

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>. 2017 at 7.00pm.**

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**Public Session:**

Mr. Currie was in attendance and reported that he had made contact with various shop owners in the village and had received a positive response from Mr. Andrew Crow, who was willing to have a defibrillator attached to the wall of the butcher's shop in Church Street. Mr. Dave Southam was willing to carry out the electrical work. The Chairman thanked Russ for his efforts and stated that this would now be discussed under Agenda item 4(a).

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**Present:**

Ms. S. McIntosh (Chairman)  
Mr. A. G. Foster  
Mr. R. Pinches  
Mrs. J. Manley  
Mr. P. Sharp  
Mr. A. Brown  
Mrs. F. Medley  
Mrs. G. Matthews  
Mr. D. Roberts  
Mr. J. Kennedy

**In Attendance:**

The Parish Clerk.

**Apologies.**

Apologies were presented and accepted from Councillors Mr. B. Lyon & Mrs. T. Howells, Shropshire Councillor S. Jones and Lt. M. McArdle R.N. (RAF Shawbury).

**16/133 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.**

Councillor Mrs. Matthews declared an interest in Agenda Item 13.

**16/134 Minutes of Meeting held on January 10<sup>th</sup>. 2017.**

The minutes of the meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record after the following amendment – item 16/119 (b) should read '*placed in the Parish Newsletter*'.

**16/135 Matters Arising.**

**(a) Parish Defibrillator (16/116).**

Members agreed to purchase and take responsibility for a defibrillator and cabinet at a cost of £1,000 and have it erected on the wall of the butcher's shop. Councillor Sharp agreed to contact Mr. Crow to confirm the details of a formal agreement including an annual payment for electricity. Defibrillator to be ordered by the Clerk and delivered to Mr. Currie

It was agreed that Mr. Southam be asked to carry out the necessary electrical work and ensure that the Council and Mr. Crow both received an electrical installation certificate.

The Council's Insurers had confirmed they would cover loss and 3<sup>rd</sup>. party insurance cover.

Oversight and management of the unit would be undertaken by a small group organised and led by Councillor P. Sharp.

The Chairman thanked Russ for all his work and it was noted that he had asked that the great assistance given by Jenni Jervis should be recorded. She had been unable to attend the previous meeting as planned because of a family illness.

**(b) Highways (16/123(b)).**

1. Mr. Gradwell had confirmed that the warning sign for erection on the approach to the pedestrian crossing was in stock and he was waiting for the contractors to carry out the work.

2. Councillor Mr. Brown had produced a paper suggesting that additional road markings on the approach to the crossing could help and the Clerk was asked to pass on the details for consideration by Mr. Gradwell. Clerk reported that he had discussed it with Sgt. Greenaway who had raised no objections to the proposal.

3. It was noted with increasing concern that no solution had been found to the continuing drainage problems at sites around the Parish and the Clerk was asked to raise the issue again.

(c) Mirror (16/114(c))

Clerk reported that he had written to the manager of the Co-op shop, thanking him for his offer of support but pointing out that there would be a need to draw up a formal agreement with the owners. The Council would pay for all the costs, insure the equipment and have 3<sup>rd</sup>. party insurance cover but it would be wise for the Co-op to get the support of their own insurance company. The manager had reported that he was discussing the application with the managing director of the company.

The Council's Insurers had confirmed that both forms of cover would be included in the current policy without additional cost if the plan went ahead.

(d) Smartwater

Clerk advised Members that Sgt. Greenaway had responded, pointing out that they had received a positive response from MMHA tenants but there were only 96 in total and it was unlikely that the Housing Association would contribute more than the cost of providing it for their properties. If an application is to be made for a grant it will need to come from a committee set up for this purpose, which includes housing association representatives, not just the Parish Council.

There had been no further response from the public and with other unexpected expenditure facing the Council it was decided that it would not be opportune to spend about £7,000 on the project.

It was decided to defer it until later in the year. Clerk to advise Smartwater representatives and Sgt. Greenaway of the decision. He would also send a letter to all those who had attended the information sessions.

(e) Vandalism and A.S.B.

Members noted with concern the recent damage caused to the fencing posts round the car park and supported the action taken to replace some of the posts. The police had been kept informed of the developments and had hoped to view camera images to try and identify members of the group carrying out the damage. It was noted that the posts removed were rotting away and there had been no further problems for the past two weeks.

(f) Church Repairs:

The legal department at NALC had confirmed that Parish Councils were not permitted to give grants for Church repairs.

**16/136 Correspondence.**

Members considered and where appropriate, responded to items of correspondence received since the last meeting. Particular note was made of the following:

1. Edgebolton residents concern about the lack of action over the erection of the 'Fishing Lodge'. Clerk reported that he had passed this on to Councillor Simon Jones who had promised to deal with it.
2. The partial review of the Shropshire Local Plan.
3. Damage to mobile homes in Painsbrook Lane.
4. Deadline for expressing interest in the transfer of assets from Shropshire Council to Parish and Town Councils.

**16/137 Accounts for Payment.**

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (February)		£417.38
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (January)		£79.31
Inland Revenue	Tax (February)	£278.00	
	N.I. (February)	£2.67	£280.67

Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance (January)	£462.85
Mr. T. Creber	Village work (January)	£300.00
Shelly Signs	Supply and erection of fitness area signs	£366.00
EON	Annual maintenance contract (50%)	£797.20

### **16/138 Financial Statement.**

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

### **16/139 Exchange of Information:**

(a) Agenda Items for next meeting:

Safety Issues; the firework Event; CCTV and car park fencing.

(b) The following Items of concern were reported:

(i) Highways:

Pot holes developing and white lining on the A53 near the pedestrian crossing need attention.

Damage to signs at the entrance to Church Street.

*Clerk to report to the Highways Department.*

(ii) Street Lighting:

No issues raised.

(iii) Other:

No issues raised.

### **16/140 Reports From:**

**(a) Police.**

No report tabled.

**b) RAF Shawbury.**

No report tabled.

Clerk reported that he had received a cheque for £300 – a contribution from the motor cycle event held earlier in the year. He would write a letter of thanks.

**c) Shropshire Council.**

No report tabled.

### **16/141 Planning.**

A. The following applications had been received:

1. Barn at Painsbrook Farm, Painsbrook Lane – application for change of use agriculture – domestic.  
*Application supported but with concern expressed at the lack of parking areas.*

2. 59, White Lodge Park – single storey extension & conversion of garage into a kitchen/dining area.  
*No objections raised.*

3. River Meadows Nursing Home – a 1.5 storey extension for 11 bedrooms and 5 staff bedrooms + additional parking provision.

*No objections raised.*

4. Coldersitch Cottage, Butlers Bank – outline application for the erection of a detached annexe.

*No objections raised.*

B The following application had been approved by Shropshire Council:

The Four Winds, The Green, Shawbury- outline application for the erection of a replacement dwelling + detached garage.

### **16/142 Play Area grass cutting; hedge cutting; shrub maintenance.**

The Clerk gave details of the four applications he had received for providing this service and after consideration it was agreed to offer the contract to Mr. Luke Wilson from White Lodge Park, Shawbury, who was deemed to be the best qualified person to carry out the work.

### **16/143 Group Awards.**

The Chairman proposed that an award should be made to Shawbury United Football Club for their achievements in the last season. This was unanimously approved.

**16/144 Grants.**

After considering the applications it was unanimously agreed that a grant of £200 should be made to each of the following organisations:

Shawbury Scout and Guide Management Committee; 1<sup>st</sup>. Shawbury Cub Scouts; the Severn Hospice; Hope House; McMillan Cancer Care.

**16/145 Community Service Awards.**

It was agreed to continue with the adult and junior awards but Councillor Mrs. Medley suggested that there should be a more stringent consideration of the nominations and this was approved. Clerk to produce an article for the Newsletter and press inviting nominations.

**16/146 Car Park Fencing.**

After lengthy consideration of the problem and various suggestions regarding replacement posts, it was agreed that the Chairman; Vice Chairman; Councillor A. Brown and the Clerk should meet up with Luke Wilson to discuss the best approach for replacing the missing and rotten posts.

Clerk to arrange a site meeting.

**16/147 CCTV Maintenance and police grant.**

It was reported that the system had needed attention from the contractors twice in the past month and after a visit on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. major faults had been identified in the camera and the recording unit. The options were (a) to remove the camera; have repairs carried out totalling about £1,000 or to replace the camera and recording unit with a vastly improved system costing in the region of £2,700. Clerk stated that the police were again offering grants and he had already applied for sufficient to cover the maintenance contract and the rent for using the Village Hall but had been advised that this could be amended with a request for a grant to cover the replacements.

Initially it would need to be funded by using money earmarked for other projects.

**16/148 Committee/Meeting Reports.**

No reports were tabled.

**16/149 Shropshire Council – partial review of the Local Plan.**

No comment until Members had attended the planned information events.

**16/150 Clerk's Salary.**

Members agreed to pay the National Pay award of 1% from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 which had been part of the pay agreement for 2015/2016 and equates to £83.44 per annum.

**16/151 Press Matters.**

Clerk to produce a release for the Parish Newsletter and the Web Site.

**16/152 Date and time of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be on March 14<sup>th</sup>. 2017 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

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

**Signed:** S. Mc Intosh (Chairman)

**Date:** March 14<sup>th</sup>. 2017

