

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY AUGUST 8TH. 2017 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

Mr. John Vernon was in attendance having applied to be co-opted on to the Council.

Present:

Ms. S. McIntosh (Chairman)

Mr. A. G. Foster

Mrs. J. Manley

Mr. A. Brown

Mr. J. Kennedy

Mr. B. Lyon

Mr. D. Roberts

Mr. R. Pinches

Mr. C. Kirkup

Mr. P. Sharp

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk.

PCSO E. Walmsley (West Mercia Police) - for part of the meeting).

17/65 Apologies.

Apologies were accepted from Shropshire Councillor S.Jones and Lt. M. McArdle RN (RAF Shawbury)

17/66 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

There were no interests declared.

17/67 Co-option of New Member.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Vernon to the meeting and after outlining his reasons for wishing to join the Council, it was proposed, seconded and unanimously approved that he should be co-opted on to the Council to fill one of the remaining vacant seats. After he signed the declaration of acceptance, he remained to take part in the remainder of the meeting.

Clerk to notify the elections officer.

17/68 Minutes of Meeting held on July 11th. 2017.

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

17/69 Matters Arising.

(a)Highways 17/55(a) &17/59(i):

The Clerk reported that:

1. The identified section of the A53 had been registered as an area of Community Safety Concern.
2. The Highways Department had been congratulated on the recent work carried out on the A53.
3. Councillor A. Brown had cut back the hedge leading into White Lodge Park.

(b) Street Lights (17/59(ii):

i. The leaning Street Light in Millbrook had been reported to EON. They had responded stating that they were aware of the problem but at present it was not a danger and attempts to straighten it would cause it to break up. The cost of replacing it would be in the region of £900.00 (+VAT).

It was agreed to defer a decision on whether to replace it.

ii. The lights in Church Close had been repaired.

(c) Projects for 2017 – 2018 (17/55(b)).(i) Streetlights:

Clerk reported that currently there are 31 concrete posts 3 of which are sleeved. The posts are inspected by EON every year and last year's report did not indicate any worrying damage. They would be inspected again in the near future. At current prices the cost of replacing all of these posts allowing for a quantity discount would be in the region of £26,500 (+VAT).

Grants are no longer available from Shropshire Council nor are they willing to adopt up-graded lights.

Response deferred to next meeting.

(ii) Smartwater:

Clerk had discussed this with Rachel Oakley at Smartwater and she had agreed to open discussions with the Police and the RAF again regarding possible financial support. There would be a need to talk to the Housing Associations too about the plans and there would be a need for Councillor representation on any committee set up to progress this project.

Agenda Item for next meeting.

(iii) Litter by the shops:

Clerk had written to Victoria Doran requesting either larger bins or more frequent collections. To date there had been no response.

Clerk to contact Victoria again and seek a possible solution.

(iv) Car Park fencing:

Clerk reported that he had met with the Chairman and Councillor Adrian Brown to look at the problem and it had been noted that two more posts had gone rotten and had broken off. He had previously spoken to Luke Wilson and it was agreed that these should be replaced. It was felt that the two posts that were missing by the Fitness Area did not need to be replaced. However when he spoke to Luke, he was certain that we had asked him to replace these at the last site meeting and had ordered four new large posts. The major cost was the need to hire a digger to remove the old posts and he had quoted £510.00 for replacing all four.

It was agreed to have all four replaced.

(e) Moat Gate (17/43):

Clerk reported that he had been unable to get a positive identity of the ownership of the gate but Shropshire Council felt that it belonged to the Church.

It was agreed to contact Balfours to see if they would approve restoration work and if so to seek quotations for the work.

17/70 Correspondence

Members considered and where appropriate responded to correspondence received since the last meeting.

Details attached.

17/71 Accounts for Payment.

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (August)	£561.90
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (July)	£62.18
Inland Revenue	PAYE/ N.I (Aug.)	£143.48
Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance (July)	£271.00
Mr. T. Creber	Litter collection (July)	£310.00
Mr. L. Wilson	Play Area grass cutting etc. (July)	£167.00
Mr. A. Brown	Timber for signs	£61.00
Scottish Power	Electricity Supply	£728.12

SALC	Training fee (Vice-Chairman)	£25.00
Balfours	Car Park rent	£25.00
NALC	LCR subscription	£17.00
Nobridge Ltd.	Ground maintenance	£388.10

17/72 Financial Statement.

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

17/73 CCTV Protocol.

Councillor Paul Sharp reported that he and the Vice Chairman were monitoring the recordings and that Shropshire Council no longer needed to be involved. There were a number of changes needed to the protocol policy for using the camera. He was re-writing the data and would arrange for the Clerk to have a copy to circulate to Members.

17/74 Exchange of Information:

(a) Agenda Items for next meeting:

1. Mid-Year Financial Report.
2. Proposed projects.

(b) The following items of concern were reported:

(i) Highways:

White Lodge Park – road sweeper removing sections of the roadway close to the footpaths.
‘Traffic Light Garden’ – overgrown again.

Mytton Estate – root growing through the footpath causing a trip hazard.

Clerk to report details to Shropshire Council Highways Dept.

(ii) Street Lighting:

Light No. 4 in Church Close not working.

A report had been sent to EON.

(iii) Other:

No issues raised.

17/75 Reports From:

(a) Police.

PCSO L. Walmsley was in attendance but no issues were raised and she reported that there had not been any major incidents reported in the past month.

Incidents reported in May.

Anti-Social Behaviour (9): Muckleton Road; Coppice Close; Willow Place; Mytton Lane; River Gardens (2); Church Close (2); Glebelands.

Theft (1): Painsbrook Way (No suspect identified).

Shop Lifting (1): River Gardens (Under investigation).

Violence/Sexual (6) Bridgeway (under instigation); Mytton Lane (Unable to prosecute)

Erdington Close (Under investigation).

Millbrook Drive (3) Unable to prosecute (1); Court action; (1) Under investigation (1).

Criminal Damage (2): Bridgeway (Unable to prosecute); Leasowes (No suspect)

(b) RAF Shawbury.

No report tabled.

(c) Shropshire Council.

No report tabled.

17/76 Planning.

A. The following applications were considered:

1. Merlwood Farm, Shawbury Heath – alterations and extensions to provide additional ancillary accommodation.

Application supported.

2. Central Garage, etc. – amendments to original plan.

It appeared that most of the issues raised by the Council had been addressed but there were still some outstanding concerns. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Karen Townend to see if the developer would be prepared to attend the next Council meeting to discuss the plans.

3. Erection of an agricultural building east of Bings Heath, Astley

Application supported.

4. Development on land East of the A53 (16/05474/FUL)

Because of continued delays in gaining planning approval, Karin Townend (planning officer) was agreeing to a proposal from the builders that house building could begin before the roundabout was constructed on the A53.

There would be an enforceable agreement to ensure that the work on the roundabout would be carried out before the first houses were roofed.

The decision was noted but concern was expressed by some Members.

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

White House – felling of a protected tree.

9, Edgebolton – erection of single story extensions.

17/77 Committee/Meeting Reports.

No reports tabled.

17/78 Risk Assessment review.

The documents which had been circulated, were considered, approved and adopted as Council policy after it was agreed to include the following statement under the Moat risk assessment.

'Deep water safety signs in the area will be regularly monitored'

17/79 Maintenance of street naming signs.

The Vice-Chairman reported that many of the signs were in a poor state of repair and either needed to be replaced or repaired.

Clerk to see if the Highways Department had a budget to cover this type of maintenance work

17/80 Community Led Plan.

As this was a Community Plan there was a need to co-opt a number of residents onto a working group to look at how the plan could be brought up to date with relevant information. There had been no response from the article placed in the Newsletter.

Clerk was asked to contact SALC to see if there was further information available.

17/81 World War 1 Beacons.

Members noted that there was to be a nation-wide lighting of beacons to commemorate the ending of World War 1 and the Vice Chairman proposed that the Council should finance one in the Parish.

After due consideration it was decided not to adopt the proposal.

17/82 Lamp post poppies.

Members considered a circular received from the area co-ordinator of the RBL asking Parish Councils to support a project to encourage all communities to tie a poppy to the streetlights in their parish

The cost of each poppy was £3.00 which meant it could cost the Council in the region of £200.00.

Permission would be needed from the Highways Department and volunteers would be needed to put up and take down all the poppies for safe storage and future use.

There was considerable support for the project and the Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department to see if there were regulations covering this type of activity.

17/83 Sponsorship 2017- 2018.

Clerk reported that renewal documents had been sent out on August 1st to each of the sponsors of the Floral Gateways and two had already renewed their sponsorship.

Councillor John Vernon suggested that he might be able to get the Fitness Area sponsored.

17/84 Press Matters.

Clerk to prepare a report for the Parish Newsletter.

17/85 Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on September 5th. 2017 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: S. McIntosh (Chairman)

Date: September 5th. 2017