

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY APRIL 14th. 2015 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

There were no members of the public present and no issues raised.

Present:

Mr. D. Roberts
 Ms. S. McIntosh
 Mrs. J. Manley
 Mr. R. Pinches
 Mr. A. Foster
 Mrs. M. Clark
 Mr. J. Kennedy
 Mrs. G. Matthews
 Mr. P. Sharp
 Miss R. Wall
 Mrs T. Howells

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk.

Apologies:

Apologies were presented and accepted from Councillor Mrs. F. Medley, Shropshire Councillor S. Jones and Lt. M. McArdle (RAF Shawbury).

15/01 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

There were no declarations.

15/02 Minutes of Meeting held on March 10th. 2015:

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

15/03 Matters Arising:

(a)Highways (14/161(a)).

There was no report of previously raised issues having been addressed.

(b) Dog Control Orders (14/161(b)).

Clerk reported that the Vice Chairman had put up notices at various entrances to the playing field and the Moat and to date there had been no response from the public.

It was reported that the group who had put up the ‘dog fouling’ notices had taken issue with an irresponsible owner, which was a positive step forward and Mr. Creber had reported that there was far less dog fouling on the playing field.

(c) Outdoor Fitness Area (14/161(c)).

The Vice-Chairman and the Clerk updated Members on the progress that had been made. They had been given a lot of support and details of other contacts from Energize and Shropshire Playing Fields Association. Before progressing, it was essential to discover if there was any public support for this type of development and expenditure and if so to locate a suitable location. It would be an agenda item at the Annual Parish Meeting.

(d) Shawbury Library

It was noted that this had been discussed at the Local Joint Committee meeting when several members of the public were in attendance. Members of the Library Service had outlined the current Shropshire Council policy on providing a county wide library service and stated that the future of the service in Shawbury would now go out to public consultation but it was likely that, unless a local group was able to take over financial responsibility, the service would be provided by a mobile library.

(e) Community Awards (14/161e).

Clerk reported that he had received the following nominations to date, all of which were approved.

Mrs. Frances Medley; Mr. Peter Medley; Mrs. Rosemary Hamilton; Mr. Terry Petit; Ms Carolyn Smith and Mrs. Janet Turner.

No nominations had been received for the Youth Award but Mrs. Clarke stated that she would be making a nomination.

(f) Parish Magazine (14/159).

It was noted that Mrs Carolyn Rathbone was continuing to oversee the production of the magazine and as a result had resigned as booking secretary for the Village Hall.

(g) Local Council Award Scheme (14/161(g)).

Clerk reported that he had attended a training event organised by SALC and had registered the Council's interest in the scheme. It had been confirmed that the extended awards would only be made available to Councils with at least 66% of Members having been officially elected. There was a good deal of objection to this policy from those attending the training session.

15/04 Correspondence:

Members considered the following correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting, most of which had already been sent to them:

Jean Jones (Shropshire Council) RB1 Diversion Order.

Diane Dorrell – Vacancies.

Diane Dorrell – Newsletter.

Alison McCann – Finding UK's lost playing fields.

Diane Dorrell – Newsletter March 13th.

Police Commissioner – weekly newsletter.

Claire Elsdon – Building Stronger Local Communities.

Dianne Dorrell – Health and Well Being communication.

Carnegie Assoc. - Lost Playing Fields.

Fiona Leighton – Election Posters.

Martin Wood - speeding traffic on Wem Road.

Police Commissioner – weekly newsletter (March 19th).

Dianne Dorrell – Children's Trust Area Forum.

BT – Adopt a Red Telephone Box.

It was decided not to take up the offer.

Anfield Cycle Club – access to car park and field on Monday May 25th. (Usual booking).

This was approved – Clerk to arrange for the gates to be opened by Mr. Creber.

Police Commissioner – Quarterly Newsletter.

Shropshire Council – Health and Wellbeing March Newsletter.

Shropshire Council – Community Infrastructure Policy.

Telford and Wrekin Council – Five Year Housing Land Statement.

Dianne Dorrell – Community Health News.

Letters of thanks from recipients of grants.

Sarah Kyle – Community Activities.

Dianne Dorrell – Incredible Edible Shropshire Grant Funding.

NALC – Newsletter

SALC – Newsletter – April 1st.

Police Commissioner's weekly newsletter.

15/05 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following invoices:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (April)	£550.90
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses	£90.44

Inland Revenue	Tax (April)		£137.60
	N.I. (April)		£1.72
Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance (March)	£420.00	
	Replacement pansies/compost	£26.00	
	Materials for play area repair	£6.00	£452.00
Mr. T. Creber	Village work (March)		£300.00
Balfours	Rent – Glebe, playing field, car park, Moat		£1,225.00
Eon	Streetlight repairs (Church Close x3)		£138.13
SALC	Membership Fee (2015/2016)		£806.58
Paper Write	Photocopy cartridge/posters		£102.38
Eon	Streetlight repairs (Millbrook all lights)		£121.00
Eon	Streetlight repair (1, Princess Court)		£37.20
Mrs. D. Malley	Payroll services (2015/16)		£48.00
Mr. R. Pinches	Grass cutting (flail) and hedge cutting		£400.96
Scottish Power	Electricity supply (31/12/14-31/03/15)		£718.62

15/06 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

15/07 Hard Surface and Floodlit Area:

Mrs. Howells informed Members that she had been approached by some of the young men who regularly play football on the field to see if it would be possible to have a floodlit hard surfaced area created so that they didn't use the car park on winter evenings. The suggestion created a good deal of interest and discussion and Mrs. Howells was asked to meet them again to see if a floodlit grassed area would be acceptable, as this would be quite easy and relatively cheap to develop.

15/08 Bus Shelters:

Clerk reported that following the last meeting he had contacted Mr. Jenks and asked him for his proposals for the location of additional bus shelters. He had suggested the following – opposite the entrance to River Gardens; by the Hairdressers and probably one in the direction of Market Drayton. The Clerk had contacted various companies but they were unwilling to quote prices without a detailed specification. Councillor Simon Jones had sent a written report, which indicated that there were no planning restrictions but there was a need to get approval from the Highways Department.

In the discussion that followed, Mr. Kennedy suggested that there was insufficient space for a shelter by the Hairdressers and there was already a shelter in the locality.

It was ultimately decided to put this item on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting to see if there was sufficient support from the public for new shelters.

15/09 Community Group Awards:

Mrs. Jill Manley outlined a proposal to create a Council award for groups/organisations that carried out activities which benefitted the Community and gave some examples. The proposal was given support but there were many issues that needed to be resolved. It was decided to delay a decision until the next meeting to allow Members time to consider how it could be operated.

15/10 Exchange of Information:

(a) Agenda Items for the next meeting:

1. Community Group Awards.
2. Annual Parish Meeting.
3. Shawbury Fun Day - June 13th.

(b) The following items were reported:

(i) Highways:

It was noted that a number of road signs on the A53 had been turned in the incorrect direction. Clerk to advise Victoria Doran.

(ii) Street Lighting:

No new issues raised.

(iii) Other:

Mr. Sharp reported that he had been approached by some concerned residents regarding a suggested planning application that was being prepared for development on land behind School House, Mytton Road. The access was along a Bridle Way and could require the removal of some mature trees.

The Clerk reported that he had not received any details and Members agreed to give any application careful consideration if and when it was received. In the meantime Mr. Kennedy (Tree Officer) would carry out a site visit.

15/11 Reports from:**(a) Police:**

Crime figures for February:

Anti-Social Behaviour – 7 (Glebelands -1; White Lodge Park -1; Church Close -4; Hazeldine -1).

Burglary – 1 (Leasowes); Drug Offence – 1 (Leasowes).

(b) RAF Shawbury:

No report tabled.

(c) Shropshire Council:

No report tabled.

15/12 Planning:A. The following applications were tabled:

1.11, River Gardens - two storey extension. No objections raised.

2. Painsbrook Farm, Painsbrook Lane, Hadnall – change of use from agricultural land to a track for remote controlled cars.

After careful consideration of the likely impact of noise and additional traffic for those living close to the proposed development, it was decided on a majority vote, to make a ‘No Comment’ response.

B. The following applications had been approved by Shropshire Council:

Meadows Nursing Home – infill development.

116, Shrewsbury Road, Shawbury – various extensions.

11, River Gardens – two storey extension.

15/13 Committee Reports:LJC Planning Committee:

Mr. Kennedy gave a detailed report of the meeting, confirming the details of the Library Service suggestions and up-dating the proposals for providing youth support using the money that Shropshire Council were providing.

15/14 Men’s Shed:

Details of the schemes operating in Market Drayton and Oswestry had been sent to Members and it was felt that these were positive projects but needed a great deal of commitment and suitable premises.

At present there did not appear to be any possibility of identifying premises in the parish.

15/15 Other Projects:

The Clerk pointed out that there was a considerable reserve budget and suggested that there was a need to re-visit the Parish Plan to see if there were any outstanding or new developments needed.

15/16 Annual Parish Meeting:

It was agreed to invite NHS Future Fit to give a talk at the meeting.

Mrs. Howells suggested inviting Parish clubs and societies to put up manned displays. It was felt it was too late to organise it for this year’s meeting but to consider it as an option for next year.

15/17 Press Matters:

No issues raised.

1517 Date and Time of next meeting:

The next meeting the AGM will be on May 5th. 2015 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: D. Roberts (Chairman)

Date: May 5th. 2015