported that he had finally received a response from E.H. They had offered sincere thanks to the Parish Council for the way in which the Moat area had been maintained by the Moat Committee and the Parish Council but regretted that they were unable to continue to give any financial support. They hoped that the Council would be able to keep the area well maintained and they might be able to suggest ways to raise finance.

Clerk was asked to make a suitable response and ask for details of organisations that may be prepared to give financial assistance.

ALC – Bulletin 16th. October.

Shropshire Council - Election fees.

Clerk reported that the fee, payable in the next financial year, would be £100.00.

Clerk to Stanton upon Hine Heath – copy of the minutes of their last meeting.

Sue Thomas – Information re. Fire Service meeting.

The Chairman and Mr. Sharp would be attended the meeting.

Sue Thomas – Broadband development.

Wendy Tozer – affordable warmth scheme.

13/123 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following invoices:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (November)	£538.86
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (October)	£111.67
Inland Revenue	Income Tax + Employers NI (November)	£134.80
Mr. T. Creber	Village work (October)	£417.00
Mr. R. Bailey	Routine mowing, maintenance and inspections	£333.00
	Floral Gateways repairs and re-planting	£165.00
	Glebe Open Day	£ 11.94
Shawbury W.I.	Refreshments for Open Day	£ 30.00
EON	Repairs to lights	£232.49
EON	Pre-Maintenance Inspection	£1,618.55
EON	Annual Maintenance Charge (2013/2014)	£1,553.74
Scottish Power	Electricity (30/06-30/09)	£745.15
Access 2Trees	Tree felling and maintenance	£1,284.00
Interactive Information	Providing a programmed new computer	£762.94.00
Jack Flash Fireworks	Display on November 2 nd .	£2,640.00
R. A. Allmark & Sons	Pathway in the Moat area	£2,400.00
	Repairs to playing field entrance	£360.00

13/124 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

13/125 Exchange of Information:(a) Items for inclusion on the next agenda:

1. Budget and precept setting.
2. Glebe area developments.

(b) Issues needing urgent attention:(i) Highways:The following concerns were reported:

1. Flooding by junction of A53 and Wytheford Road.
2. State of footpath by bus stop opposite White Lodge Park entrance.
3. Dropped kerb by Poynton Road/Glebelands was too high for wheel chair access.

(ii) Streetlights:

Still problems with light No.1 on A53 and new light by Church Close - both maintained by Shropshire Council. Clerk to report again.

(iii) Other:

No issues raised.

13/126 General Information

A committee comprising Chairman, Vice Chairman, Councillor Foster and the Clerk to prepare a budget for consideration at the next meeting.

13/127 Review of Budget Heads.

Budget heads were considered but no changes were made at this stage.

13/128 Reports from:

A written report had been received, which indicated that the following offences had been recorded in the Parish:

September – 1 burglary

October – 2 burglaries; 1 theft; 1 malicious communications.

(b) RAF Shawbury:

Flt. Lt. Hopkirk reported that:

1. At the recent Helicopter Noise Liaison meeting there had been an increase in the number of complaints received, mostly about the timing of night flying which had taken place between 23.00 and 01.00 hours. At times this had taken place to take account of inclement weather conditions. It had been decided to issue information about planned changes to night flying activities.
2. A range of events were being planned to reference to the start of World War 1.
3. Direct contact could be made with those seeking help with Village projects if email addresses were made available. Clerk to provide these.

(c) Shropshire Council:

No report tabled.

13/129 Planning Applications:**A. The following applications had been received and:****(a) Were considered:**

1. Wytheford Heath Farm, Wytheford Road – proposed extension to dwelling and conversion of outbuilding into a dwelling. Application supported.

2. Shawbury Village Hall – extension and additional fencing.

Mrs. Medley advised Members that the application was from Shawbury Players and not the Village Hall Committee, who had been surprised at the proposed size of the extension.

Clerk was asked to discuss the application with the planning officer before any decision was made and Mrs. Medley (Secretary of the Village Hall Committee) was advised to get the Committee to check on their responsibilities/commitments

3. Jayroc Stables – installation of six retractable lights on 4.5m high slim poles for use between November and March. Application supported.

B. No concerns had been raised to the following applications details of which had been sent to them.

1. Little Wytheford Farm – erection of agricultural storage building.
2. Land to rear of 113, Drayton Road – application for reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale).
3. Muckleton Farm, Muckleton – erection of a portal steel framed building for agricultural use.
4. Heal Farms, Butlers Bank – replacement of two existing poultry buildings.

C. No objections raised to the following revised plan but concerns expressed over access and possible damage to protected trees.

Bridge Mount, Shawbury – erection of one property.

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

PTS Skip Hire, Shawbury Heath - erection of lighting to the yard.

13/130 Fun Day 2014.

It was agreed to hold a ‘Fun Day’ in 2014 and Mrs. Manley and Mrs. Matthews agreed to organise the event and determine a suitable date.

13/131 Parish Place Plan.

Clerk stressed the need for this to be up-dated and asked for suggestions to be emailed to him. The report did not have to be returned until late January, so there was sufficient time to consider a detailed response.

13/132 Committee/Other Reports:

Moat:

Members considered an email from Adrian Brown, suggesting that it may be possible to re-submit a new application for grant aid. After due consideration of the letters received from the adjudicating body and English Heritage, there was a proposal that a new application should not be undertaken and this was unanimously approved.

Clerk to write to Adrian pointing out the reasons for the decision and thanking him for all his hard work. It was agreed that every effort would be made to support the Moat Committee in keeping the area up to the standard that had been reached.

Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee:

Mr. Kennedy confirmed Flt. Lt. Hobkirk’s information about the number of complaints but pointed out there were virtually none from Shawbury Parish. A possible reason for an increase in complaints was that there was much more flying now that the training programme was back to full strength.

13/133 Press Matters:

No matters to report.

13/134 Date and Time of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on December 10th. 2013 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed; D. Roberts (Chairman)

Date Dec. 10th.2013 .