

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH
COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY
MAY 10th. 2011 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

The Chairman welcomed Adrian Cooper from Shropshire Council's planning department who had been invited to attend by Councillor Simon Jones. Adrian stated that Shropshire Council had reviewed the Parish Council's response to the consultation paper on future planning. It had been noted that the Council had indicated that they did not wish to be regarded as a 'hub' and he wanted to outline the benefits of being listed as a one and the disadvantages of not being one.

Communities which were not listed as hubs would be seen as countryside areas and future development would not be allowed. Where areas were seen as hubs there would be good financial incentives for the Parish Council who would have strict control on the amount of development planned and would receive 90% of the levy charged on commercial housing developments. This money could be spent on developing the infra-structure but this would need to be identified in the Parish Plan which could, if necessary, be revised.

Adrian then answered a number of questions before the Chairman thanked him for attending and stated that a decision would be made later in the meeting.

Present:

Mrs. J. Manley (Chairman)
Mr. D. Baldwin
Mrs. F. Medley
Mr. R. Bailey
Mr. R. Pinches
Mr. S. Dodd (part of the meeting)
Mr. J. Kennedy (part of the meeting)
Mrs. T. Howells
Mr. D. Roberts

In Attendance:

Mr. S. Jones (Shropshire Councillor)
The Parish Clerk
Ms. R. Mansfield (Shropshire Council Community Action Officer)
Mr. A. Cooper (Shropshire Council Planning Officer)

11/22 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs. S. Dove and Mr. A. Brown

11/23 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

Mr. Bailey declared an interest in Agenda Item 10

11/24 Election of Chairman:

Mrs. J. Manley was proposed, seconded and elected on a unanimous vote.

11/25 Election of Vice Chairman

Mrs. S. Dove was proposed, seconded and elected on a unanimous vote.

11/26 Appointment of Representatives:

The following appointments were confirmed:

Shropshire Council Local Joint Committee - Mr. J. Kennedy

ALC Area Committee - Mrs. J. Manley

Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee - Mr. J. Kennedy

Shawbury Village Hall Committee - Mrs. F. Medley

United Charities - Mrs. F. Medley

Moat Committee - Mr. A. Brown

11/27 Councillor Responsibilities:

Existing responsibilities were confirmed en bloc.

Mrs Howells agreed to assist Mr. Dodd with the oversight of the Play Areas on the Recreation Ground and it was noted that checking that the CCTV recording equipment was working, was being carried out by Mrs. Medley and Mr. Baldwin.

It was suggested that there was a need for a Councillor to oversee the grass cutting programme and this was deferred until the next meeting.

11/28 Minutes of Meeting held on April 12th.

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

11/29 Matters Arising:(a) Review of Council's response to Shropshire Council's Consultative Document on Planning. (11/17(d))

Further consideration was given to the information provided by Adrian Cooper with diverse opinions stated. Mr. Bailey proposed that the Council should change its response and advise Shropshire Council that the Parish Council would opt to be a 'Hub', the proposal was seconded by Mr. Dodd. Mr. Roberts proposed an amendment asking for the decision to be deferred until more information was available. This was seconded by Mr. Baldwin. The amendment was put to the vote and defeated by 4 votes to three with one abstention. The original proposal was then passed by four voted to three with one abstention.

Clerk was asked to notify Shropshire Council of the decision.

(b) Highways.:(11/14(bi))

It was reported that:

- (a) New signs for the car park and RAF station had been erected.
- (b) The pathway from Bridgeway to the school had been cleared.
- (c) The BT inspection cover in Church Close had been sealed.
- (d) No action had been taken to clear the footpath between Mytton Estate and Wytheford Road (Mr. Roberts agreed to investigate this.)

(c) Post box at junction of A53 and Wytheford Road (11/04(b))

It was noted that the post box had been replaced.

(c) Burial Ground (11/14)

No further report at this stage.

(d)Community Service Awards (11/08)

Clerk reported that Wing Commander Brett Nicholls would be making the awards on behalf of the Station Commander.

Members were shown and approved the glass plaques purchased for the awards.

Clerk was seeking newspaper publicity and asking for a photographer to be present at the award ceremony.

(e)Grass cutting (11.06)

Mr. Bailey said he was still unhappy with some aspects of the grass cutting programme and felt that a nominated Councillor should take responsibility for overseeing the work. It was agreed to defer discussion until the next meeting, when it would be an agenda item.

(f) Security Camera (11/15(c))

Shropshire Council had confirmed the agreed protocol for using recordings from the camera. The Clerk had sent a copy to the local Police Inspector asking for police confirmation of the process. He had not yet received a reply.

(h) School re-organisation.(10/218)

It was noted that a final decision about reorganisation had been deferred. Members felt that there was nothing they could add to their original response.

(i)Telephone Box (11/14(iii))

Clerk reported that he had written to BT asking for the remaining box to be removed but as yet had not had a reply.

(j)Recreation Ground - Football Goalmouths (11/04(e))

Mr. Bailey reported that he had placed top soil in the goalmouths and re-seeded the areas. He had also chipped away the areas of concrete by the posts, which were causing problems.

(k)Glebe Area (11/12)

Mr. Bailey reported that he and Mr. Pinches had calculated that the planned footpaths would total about 1,500 meters. To lay stone paths with a top dressing would probably cost about £10.00 per meter. Hopefully the promised donation from the Diocese and possible grants would cover most of the cost. Discussion followed over whether or not grant aid would be available from the LJC. (Please see under 11/37(b))

Some Members expressed great concern at the delay in the response from Balfours

(l)Litter Picking Equipment (11/04(i))

Mr. Roberts was thanked for providing some valuable equipment which was being put to good use.

(m) Erdington Close Play Area (11/11)

Mr. Bailey confirmed that he had felled the eucalyptus tree and cut back the hedge to a height of six feet. He was still awaiting confirmation of a date from Graeme Longmuir when some RAF personnel would treat the fencing.

11/30 Correspondence:

The following correspondence was considered.

Shropshire Council – Climate change guides. Booklets were issued for circulation.

Anfield Bicycle Club – asking for permission to use the car park on May 30th. Mrs. Medley was overseeing all the arrangements.

11/31 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr .J. Wilson	Salary (May)		£428.51
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (April)	Postage £35.09	
		Telephone £20.90	
		Broadband £7.50	
		Travel £24.34	£87.8
Elavon	Trophies		£41.40
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (May)	^^	£107.51
Mr. T. Creber	Village work (May)		£417.00
NWP Electrical	Streetlight maintenance		£232.42
Mr. A. Brown	Moat expenses (March 21 st – May 1 st .		£25.79
Mr. R. Bailey	Mowing cycle track		£80.00
	Mowing Erdington Play area (April)		£100.00
	Mowing Moat central area and paths		£70.00
	Grass seed for goalmouths		£7.99
	Fertiliser for floral gateways		£3.50
			£261.49
Nobridge Ltd.	Grass cutting (April)		£182.40

11/32 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

11/33 Cark Park

Mr. Brown had stated that he did not wish to oversee the project and. Mr. Bailey suggested that Mr. Pinches be asked to undertake the task, which he agreed to do. Members then considered three quotations and after due consideration selected the quote from Enterprise. The quote was the cheapest by far but still in excess of the money budgeted for this project. Mr. Brown had suggested some modifications to the specification and these had been forwarded to Members. Mr. Pinches was asked to meet with a representative from Enterprise to discuss the modifications to enable the cost to be reduced.

Clerk was asked to contact Enterprise and inform them that they were the preferred contractor but that confirmation would only be given if discussions resulted in a reduced quotation

11/34 Exchange of Information:

(a)Issues for inclusion on the next agenda:

None suggested.

(b)Issues needing urgent attention:

(i) Highways:

1. Pinewood Road Sign had still not been replaced.
2. Sign at entrance to Erdington Close had been damaged
3. Car had driven into and damaged the fence on the side of the A53 close to White Lodge Park

i. Streetlights:

No problems raised. Members were reminded that was no contract for streetlight inspection during the three summer months.

Other:

1. Mr. Bailey reported that cat litter was becoming a problem again in the Erdington Play Area. It was agreed that he should re-circulate a modified version of the original letter asking for restraint. This had proved to be successful last time it was sent,
2. It was reported that the new drainage system for the A53 appeared to be working successfully.

11/35 Reports from:**(a) Police:**

A written report had been received which indicated that in the period between April 12th. and May 8th. the following offences had been recorded:

Burglary Non Dwelling – 1; Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle – 2; Theft of property – 1; Theft from store – 1.

(b) Youth

No report tabled.

(c) RAF Shawbury

No report tabled.

(d) Shropshire Council:

No report tabled.

11/36 Planning Applications:**A. The following application had been approved by Shropshire Council:**

Jay Roc Stables, Shawbury Heath – erection of an extension to existing stable block.

11/37 Committee Reports:(a) Moat Committee:

Mr. Roberts reported that

- (a) As requested, warning tape had been placed round the danger area but this had been pulled down within 24 hours.
- (b) It seemed unlikely that the Environment Agency would finance a digger to return and spread the silt over a wider area. Mr. Bailey offered to use a harrow to spread the silt.
- (c) The Moat Committee were pressing ahead with arrangements for the erection of suitable fencing.
- (d) He had cleared the drain leading from the pools and the level had dropped considerably.

Clerk reported that Shropshire Council had approved the erection of brown directional signs for the Moat, to be placed on the A53. The signs had been ordered.

(b) Local Joint Committee

Two issues had been raised during the meeting causing heated debate and general concern.

(1) Grants

The Council had been led to believe that in future grants would not be paid to Parish Councils for their own projects but Ruth Mansfield stated that this was not the case

and that Parish Councils could still apply. She promised to seek clarification before the next meeting.

(2) Substitute Council Member:

The Parish Council were still awaiting a decision on why there was a need for three days notice to be given for a substitute Councillor to attend a meeting.. They had been promised a decision after the Annual Meeting. Ruth pointed out that LJC's did not have annual meetings and that the policy was laid down by Shropshire Council and had to concur with National Legislation.

She reminded Members that these were open meetings and anyone could attend. The only restriction on other Council Members attending without due notice was that they would be unable to vote

11/38 Press Matters:

Clerk to arrange publicity for the Annual Parish Meeting.

11/39 Date and Time of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on June 14th. at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed J. Manley (Chairman) Date: June 14th. 2011

