

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY JANUARY 10TH. 2017 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

1. Integrated Community Management:

Sonja Kizito gave an informative talk on an Integrated Community Management project that had been operating in Shrewsbury and how it was being piloted in Wem and the surrounding rural area. The objective was to have a united approach to dealing with low level crime and issues which affect the quality of life for residents. The scheme would include representatives from Shropshire Council, Town and Parish Councils the Police and private organisations.

A meeting was being held in Edinburgh House on January 24th. and the Council was invited to send a representative.

2. Mr. Russ Currie presented an interesting and informative report on the research he had carried out on the provision, cost and location of possible community defibrillators in the Parish.

3. Mr. Adrian Brown was in attendance having applied for co-option on to the Council to fill the vacant seat.

4. Two members of the public.

Present:

Ms. S. McIntosh (Chairman)

Mr. A. G. Foster

Mr. R. Pinches

Mr. B. Lyon

Mrs. J. Manley

Mr. P. Sharp

Mrs. F. Medley

Mrs. G. Matthews

Mr. D. Roberts

Mr. J. Kennedy

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk.

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones

Lt. M. McArdle R.N. (RAF Shawbury).

Three members of the public.

Apologies:

Apologies were presented and accepted from Councillor Mrs. T. Howells.

16/111 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

There were no interests declared.

16/112 Co-option of new Member.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Adrian Brown to the meeting, who was the only applicant for the vacant seat. Mr Brown, having previously been a Councillor, was well known to Members and there was unanimous approval for his co-option. Having completed and signed the necessary documents, he remained to play a full part in the meeting.

16/113 Minutes of Meeting held on November 8th. 2016.

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

16/114 Matters Arising:(a) Youth Club (16/100(i))

It was noted that arrangements had been made for the Youth Club to store all its equipment inside the Village Hall and that the shed was no longer needed.

(b) Highways (16/104(bi))

Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones reported that he had discussed the outstanding Highways issues with the team at Wem and it was agreed that some had been addressed but there were still a number outstanding, including the need for a radical assessment of the drains throughout the Parish.

(c) Mirror on Co-op wall (16/100(c))

The Vice Chairman reported that he had discussed the placement of the mirror with the manager of the Co-op shop and it had been agreed that it could be attached to the parapet but there would be a need to get a suitable bracket fabricated. This could only be designed when the mirror had been purchased. It was agreed to go ahead with the project and purchase the mirror at a cost of £177.00 (+ VAT).

Vice Chairman and Clerk to organise.

(d) Acts of Vandalism/Arson

There was concern expressed about continued vandalism including several incidents of arson. The police had been informed and were carrying out patrols and a recent arrest had been made which it was hoped would improve the situation. There was a need for everyone to be vigilant and report incidents to the police on 101.

It was noted that there were reports on a 'Facebook' page but responders should be aware that these were not officially recorded.

16/115 Correspondence:

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

16/116 Defibrillator:

On behalf of the Council, the Chairman thanked Mr. Russ Currie for the detailed work he had carried out and for his splendid presentation. It was noted that regulations regarding the use of defibrillators had changed since they were discussed a few years ago but there was still a need for a small group to oversee and monitor the unit when it was in place. After due consideration, it was unanimously agreed that the Council would provide a grant to purchase a defibrillator and have it installed at a suitable location in the Village. At this stage it was felt that outside the Village Hall was not the opportune place and Councillor Sharp offered to work with Russ to identify a location and report back at the next meeting. He also agreed to head up a small group to oversee the unit when it was in place.

The overall cost of providing this would be in the region of £1,000 and the Clerk confirmed that there were sufficient funds in the project budget to provide a grant. Annual maintenance/insurance costs would be minimal.

16/117 Smartwater Project:

Clerk reported that there had been no further response from members of the public or the Housing Association, which seemed to indicate a general lack of interest. However the police reported that they had been meeting with residents of Housing Association properties and had received some favourable response. It was agreed that the police should approach the Housing Association to see if they were prepared to provide financial support for the project, otherwise the cost of providing the service to all households, excluding RAF properties, would be in the region of £8,000. This would mean the Council paying £6,000 which Members felt could not be justified.

A decision on any further action was deferred until the next meeting.

16/118 Future of Firework Event

Clerk reported that he had been contacted by Mr. Phil Moore from the Shawbury Youth Football Committee, expressing an interest in running the firework event in conjunction with the Young Farmers Club. They had met with Richard Bailey who had explained what was involved and the Clerk had invited representatives to attend a Council meeting. As this would no longer be a Council event the Clerk had produced a paper outlining future procedure if the event was to continue and this was adopted as Council policy.

16/119 Future Arrangements for:**(a) Maintenance/Inspections of Play Areas etc.**

A document outlining the response from Shropshire Council had already been forwarded to Members and as there had been general support and no objections, a contract had been agreed and an order placed for Shropshire Council to take over responsibility for this work. The cost, including the RoSPA annual inspection, would be £2,350.00 per annum.

(b) Play Area Grass Cutting; hedge cutting; shrub maintenance.

An advert for this had been placed in the Parish Newsletter and on the notice boards and it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting. To date there had been four declarations of interest and one quotation received.

16/120 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

December:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (December)		£417.38
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (November)	Postage £8.95 Phone/B/Band £22.00 Travel £27.00 Office Exp. £24.27	£82.22
Inland Revenue	Tax (December)	£278.00	
	N.I. (December)	£2.67	£280.67
Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance (November)		£450.00
	Expenses – firework event		£250.27
St John Ambulance	Cover at Firework event		£77.28
Mr. T. Creber	Village Work (November)		£300.00
Mr. S. Ireland	Burial Ground repairs to graves		£88.00
<u>January</u>			
Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (January)		£417.38
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (December)		£47.00
Inland Revenue	Tax (January)	£278.00	
	N.I. (January)	£2.67	£280.67
Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance (December)		£440.00
Mr. T. Creber	Village work (December)		£300.00
O.R.P.	CCTV Contract		£570.00
EON	Streetlight repair		£91.99
Nobridge Ltd.	Ground maintenance (July – December)		£1,358.36

16/121 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

16/122 Budget and Precept Setting:

Members considered a draft budget which had been prepared by the Responsible Finance Officer and monitored by the Chairman and Vice Chairman before being circulated. It was unanimously agreed to accept the budget, which would result in an increase of £3,000 in the precept and mean that local Council Tax payments would rise by approximately £3.50 per annum.

Councillor Mrs. Manley questioned the budget for waste collection and felt this was too high but after discussion and a report of the amount of waste being collected, it was agreed to leave it at the set figure.

16/123 Exchange of Information:

(a) Agenda Items for next meeting:

Grants

Planning for Awards – Group and Individual.

Defibrillator

(b) The following Items of concern were reported:

(i) Highways:

1. Road sign on the A53 between Mytton Estate and Wytheford Road indicating T junction had been hit by a vehicle and needed re-aligning. *Clerk to advise the Highways Department.*

2. General concern about the behaviour of drivers with regard to the pedestrian crossing by the shops and the urgent need to get the promised warning sign put in place.

Clerk to discuss this with Mr. David Gradwell and the police.

(ii) Street Lighting:

No issues raised.

(iii) Other:

General concern over the way the annual ‘Poppy’ Collection had taken place in the Parish, with many areas not canvassed. Councillor Mrs. Matthews reported that there had been a change of staff and a general breakdown in communications. Headquarters were aware of the problem and would ensure that it did not happen again.

16/124 Reports From:

(a) Police:

Incidents recorded in September:

Theft – 1 (Near petrol Station) Offender sent to prison.

Public Order (Mytton Lane) under investigation.

Incidents recorded in October:

Burglary – 3 (Willow Place; A53; Coppice Close) No suspects identified

Violence – 2 Poynton Road; Mytton Road) Unable to prosecute.

Anti-Social Behaviour -1 (Bridge Way).

Criminal Damage -1 (Hazeldine Crescent). Under investigation.

Incidents recorded in November:

Vehicle Crime: Airfield – 1 (no suspect identified).

Involving Violence: McKinley Way -1 (under investigation); Church Close – 2 (unable to prosecute);

Leasowes Park – 2 (unable to prosecute).

Criminal Damage: Wytheford Road – 1 (no suspect identified); Near A53 – 1 (no suspect identified).

Ant- Social Behaviour: Glebelands -1; Near A53 – 1.

Other Crime: Leasowes Park – 1 (under investigation).

Theft: Playing field – 1 (no suspect identified).

b) RAF Shawbury.

Regular night flying would re-commence on February 6th. and continue for six weeks.

c) Shropshire Council.

Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones commented on the survey being carried out regarding bus services. It was not intended to close down services but to ensure that continued grant aid was given to services which were well used and deemed by the public to be important.

16/125 Planning:

A. The following applications had been received:

1. Jayroc Stables – retrospective application for the erection of additional lighting – 14 x 5.5m poles and 6 x 4.5m poles.

Objected to as it was felt that there was no need for that level of lighting for a ménage

2. Land E of A53 Shrewsbury Road – erection of 50 dwellings; turning and parking area + associated public open space.

Mr. Ashley James (Lioncourt Homes) and Mr. Nigel Thorns from the builders and developers were in attendance to respond to questions raised by Members. They pointed out:

(a) That the change to the area for turning/parking school buses was at the request of Shropshire Council, who reserve the right to install it at a later date when building is under way.

(b) The planned footpath from the site to Poynton Road, alongside the north side of the school, would be funded from CIL money.

(c) Subject to gaining planning approval, it was hoped that work would start on the roundabout and site development early in the summer.

(d) There was a legal agreement that no more than 50 houses would be erected on the site.

They also agreed that it would be helpful to have a nominated Councillor as a liaison officer during the construction of the project. This would be arranged after the election of the new Council in May.

Members then supported the application, subject to Shropshire Council confirming that the fenced footpath alongside the school would be constructed and funded by CIL local funds.

3. Muckleton – conversion of redundant farm buildings to provide private accommodation, *Application supported.*

4. The Four Winds, The Green, Shawbury – outline application for the erection of a replacement dwelling.

Application supported.

5. Building at Moss Farm, Muckleton Lane, Edgebolton – application for prior approval for change of use from agriculture to residential use.

Application supported.

B. The following application has been approved by Shropshire Council.

15, Pinewood Road, Shawbury – extensions.

C. Other.

1. Planning enforcement investigation at The Hollies, Bings Heath, and Astley.

2. Government Inspectorate support Shropshire Councils decision to refuse the proposed development on Wem Road, Shawbury.

16/126 Strategic Freight Study.

Consultation document noted by Members.

16/127 Local Plan Briefing

Members considered the briefing paper issued by Mr. Adrian Cooper on the future of the Local Plan up to 2036.

It appeared that SAMDev would hold until 2019, after which considerable change could be anticipated.

He had suggested that it was essential for parishes to have up to date data and there was a need to re-visit and freshen up the current CLP, to take account of the obvious change that was going to take place.

It was agreed that this should be considered by the Council after the election in May.

16/128 Future Bus Service Provision.

This had be dealt with under Item 16/124(c) and Members were encouraged to make individual responses.

16/129 Committee/Meeting Reports:**L.J.C. Meeting:**

Councillor Mrs. Manley had already circulated an email with the details of the meeting and no further issues were raised.

16/130 Safety Issues:

Clerk reminded Members of the need to be mindful of safety issues in the Parish where the Council had responsibilities and it was agreed to keep these under review.

16/131 Meeting Dates 2017.

The proposed dates were approved.

16/131 Press Matters:

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

16/132 Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on February 7th. 2017 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: *S. McIntosh* (Chairman)

Date: *February 7th. 2017*

