

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 11TH.
2012 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

There was one member of the public present who expressed concern that no further action had been taken over the provision of a defibrillator in Shawbury. Chairman explained that there was a requirement to have at least ten qualified volunteers available to run the scheme and a need to have someone prepared to co-ordinate all the activity. As only three people had attended the public meeting and no one else had come forward it had been decided to put any development on hold. If and when sufficient people indicated an interest, the Council would be happy to look at this again.

Present:

Mrs. J. Manley (Chairman)

Mr. R. Bailey

Mr. J. Kennedy

Mrs. F. Medley

Mr. R. Pinches

Mr. D. Baldwin

Mrs. G. Mathews

Mr. J. Davies

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk.

Mr. S. Jones (Shropshire Councillor)

Flt. Lt. Byne (RAF Shawbury)

12/141 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs. S. Dove, Mr. R. Rathbone, Mrs. T. Howells and Mr. D. Roberts.

12/142 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

Mr. Bailey declared an interest in Agenda items 4(f) and 9.

12/143 Minutes of Meeting held on November 13th 2012:

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

12/144 Matters Arising:

(a) Glebe Lease (12/128(a))

It was confirmed that planning approval had been given and that an estates committee would be set up at the next meeting and then initial plans for the site would be confirmed, together with suggestions about obtaining grant aid.

The Chairman stated that she had carried out a land registry search on the access to the site from the Glebelands estate and had identified that this belonged to Shropshire Council. Clerk was asked to contact Shropshire Council to determine who had rights of way over this piece of land.

(b) CCTV (12/128(b))

Mr. Davies stated that he had reviewed the options for accessing broadband for the CCTV operations and the cheapest method would be to use a mobile phone process. However there was a need to speak to ORP representatives to ensure that this would meet their requirements.

Clerk reported that the NWP engineer had indicated that it would be possible to fit shields to the Village Hall car park lights, which would allow images at the entrance to the Village Hall to be seen more clearly.

(c) Footpaths on the playing field (12/128(c))

It was reported that the footpaths had been completed and that Mr. Allmark's invoice had been forwarded to Shropshire Council for payment. It was noted that the paths were already being well used.

(d) Streetlights (12/128(d) and 12/133(c))

The Clerk outlined the problems that NWP engineers had encountered in resolving the issues with the lights on Wytheford Road and the A53, caused by Scottish Power carrying out new cabling to the lights. A new unit had to be fitted to each light to enable the time clocks to operate correctly and these had been difficult to obtain. The older lights on Wytheford Road were not suitable for these units and NWP were trying to seek an alternative solution. Repairs had been carried out to the light in Millbrook. He reported that the light shining onto the Church clock was on the Council's list of lights and that there was a need to carry out remedial work on a light on the A53 at a cost of £150. He had discussed this with the Chairman and NWP had been told to go ahead with the work.

(e) Play Area Repairs (12/128 ((f))

It was noted that all the repairs had now been completed.

(f) Remedial work on Car Park and Bridgeway Open Space trees (12/128(l))

It was reported that effective work had been carried out on both trees. Members were very pleased with the work carried out by Jo Jamie on the car park tree.

(g) Sponsorship of Erdington Play Area (12/128(n))

It was noted that no one had come forward with suggestions for a possible sponsor.

(h) Consultation on safer route to school 12/129(e))

Members noted and accepted the response made by Mr. Ayton, which indicated that only a few minor adjustments could be made.

(i) Safety of the A53 through Shawbury (12/133(bi))

Following the concerns raised by Members and others about safety issues of the A53 through Shawbury Village, Mr. Ayton had met with Mr. Bailey and Mr. Pinches on site to look at possible solutions. It had already been agreed to place a crossing outside the shops and carry out a few modifications and any further drastic alterations would need lengthy discussions with land owners involving a number of legal implications. This would prevent the crossing being installed this financial year and it was unlikely that there would be finance available for this in the future.

Members agreed to accept the plans that had been provided.

(j) Environment Department (12/133(iii))

Shropshire Council had agreed to remove the fly tipping waste from the road behind RAPRA and place a dog fouling notice on Brickyard Path.

(k) Highways (12/133(bi))

It was noted that the dropped man hole cover by Carradine Flats had been repaired but the erection of a warning notice about deer crossing the Shawbury to High Ercall road had been deferred, after the land

owner had raised concerns about possible poaching. Mr. Bailey agreed to speak to the lady who had raised the initial issue about the deer and explain the situation.

(j) Moat Circular (12/128(o))

Mrs. Medley reported that she had discussed this with Mr. Brown and it had been agreed that a news item would be included on the front page of the January edition of the Parish Magazine. Mrs. Medley was thanked for her work in resolving this issue.

(k) Basic Life Support Course (12/128(q))

Mr. Bailey reported that he was having difficulty in getting a response from Mr. Medicot but he was still planning to run a course in the spring.

(l) Section 33 Localism Act (12/134(2))

Clerk stated that he had contacted ALC who had confirmed that there was a need for Members to complete and sign a dispensation form. As a result he had written to Mr. Eric Pickles pointing out Members concerns about a seemingly pointless exercise. To date he had not received a response. All Members present had signed a copy of the form and this enabled them all to take part in the budget and precept setting for 2012 - 2013

(m) HMRC Tax return (12/129(6i))

Clerk confirmed that it would be necessary to back up tax returns to HMRC each month by an internet process. This meant installing three new programmes on to the computer and was a time consuming activity. A Parish Clerk, qualified in finance, was offering to do this and the end of year returns for Councils at a cost of £55 per annum. Members agreed to accept the offer. Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

(n) Tree Inspections

The Chairman and Mrs. Matthews reported that they carried out a limited inspection of some of the trees but needed more information, which the Clerk promised to forward to them. It was agreed that there was a need to appoint a new tree officer and that all the Council trees should be numbered to enable the inspection process to be more easily carried out.

(o) Council Christmas Tree (12/134)

Mr. Bailey congratulated and thanked Mrs. Matthews for the excellent decorated Parish Council tree she had provided for the Church display and his comments were supported by all the Members.

12/145 Correspondence:

Members considered the following correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting

Deana Pennington – Shropshire Council Play Store.

Neil Hope – Battle PT River Run.

Joshua Philpott – Dissertation (Economic Value of RAF Station to Shawbury).

Phil Brough – New NHS 111 Service. Mr. Bailey stated that he was attending one of the information meetings and would report back at the Council meeting in January.

Chairman – minutes of ALC Area Meeting.

Bill Longmore (Police Commissioner) – appointment of assistant.

12/146 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following invoices:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (Dec.)	£507.76
J. Wilson	Expenses (Nov.)	£111.15
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (Dec.)	£126.94

Mr. T. Creber	Village work (Dec.)	£417.00
Scottish Power	Power supply (Nov.)	£258.60
NWP Electrical	Maintenance (Nov.)	£261.82
Mr. A. Brown	Moat Expenses	£57.97
St John Ambulance	Cover at firework event	£52.80
Mr. R. Parry	Play Area repairs	£3,432.00
Interactive Information	Norton Protection	£30.00
Mr. I. Thomas	Play area repair	£75.00
Shawbury Village Hall	Rent 2012	£240.00
	Housing CCTV Equipment	£200.00
		£440.00
Staples	Photocopy paper	£24.70
Mr. J. Jamie	Remedial work on car park tree	£600.00

12/147 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

12/148 Budget and Precept 2012 -2013:

Members considered and approved a proposed budget, which had been produced by the Clerk, following a meeting with the Chairman and Mr. Roberts. It was agreed to set the precept at £44,100.00, an increase of 5%, which would equate to an increase on a householder's council tax bill of approximately 17p per month.

12/149 Exchange of Information:

(a) Agenda Items for the next meeting:

- (i) Creation of an Estates Committee
- (ii) Appointment of a Tree Officer.

(b) Issues needing urgent attention:

(1) Highways:

Pothole at the junction of the A53 and White Lodge Park and others throughout the estate.

(ii) Streetlights:

No further issues.

(iii) Other:

No issues raised.

12/150 Additional Information:

1. Dates of Council Meetings in 2013

These were confirmed and a copy is attached.

12/151 Parish Place Plans

Members considered and approved a draft response produced by the Clerk, following a meeting with the Chairman, Mr. Roberts and Mr. Bailey. Clerk to forward a copy to Shropshire Council.

12/152 Shropshire Council – Review of Speed Management Policy

The details of the report were noted and it was decided that no response was necessary.

12/153 Reports from:**(a) Police:**

A written report had been forwarded which indicated that during July the following offences had been recorded:

Vehicle crime – 2; Theft - 2; Anti-social behaviour – 2; Robbery – 1.

(b) RAF Shawbury:

Flt. Lt. Byne reported that the base would be shut down with no flying activity over the two week Christmas/New Year period.

Mr. Kennedy reported that, at the request of some residents, he had contacted Mrs. Gail Moore (Community Officer at the RAF Station), who had confirmed that the children's play area by the new sports centre was open to all village residents.

Flt. Lt. Byne stated that he would bring this to the attention of the Commanding Officer

(c) Shropshire Council:

Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones reported that from 2014 onwards there would be a need for Shropshire Council to identify savings totalling an additional £20million.

12/154 Planning Applications:**A. The following application were considered and no objections raised:**

1. Wytheford Grange, Little Wytheford – work to facilitate rendering of external walls.
2. Siting of a static caravan on land at Drayton Road.

B. The following applications had been approved:

Built Off Site – installation of flood lighting.

Shawbury Council – change of use for additional area of the Glebe.

12/155 Committee Reports:United Charities:

Mrs. Medley reported that following receipt of rent revenue of £872. 26, the balance of funds stood at £2,332.68. It had been decided to make the following donations:

Day Centre - £50.00; Scout and Guide association - £200.00 (to assist with the funding the Senior Citizen's Party); three grants of £25.00 for people in need and the distribution of eight food parcels.

12/156 Press Matters:

It was decided to place an article in the Parish Magazine about the situation regarding the defibrillator.

12/157 Date and Time of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on January 8th. 2013 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: _____ **(Chairman)** **Date:** _____