

**SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING COUNCIL HELD**  
**IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>. 2013 at 7.30pm.**

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**In Attendance:**

Five Councillors

Ten Members of the public

The Parish Clerk.

Sqdn. Ldr. C. Skaife (RAF Shawbury)

Flt. Lt. N. Byne (RAF Shawbury)

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

**1. Apologies:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Mr. J. Kennedy, Ms. S. McIntosh and Mr. J. Davies; Ms. S. Thomas (Shropshire Council – Community Action Officer); Group Captain Luck (RAF Shawbury).

**2. Minutes of the Meeting held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. 2012:**

The Chairman having introduced himself, pointed out that the minutes had been approved by the Parish Council at the Council Meeting held in June 2012 and that copies were included in the information pack which had been issued on arrival.

**3. Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

There were no issues raised.

**4. Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman welcomed representatives from RAF Shawbury and the Police and stated that his report, which outlined the work of the Council over the past twelve months and reports from Mr. Bailey (Glebe Committee Chairman) and Mr. Brown (Moat Committee Chairman), were included in the information packs that had been issued. He pointed out that he had only just taken up the office of Chairman and welcomed the opportunity to serve the community. After allowing time for the reports to be read, he invited comments or questions from the floor.

Mrs. Clarke requested more details of the work planned for the Glebe area and Mr. Bailey responded by pointing out that at present the plan was to make the area accessible to all and to cut the grass once a year at the end of the growing season. Future development would depend on the wishes of the community and available finance.

**5. Police Report:**

The Chairman introduced P.C. David Carpenter who spoke briefly about his current role and stated that from the beginning of October he would be the beat officer responsible for Shawbury. He was aware that the annual crime figures had been included in the Chairman's report and confirmed that he believed the Parish to be a low crime area. He was prepared to answer questions from the floor but no issues were raised.

**5. United Charities Committee:**

Mrs. Medley, the Council's representative on the committee, outlined the purpose of the Charity which was to give financial help to organisations or individuals in the community that were in need. Several

small grants had been made during the year. Currently the Charity had £4,547.00 available and had given out grants in the previous year totalling £1,570.00. Income for the year had been £1,800.00  
A copy of the Statement of Accounts was presented.

#### **6. Community Service Awards – Sponsored by RAF Shawbury:**

The Chairman outlined the purpose of the award which was to recognise service given to the Community. He was pleased to report that six awards were to be made this year and this included one for a younger member of the community, which had delighted the Parish Council.

Community Service awards were then presented by Sqdn Ldr. Skaife to the following people:

Mr. R. Bailey; Miss T. Broad; Mr. A. Brown; Mrs. M. Howard; Mr. M. Jones; Mr. P. Payne.

Details of the reasons individuals received the awards are attached,

#### **7. Open Forum:**

Ms. Haines-Adams asked for information about possible first aid courses. Mr. Bailey pointed out that the Parish Council had hoped to install a defibrillator in the Parish but public response had been minimal and they had been unable to recruit anyone to manage the scheme. He had organised a short course, run by The British Heart Foundation called 'Shropshire Heart Start', which had been well attended. Any future development would be dependent on public response and demand.

There were no further issues raised.

#### **8. Chairman's Closing Comments;**

The Chairman closed the meeting by thanking those who had attended and expressed his disappointment that so few had taken the opportunity to meet with Councillors to discuss Council issues and also at the lack of response in the election of members to the new Council.

He reminded everyone that Council meetings were open to the public and that issues could always be raised with Councillors or the Clerk.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

**Minutes approved as a true record of the meeting.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_