

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>. 2015 at 7.00pm.**

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**Public Session:**

Ten members of the public were in attendance and complained strongly about possible restrictions being placed on owners exercising their dogs on the playing field. Chairman explained that Shropshire Council had approved orders covering areas used by children and the Parish Council were discussing how these should be activated in the parish. Increasingly some irresponsible owners were allowing dogs to foul public areas and there was a need for action to be taken.

Members of the public suggested that irresponsible owners needed training and advice and the Chairman promised that the Council would support any sensible proposals they could make.

The issue would be debated in full at the next Council meeting.

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**Present:**

Mr. D. Roberts (Chairman).

Mrs. J. Manley

Mr. R. Pinches

Mr. A. Foster

Mrs. M. Clark

Miss R. Wall

Mr. J. Kennedy

Mrs. G. Matthews

Mrs. F. Medley

**In Attendance:**

Mr. S. Jones (Shropshire Councillor).

The Parish Clerk.

Lt. M. McArdle RN (RAF Shawbury).

One member of the public.

**Apologies:**

Apologies were presented and accepted from Councillors Mr. P. Sharp, Ms. S. McIntosh and Mrs. T. Howells.

**14/130 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:**

There were no declarations.

**14/131 Minutes of Meeting held on December 9<sup>th</sup>. 2014:**

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

**14/132 Matters Arising:**

**(a)Highways (14/115(a))**

There were reports of little progress being made on issues which had been reported to Shropshire Council.

**(b) White Lodge Park – speeding traffic (public session).**

A response had been received from Mr. David Gradwell stating that he would attempt to get additional signs put in place when the extended 30mph signs were being erected on the A53 and would include the placement of speed retarders in the Parish's road safety requests for 2015 – 2016.

**(c) Speed Watch Project (14/115(b)).**

Clerk reported that the article in the Parish Magazine had resulted in one additional volunteer, which brought the total to four. As there was a requirement for a minimum of seven volunteers, it was not possible to apply to participate in the scheme. It was decided to defer any action for the time being.

(d) Dog Control Orders (14/119):

An article had been published in the Parish Magazine outlining the suggestions proposed at the last meeting and stating that possible orders would be discussed at the February meeting of the Council. Shropshire Council's Dog Orders had been sent to Members and there was a need to study them in detail and take account of the feelings of the dog owners who had attended in the public session.

It was noted that the Clerk had received one letter of support for any action the Council decided to take.

(e) Youth Provision (14/125(c) :

Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones explained that a sub-committee of the Local Joint Committee had met and were issuing a consultation document suggesting that the money available should be used to employ a field worker to set up Youth Clubs in Shawbury and Wem and give advice and support to rural areas.

Outdoor Fitness Area:

This item was deferred to the next meeting at the request of the Vice-Chairman, who had been unable to attend the meeting because of work commitments

**14/133 Correspondence:**Members considered the following correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting:

Elections Officer – Register of Electors.

Alison Tudor – Rural Hub Newsletter.

SALC – ‘Walk-In Centre’ move.

SALC - December Newsletter.

Police Commissioner – consultation on precept proposal.

Shropshire Community Transport Consortium.

*Clerk reported that he had attended a meeting held at the ‘Dial a Ride’ centre and that the transport consortium were looking at ways in which rural areas could be helped with additional bus services.*

*They were prepared to look into the possibility of providing a ‘pilot service’ on a Saturday evening from Shawbury into Shrewsbury. Councillor Wall was asked to see if there would be any interest from young people.*

Lesley Bennett – Canal and River Trust.

SALC – Newsletter December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Beverly Brown – Local Council's Award Scheme.

*The Clerk was thanked for taking action to get the Foundation level of the new award approved for the Council. It was agreed to register the Council for the next levels and approved the payment of the registration fee of £50.00*

Lois Dale – BT telephones.

P.C. Dave Carpenter – issue with school children at the school and Village Hall.

*It appeared that there had been some misbehaviour with a small group of children which had been dealt with and the children suitably reprimanded.*

**14/134 Accounts for Payment:**

It was resolved to pay the following invoices:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (January)	£538.86
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (December.)	£75.11
Inland Revenue	Tax/N.I (January)	£137.74
Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance (December)	£420.00
Mr. T. Creber	Village work (December)	£300.00
Eon	Maintenance contract (2 <sup>nd</sup> . half year charge)	£776.87
Eon	Streetlight repairs (Church; Millbrook; Hazeldine)	£152.64
Scottish Power	Electricity supply 30/09/14 – 31/12/14	£734.56

**14/135 Financial Statement:**

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

**14/136 Exchange of Information:**(a) Items for inclusion on the next agenda:

Outdoor Fitness Area

Grants

Dog Orders

(b) The following concerns were reported:(i) Highways:

No issues raised.

(ii) Streetlights:

Mrs. Medley reported that there were a number of lights on during the day time in Millbrook.

Clerk to report to contractors.

(iii) Other:

1. Rotted bollard on the edge of the playing field site.

Clerk to ask Robert Allmark to replace it and check if there were problems with any more of the bollards.

2. Small tree blown down over the river on the edge of the Glebe.

Clerk to inform Richard Bailey.

**14/137 Reports from:****(a) Police:**

Crime figures for November:

Anti-Social Behaviour – 3 (Church Close; Glebelands and Coppice Close).

Theft – 2 (Leasowes Park and Glebelands).

**(b) RAF Shawbury:**

Lt. McArdle reported that that there was likely to be additional flying on the base from February onwards.

**(c) Shropshire Council:**

Councillor Simon Jones reported that:

The Council were having to reduce expenditure by £40million over the next two years, which will probably mean that some non-essential services will disappear.

**14/138 Planning:**

The following applications had been approved by Shropshire Council:

No 4, Muckleton – two storey side extension.

Land behind the Farm Shop – change of use.

**14/139 Committee Reports:**

No reports tabled.

**14/140 Clerks Salary**

Members approved a nationally agreed salary award of approximately 2% dating from January 1<sup>st</sup>. 2015

**14/141 Press Matters:**

No reports suggested.

**14/142 Date and Time of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be on February 10<sup>th</sup>. 2015 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

**Approved as a true record of the Meeting.**

**Signed: D. Roberts (Chairman)**

**Date: 10<sup>th</sup>. February 2015**