

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 12th MARCH 2019 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

There were no members of the public present.

Present:

Mr. A. G. Foster (Chairman)

Mr. J. Kennedy

Mrs. J. Herbert

Mr. B. Lyon

Mr. R. Pinches

Mrs. J. Manley

Mr. A. Brown

Ms. S. McIntosh

Mr. J. Vernon

Mr. P. Sharp

Mr. C. Kirkup

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk.

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones.

Flt. Lt. M. McArdle (RAF Shawbury).

18/196 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Mr. D. Roberts.

18/197 Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

There were no interests declared.

18/198 Minutes of Meeting held on February 12^h. 2019.

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

18/199 Matters Arising.

(a) Smartwater distribution (18/179 (b)).

It was noted that the event held on February 26th had attracted a reasonable number of residents and the Vice Chairman had offered to distribute packs before the start of Council meetings for the next few months.

(b) Play Area grass cutting (18/192).

The Chairman and the Clerk had met with a representative from Nobridge Ltd. to discuss them including the work currently undertaken by Mr. L. Wilson in their ground maintenance contract. A quotation had been received which indicated that the overall cost would be very much in line with the current expenditure.

A proposal to accept the quote was made, seconded and unanimously agreed.

(c) Fireworks (18/185 (iii))

There had been no further offers to organising an annual event and it was decided that there should be no further action.

(d) Burial Ground pathway (18/179(d)).

The Vice Chairman reported that he had purchased the materials and would be undertaking the work as soon as there was some decent weather.

(e) Village road signs (18/179 (e))

It was reported that the Divisional Engineer had agreed that when he returned from holiday he would arrange a site meeting with the Chairman.

(f) Cemetery Management (18/191)

Councillor Ms. S. McIntosh reported that Mr. Ron Dunn had not yet confirmed a date when he could carry out the inspection of the grave stones and a short training event and that the Rev. Rich Creswell was searching in the Church for a Purchase Register relating to the burials which had taken place. The Clerk confirmed that two burials had been booked and the Rich Creswell had agreed to complete the necessary paperwork on behalf of the Council.

(g) Veteran Oak Tree. (18/179 (g))

Councillor J. Kennedy stated that a site meeting of all interested parties was held on the 14th February at 10.00 am. Attending were representatives of the developers, Shropshire Council, both Planning and Tree and Woodland Protection Officers, Shawbury Parish Council and James Plaskett of Access2Trees. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council had no objection to the proposed development but that any work regarding the tree must be carried out sympathetically in strict observance with the guidelines provided by Terry Merchant and the report produced by Access2Trees. Any incurred costs should be paid for by the developer and the Parish Council would not be responsible for any problems which may arise in the future.

(h) Community Service Award (18/182)

It was unanimously agreed that an award should be made to Mr. Eric Cooper in recognition of the way he had maintained the allotment for many years and for his continued voluntary work.

(i) Fallen tree in the Moat (18/185(iii)).

It was reported that Access2Trees had very promptly removed the tree.

(j) Hazeldine Crescent

An email from the legal department had been circulated to all members which indicated that the area of grassland in the Crescent appeared to belong to the Crown, as the company who owned it had gone into liquidation without leaving details of its disposal.

It was decided that the Council would not accept responsibility for the land but as a gesture of good will would continue to have the grass mown.

(k) New seat on playing field.

It was noted with thanks that Councillor J. Kennedy had installed the new seat donated by RAF Shawbury close to the Fitness Area in the playing field.

(l) Church Street Bin:

Clerk reported that he had been advised that a new bin had been ordered to replace the one damaged recently by a vehicle. Replacement would take place when staff were available.

18/200 Correspondence.

Details of the correspondence received since the last meeting had been forwarded to Members and these were considered and where necessary appropriate responses were noted or made. Details attached.

18/201 Accounts for Payment.

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (March)		£572.96
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Feb.)		£58.12
Mr. J. Wilson	Office Rent (Oct-March)		£225.00
Inland Revenue	PAYE (March)	£143.20	
	N.I. (March)	£1.95	£145.15
Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance (February)		£250.00
Mr. T. Creber	Litter collection (February)		£325.00
Ramped C.I.C.	Skate boarding day		£480.00
Mr. L. Wilson	Play Area grass cutting etc. (February)		£167.00
Hope House	Grant		£200.00
The Hospice	Grant		£200.00
Crane Quality Counselling	Grant		£200.00

Shropshire Blood Bikes	Grant	£200.00
Shawbury First Responders	Grant	£200.00
Shrewsbury Trophy Centre	Plaque for new seat	£16.00
Access 2 Trees	Removal of gale damaged tree	£756.00
Interactive Information	Website hosting	£180.00
Mr. A. P. Sharp	Parish Paths expenses	£9.04
Mr. C. J. Kennedy	Expenses for fixing seat.	£60.65
Shropshire Council	Play Area Inspections	£2,820.00
Mr. C. J. Kennedy	Burial Ground expenses.	£132.91

18/202 Financial Statement.

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

18/203 Streetlights.

Detailed discussions took place regarding the reports produced by Councillor A. Brown which had been circulated to all Members the previous evening.

There was considerable discussion and comment about the proposals which resulted in the following decisions:

A. Millbrook:

It was proposed that no further action should be taken to identify the reason why a section of lights had not been adopted by Shropshire County Council some nineteen years ago. The proposal was seconded and then adopted by nine votes to two.

B. Church Close.

Councillor J. Vernon proposed that the current problem in the Close could be solved by the erection of a new light on an area of land he had identified. This would be a replacement for light No. 4 which had been condemned. The proposal was seconded and then adopted by nine votes to two.

18/204 Exchange of Information:

(a) Agenda Items for next meeting:

Burial Ground; Church Close and end of year financial documents.

(b) The following items of concern were recorded:

(i) Highways:

1. Waste Bins:

It was reported that the bin on the car park is too small and always overflowing and it was suggested that it could be used to replace the bin in Church Street which was removed after damage by a vehicle and a larger one placed in the car park.

2. Flooding

Drainage problems, especially by the traffic lights and indications that the road is beginning to sag in the areas of the drains. There are also loose covers on manholes in the road. Shropshire Councillor S. Jones stated that the Highways team were trying to secure the resources to carry out a full review of the drainage system.

3. Lights by the crossing:

Damaged again by a passing vehicle.

(ii) Street Lighting:

No issues raised.

(iii) Oher:

1. Vandalism:

A report from Mr. T. Creber indicated that broken bottles are regularly being left on the playing field, especially on Saturday nights.

2. Community Environment Grant:

It was agreed that the Clerk should apply for the full grant of £1,500 for each of the next two years. It was noted that if the application was successful it would need to be matched funded.

3. Use of field for parking:

It was agreed that access to the field would be allowed providing it would not cause damage to the grassed areas. A charge would be made for commercial events.

4. Junior Football:

It was agreed that the junior football teams could use the playing field on June 23rd. for their annual presentation event.

18/205 Reports from:**(a) Police:**

No report tabled

(b) RAF Shawbury:

Members welcomed a report from Flt. Lt. McArdle indicating that the new Commanding Officer would be pleased to attend the Parish Council meeting in May.

(c) Shropshire Council:

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones reported that Shropshire Council were having considerable management and contract issues with Kier regarding highway repairs and that small projects were going to be carried out by Direct Service.

18/206 Poynton Road Housing Development Grant:**Projects:****(a) Financial Statement**

A statement was tabled by the Clerk and approved by Members.

(b) School Crossing:

Shropshire Councillor reported that no progress had been made because of pressure of work at Shropshire Council.

(c) Street Lights:

No discussion on this item.

(d) Junior Football pitch:

It was reported that the solicitors were still considering aspects of the lease.

18/207 Planning:**A. The following applications have been received and no objections were raised.****1. The Old Smithy, Muckleton:**

Change of use of agricultural land and the erection of a domestic storage building following the demolition of existing barn (19/00527/FUL)

2. 1, Pool Cottage amendment to the application for erection of a single storey extension to the rear of the property. (18/05225/FUL)

3. Erection of a dwelling South of Brickyard Farm, Poynton Road (19/00833/FUL).

B. The following application had been refused by Shropshire Council:

Chetwynd, School Lane, Shawbury – construction of double garage following demolition of current buildings.

18/208 Committee and Other Reports.**SALC Area Committee:**

Councillor P. Sharp stated that he would be attending the later in the month and asked members to let him know if there were issues they wished to have raised.

Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee:

Councillor B Lyon confirmed that he would be attending the meeting in Shirehall.

18/209 Press Matters.

Smartwater Distribution: Glass on Field.

18/210 Vote of Thanks.

There was unanimous support from all Members thanking Councillor J. Kennedy for installing the seat of the playing field and for the work planned in the burial round and to Councillor A. Brown for the detailed streetlight reports he had produced.

18/210 Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on April 9th. 2019 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: A. G. Foster (Chairman) **Date:** April 9th. 2019

Correspondence received since last meeting – February

Richard Bailey – Burial Ground Hedge and litter.

Dianne Dorrell – Information Bulletin No.2 (February).

Paul Sharp – Potential re-location of TC's Haulage.

F. Painter (Undertakers) burial of ashes of the late Thomas Melican.

Russ Currie – query regarding WW11 Memorials.

Gail Power – NALC CEO's Bulletin.

Gail Power – London Bridge Protocol.

Gail Power – New Accountable Officer at Shropshire CCG.

John Vernon – Rubbish Bin.

Shropshire Council new place plan officers.

Gail Power NALC legal update.

Insurance Company – Tree Inspections.

Frances Medley – litter pick

John Campion – police commissioners report.

Adrian Brown – streetlight report.