

**SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE**  
**VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>. 2015 at 7.30pm.**

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**In Attendance:**

Mr. D. Roberts (Chairman).

Councillors: Ms. S. McIntosh; Mrs. J. Manley; Mrs. G. Mathews; Mrs. M. Clarke; Mrs. T. Howells;  
Mr. J. Kennedy and Mr. A. G Foster

Lt. M. McArdle RN (RAF Shawbury).

Ms. S. Thomas (Shropshire Council Re-generation Officer).

Police Constable D. Carpenter (West Mercia Police).

Ms. S. Smith and Ms. S. Turner (NHS Future Fit).

The Parish Clerk.

Twenty three members of the public.

**1. Apologies:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Mr. P. Sharp and Mrs. F. Medley; Shropshire Councillor S. Jones and Group Captain Smith (RAF Shawbury).

**2. Minutes of the Meeting held on May 27<sup>th</sup>. 2014:**

The Chairman pointed out that the minutes had been approved by the Parish Council at the Council Meeting held on June 10<sup>th</sup>. 2014 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. Community Service Awards – Sponsored by RAF Shawbury:**

The Chairman welcomed Lt. Martin McArdle RN from RAF Shawbury, who was going to present the Community Awards and stated that the support of the base in sponsoring them was greatly appreciated. He was pleased to report that six people had gained the award this year and were very worthy winners. The Council had decided to offer a separate Young Person's award this year but disappointingly there had been no nominations.

Lt. McArdle then presented Certificates and Plaques to the following people:

Mrs. F. Medley; Mr. P. Medley; Mrs. C. Smith; Mt. T. Pettitt; Mrs. R. Hamilton and Mrs. J. Turner.

**5. News from Shropshire Council**

Councillor Simon Jones was unable to attend the meeting because of hospital treatment but had asked Sue Thomas to give a report. Sue outlined the proposed changes to the Youth Service and the County Library Service. With regard to the Youth Service - Shropshire Council were withdrawing from providing a service but would give some money for nineteen months to the Local Joint Committee, to provide a local service. The LJC was hoping to appoint a Youth Officer with a remit to organise a Youth Club in Wem and Shawbury and to be available to give advice and help to the rural communities.

Shropshire Council had also decided to only manage dedicated Libraries in the main market towns and to try and get local organisations to oversee the service in other areas, where currently there was a library.

In Shawbury the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee had been approached but were not in a position to meet the financial requirement. It was likely that in the future the service would be provided from a Mobile Library calling in the village each week.

The Chairman thanked Sue for stepping in at the last minute and for her report.

#### **6. Police Report:**

The Chairman introduced Police Constable Dave Carpenter, the beat officer for the Parish. Dave stated that the police were aware of some recent acts of vandalism which they were hoping to deal with but overall the level of serious crime was low. He was prepared to answer any questions but none were raised.

The Chairman thanked him and his colleagues for their continued support.

#### **7. Council Chairman's Report:**

Mr. Roberts had produced a detailed written report, which outlined the Council activity throughout the past year; covered major Council responsibilities and thanked the many contractors who supported Council projects. He stated that he hoped those present had been able to read through the report, which had been issued at the start of the meeting and was willing to respond to questions or clarify any issues.

No questions were raised.

#### **8. Projects:**

##### **(a) Additional Bus Shelters:**

The Chairman explained that the Council had received a request from a local resident for additional bus shelters in Shawbury and had suggested locating one opposite River Gardens; one by the Hairdressers on the A53 and one on the route towards Market Drayton. Before exploring the feasibility and cost of providing shelters, it had been decided to seek the views of residents. It had been reported in the Parish Newsletter but to date there had been no response. There was no support from those present.

##### **(b) Outdoor Fitness Area**

Councillor Sam McIntosh stated that when the Parish Plan had been compiled, there had been considerable interest in the construction of a fitness circuit, allied to the recently constructed paths round the Glebe and the Moat. Since then there had been a move nationally to construct Outdoor Fitness Areas, which provided equipment suitable for anyone over the age of fourteen. Several had been constructed in local parishes and there was mixed reports about the amount of usage they generated. It had been decided to consult residents and seek their views on likely demand and a possible location.

There was a general feeling from those present that this would be popular and Sam confirmed that the equipment would be suitable for young people when they had outgrown the play area equipment.

#### **9. United Charities Committee:**

Councillor Miriam Clarke gave an outline of the purpose of the charity, which was to support individuals or community groups who were in need. Grants and hampers were given out at Christmas and other small grants had been made to a few people. The committee were always keen to receive applications or recommendations for consideration.

#### **9. NHS Future Fit:**

The Chairman welcomed Samantha Turner and Sharon Smith from NHS Midlands and Lancashire to the meeting and Samantha gave an interesting and informative talk on the developments and plans for the NHS Future Fit Programme. The programme was about meeting the health needs of everyone living

and working in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin and mid Wales. Local patients, doctors, nurses and other health professionals were all working together to improve the care at local hospitals. It was a continuing period of consultation which would last until the end of the year, after which there would be a need to formulate publish and deliver acceptable developments within an agreed budget.

The Chairman thanked Samantha for the positive report.

**10. Open Forum:**

One young member of the audience asked if it would be possible to re-start the Fishing Club for young people. The Chairman stated that there was still money available from the disbanded club but there was a need for a volunteer to take responsibility for running the club. The Parish Council would give full support to any plan.

**11. Chairman's Closing Comments;**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance, stating that it was good to see a positive turnout of people and asked them to raise issues with the Council and if possible attend Council meetings. This was the only way that Councillors could determine what was needed in the Parish.

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

**Signed *D. Roberts* Chairman.**

**Date *June 9<sup>th</sup>. 2015***