

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH
COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY
JUNE 8TH. 2010 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

No members of the public were in attendance and no issues were raised

Present:

Mrs. J. Manley (Chairman)

Mrs. S. Dove

Mr. S. Jones

Mr. D. Baldwin

Mrs. F. Medley

Mr. J. Kennedy

Mr. R. Bailey

Mr. R. Pinches

Mrs. T. Howells

Mr. D. Roberts

Mr. S. Dodd

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk

MACR G. Longmuir (RAF Shawbury)

10/39 Apologies.

An apology was received and accepted from Mr. A. Brown.

10/40 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

Mr. Bailey declared an interest in items 4(1); 4(12) and 6 on the agenda.

10/41 Minutes of Meeting held on May 11th. 2010

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

10/42 Matters Arising:

1. Cycle Track (10/25(1))

Mr. Bailey informed Members that he had carried out the urgent repairs identified at the last meeting and had erected the replacement sign. Clerk confirmed that he submitted a revamped application for a grant from the Local Joint Committee and the Chairman offered to attend the next meeting and support the request as Mr. Bailey was already committed on that evening

2. Village Security (10/25(2))

Members had been sent a copy of the contract for using the Village Hall for storage of the recording equipment and this was approved.

3. Poynton Road/Recreation Ground Hedge (10/25(3))

Clerk reported that the Diocese had agreed that the hedge could be removed and replaced with an appropriate fence. Mr. Allmark had visited the site and reported that it would cost in

the region of £8,000 (+VAT) to carry out the work. It was agreed that there were insufficient resources in this year's budget to do the work and it was deferred until the next financial year. In the meantime it was agreed to ask Shropshire Council to erect warning signs stating 'Beware children crossing the road ahead'. Clerk to action.

4. Highways (10/30(bi))

1. Severn Trent had carried out an inspection of the drainage problem by the entrance to the Moat on the A53 and had confirmed it was not their responsibility. Highways had accepted that it was a surface water drainage problem and confirmed that a new drainage system was planned for later in the year.

2. It was noted that the work had been carried out on the footpath from Bridgeway to the school.

5. Village Seats (10/25(6))

Councillor Adrian Brown had provided a detailed assessment of possible sites for the location of a village seat in Edgbolton. It was agreed to forward this to the Highways Department and ask for a site meeting to determine the most suitable place. Chairman and Mr. Bailey agreed to attend and Mr. Brown would be asked to join them.

6. Community Service Awards (10/25(7))

The following details were agreed:

Consideration will be given by the Council, on an annual basis, to grant a Community Service award to individuals or groups who have given outstanding service to the Parish. The public will be asked to make nominations and forward these to the Clerk by March 1st each year. Awards will only be made on merit and the presentation(s) will take place at the Annual Parish Meeting in May. The award will be in the form of a glass plaque, which will be retained by the recipient. Details of the awards will be published on the Council web site, in the Parish Newsletter and on the Council notice board.

Graeme Longmuir confirmed the offer from Group Captain James to sponsor the award and the Clerk was asked to write and give details of the award and suggest an annual figure of £50

7. Poynton Road – 30mph Signs (10/25(4b))

The Clerk gave details of a conversation with Mr. Gradwell (Shropshire Council – Highways Dept.) who had explained why the signs could not be moved. He had offered to arrange for signs to be erected warning motorists of the possibility of pedestrians in the road.

8.. Floral Gateways – Sponsorship (10/25(13))

Twenty five letters had been sent out to local companies seeking sponsorship for the three Gateways. There had been a positive response from four and it was agreed to accept the first three – SMC Mini-Mix; R. A. Allmark & Sons Ltd. and The Fox and Hounds Public House. Graeme Longmuir offered to approach F.B.Heliservices to see if they were prepared to sponsor Erdington Close Play Area as an alternative.

Mr. Bailey's offer to get the signs printed and put in place was accepted

8. Parking by Co-op Shop(10/30(8))

Clerk reported that he had not received a reply to his letter.

9. Repairs to Children's Play Area(10/30(9))

Clerk reported that Mr Parry had telephoned him to say that he was going on holiday for two weeks and would 'phone him on his return to arrange a site meeting.

10. Burial Ground:

Planning approval had been received from Shropshire Council and the Clerk had advised the Diocese that the consecration could now go ahead. They had agreed to make the necessary arrangements and had quoted a fee of £400.00 (+VAT).

Use of the burial ground would have to be started within five years and there was a need to decide where paths were to be placed.

10/43 Correspondence:

The following correspondence was brought to the attention of Members:

Shropshire Council (Highways) – Winter Service Review. - Clerk to respond.

Shropshire Council – New Arts Strategy for Shropshire.

Shropshire Council – What is the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2011? Mr. Dodd to review the document.

Lois Dale (Rural Policy Officer, Shropshire Council) Community Testing Event.

Northern Shropshire Community Safety Delivery Group – Briefing Note.

Shropshire Council – Future Recruitment Management

10/44 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr .J. Wilson	Salary (June)	£336.50
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (May)	£174.22
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (June)	£83.50
Mr. T. Creber	Village work (June)	£437.00
Mr. A. Houlihan	Toilet facilities (June)	£50.00
N.W. P. Electrical	Streetlight Maintenance (May)	£227.52
Mr. R. Bailey	Erdington Play Area – Mowing	£100.00
	Cycle Track - installation of seat and fixing replacement sign	£72.46
	Moat Area Paths – Mowing	£105.00
	Plants and compost for floral gateways	£103.99
	Bin bags for cycle track bin	£20.50
Signs of the Times	Replacement sign for cycle track	£37.60
Nobridge Ltd	Grass maintenance	£370.34
JRB Enterprise	Two new seats	£696.78
Scottish Power	Electricity Supply	£169.98

10/45 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

10/46 Internal Audit Report:

The internal audit documentation was tabled considered and approved. Clerk apologised for not sending the documents with the agendas but the date for approval had to be done before June 30th. and he had only just received the report from the internal auditor.

He felt that the new external auditors had little understanding as to how Parish Councils operate.

10/47 Additional Village Seats;

It was agreed that the Clerk should order one more seat which would be placed on the Recreation Ground, close to the Children's Play Area.

10/48 Councillor's Surgeries;

It was noted that surgeries had been held six times during the past year and a total of four parishioners had attended. It was decided not to continue with the surgeries, with Members pointing out that there was an opportunity for the public to raise issues before the start of every meeting.

10/49 Review of the Youth Pod

Concern was expressed by Members about the appalling state of the Youth Pod, the amount of litter being left and the graffiti. It was agreed to monitor the situation on a monthly basis and to consider ways in which the site could be cleaned and maintained.

10/50 Big Lottery Fund:

It was agreed to make a bid for funding for either the development of a fitness trail or for improving public access to the area of the Glebe beyond the Recreation Ground. Clerk was asked to discuss the projects with the lottery organisers and with the Diocese.

10/51 Councils Response to 'Planning for a Flourishing Shropshire:'

Members considered and amended a composite report compiled by the Clerk and the final report is attached as Appendix 1

10/52 Exchange of Information:(a) Issues for consideration on the next agenda

No issues raised other than those under matters arising.

(b) Issues needing urgent attention:i Highways:

No issues raised.

ii. Streetlights:

No problems reported.

iii Other:1. Telephone Boxes:

Concern was expressed about the state of the telephone boxes in Church Close and by the Post Office. The equipment had been removed and the boxes were being vandalised. Clerk was asked to contact BT and ask for the boxes to be taken away.

2. Play Area/Youth Pod:

There were reports of

- (a) Litter, including broken glass, being left in the Children's Play Area on the Recreation Ground by groups going into the area during the late evening.

(b) People sleeping in the Youth Pod overnight at the weekend.

Clerk was asked to report the incidents to the police and ask them to monitor the situation.

10/53 Information:

No items tabled.

10/54 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on May 26th.

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

10/55 Unresolved Parish Business:

The following projects/issues have yet to be resolved:

CCTV Camera

Car Park renovation.

Poynton Road – 30mph signs.

Poynton Road/Recreation Ground Hedge

Traffic Lights

Additional Seats

Fence on A53

Burial Ground – Consecration

Vehicle Operated Speed Controls

Local Joint Committee - substitute Councillor.

A53 Crossing signs

Youth Pod

Burial Ground Paths

Signs to Car Park and RAF Shawbury

10/56 Site Meetings

No site meetings had been held.

10/57 Reports from:

(a) Police:

No report tabled.

(b) Youth:

No report tabled and concern was expressed that there had been no information for a few months. Clerk was asked to write to the Youth Officer.

(c) RAF Shawbury:

MACR G. Longmuir reported that:

(a) Mess Dinners were planned for July 16th. and 23rd. The Commanding Officer had stated that fireworks must not be let off after 11.00pm

(b) The Annual Reception was planned for September 2nd.

(c) Battle of Britain would be commemorated with a 'Dining in Night' on September 17th. and a Spitfire fly past at sunset.

(d) Shropshire Council::

Councillor Jones reported that, with the possibility of cuts to Local Government Finance, it was unlikely that increases in next year's precept would be allowed. .

10/58 Planning Applications:

A. No objections were raised to the following applications::

- 1 79, White Lodge Park erection of a single storey extension.
- 2 London House, Shawbury Heath – amended plans for an environmental pool.

B. The following application was not supported:

Merlwood Farm, Shawbury Heath – erection of a six bay stable block with vehicle shed; formation of a riding ménage with boundary railing; change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian.

Reasons: development is too large; not a suitable location; inappropriate use of agricultural land and it was felt that it could lead to; commercial development. It was also suggested that the site was actually land adjacent and not belonging to Merlwood Farm.

C. The following application had been approved:

Shawbury Parish Council – Burial Ground extension.

10/59 Committee Reports:1. Wem and Shawbury Local Joint Committee:

Members were informed that the date of the next planned meeting had been changed as the Chairman was unable to attend. Neither Mr. Jones nor Mr. Kennedy was now able to attend. Clerk was asked to write and object to the change, as the Committee had a Vice Chairman who could have taken responsibility for the meeting.

2. Access:

Mrs Medley provided the Clerk with the telephone number of the agents for the shops on Drayton Road.

10/60 Clerk's Salary

The Clerk left the meeting whilst this item was discussed:

In his absence Members decided to increase his annual hours by 120 from the start of the current financial year, to take account of the increase in the amount of work that was being undertaken by the Clerk on behalf of the Council.

On his return that Clerk thanked Members for their support.

10/61 Press Matters:

.No issues to report.

10/62 Date and Time of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on July 13th.at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed J. Manley (Chairman)

Date July 13th. 2010