

**MINUTES OF THE SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SHAWBURY
VILLAGE HALL ON MARCH 8TH. 2022 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

Mrs. Sarah North, Head Teacher of Shawbury School, was in attendance seeking financial help from the Council to install security gates at the school, to prevent unlawful access to the parking area when the school is closed. At the request of the Chairman, she explained how the school is funded now that it was part of an Academy overseeing eight schools.

She pointed out that having to deal with the effects of Covid on staff and children had seriously depleted the funds which were provided for teaching and they were undertaking fund raising activities to finance the provision of gates which she and the school governors felt to be essential.

The Chairman thanked her for the information and suggested that she sent in a brief letter asking the Council for a grant to support the plan, which would then be considered at the next Council meeting.

Present:

Mr. C. Kennedy (Chairman).

Mr. B. Lyon.

Mr. R. Pinches.

Mr. A. Foster.

Mr. J. Vernon.

Mr. M. Roberts.

Mrs. J. Herbert.

Mr. A. Brown.

Mr. C. Kirkup

In Attendance:

F.S. M. Lingham (RAF Shawbury)

The Parish Clerk.

21/154 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors P. Sharp, Ms. S. McIntosh and Shropshire Councillor S. Jones.

21/155 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

No interests were declared.

21/156 Minutes of Meeting held on February 8th. 2022.

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

21/157 Matters Arising.

(a) Community Speed Watch (21/143(a)).

Clerk reported that there had been no response from members of the public and to date three Council Members had completed the application form. F.S. Lingham felt that there might be people from RAF Shawbury interested in supporting the project and he would publicise the scheme on their internal newsletter.

(b) Church Street/Poynton Road Streetlights (21/151).

It was noted that Mr. Garry Johnson was prepared to meet up with Councillor Adrian Brown to give advice on the proposals but currently Eon were not in a position to take on any column replacement work or column installations in the Scottish Power area.

(c) Purchase of allotment (21/143(d)).

In spite of promises, the Housing Association's solicitor had still not forwarded any documents to the Council's solicitor.

(d) Street lights in Bridgeway and Millbrook (21/143(e))

Details of the correspondence received from Mr. Garry Johnson appeared to indicate that there is a major problem existing between E.ON and Scottish Power who are responsible for the cabling and so E.ON are currently unable to proceed with the work without their assistance.

(e) Damaged fencing by allotment (21/143(f)).

Councillor J. Vernon stated that the Housing Association had not undertaken any work on the site and he had removed the damaged fencing and was prepared to replace the new posts and panels.

Members supported a proposal from the Chairman that the Council should pay for the materials as the allotment was technically owned by the Council.

(f) Electricity Charges for streetlights (21/148(biii))

Please see the report under Minute 21/161(b)

(g) Highways Issues (21/148(bi))

All issues raised at the last meeting have been reported to Shropshire Council's 'Fix my Street' web site address but no responses have been received.

21/158 Correspondence.

Members considered the attached list of correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting and forwarded to Members, noting that where necessary appropriate actions had been taken or responses made.

21/159 Section 137 Grants.

After due consideration it was agreed to make a grant of £150.00 to each of the following:

Hope House Hospice; The Severn Hospice; Crane Counselling and the Local First Responders.

21/160 Accounts for Payment and Financial Statements.(a) It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (March)	£611.61
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (February)	£43.52
	Office rent (Sept. – March incl.)	£225.00
Inland Revenue	PAYE (March)	£152.80
	N.I. (March)	£3.81
Mr. M. Varndell	Collection & disposal of litter (February)	£450.00
Interactive Information	Hosting web site & domain renewal	£240.00
Mr. A. Dawson	Mole control;	£120.00
Mr. P. Sharp	Expenses Moat/Glebe/ Community Project	£55.03
Mr. R. Pinches	Flail grass cutting Moat/Glebe	£361.20
Eon Energy	Streetlight repairs (A53 and Oak Drive)	£229.08
Ms. J. Jarvis	Defibrillator Pads	£20.00
Hope House	Grant	£150.00
The Hospice	Grant	£150.00
Crane Counselling	Grant	£150.00
First Responders	Grant	£150.00

b) The financial statement for March was tabled and approved.**21/161 Exchange of Information.**(a) Agenda Items for next meeting:

Community Service Awards.

(b) Other Issues:i. Highways:

Councillor M. Roberts queried whether a pedestrian crossing would be needed for residents from the Oaklands Estate and White Lodge Park areas wishing to access the new Sports Facilities when the centre was constructed.

ii. Streetlights:

Scottish Power had confirmed that they were increasing the cost of providing power for the streetlights from 12p to 47p per kWh which meant that the annual account would rise from £2,600.00 to £10,200.00 + (VAT) which is re-claimable.

A range of suggestions had been considered on methods to reduce the cost but the most appropriate was to bring the Council owned streetlights into line with Shropshire Council and many other Parish Councils by operating a dusk to midnight service rather than an all-night one. The cost of converting the lights had been quoted at £3,603.00 but it was anticipated that the annual savings on power would mean this would be paid for in less than twelve months and then give on-going savings.

It was proposed and seconded that E.ON be asked to carry out the necessary conversion of the lights as soon as possible and the motion was unanimously supported by Members.

iii. Other Reports:1. Councillor M. Roberts reported that he had raised concerns about:

- (a) The closure of part of the Shropshire Way Public Right of Way but this had been resolved following intervention by Councillor P. Sharp.
- (b) The appearance of a diesel spill entering the water table just below the Shropshire Way. He had reported this to the Environment Agency, with clear indications of the location but they had sent someone to the wrong site. He had then notified Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones who had arranged a further visit by the Environment Agency but as yet no action appeared to have been taken
- (c) The amount of litter which was being left on the side of Wytheford Road with no evidence of Shropshire Council arranging for it to be collected.

Clerk to contact Shropshire Council's Highways Department and ask for the site to be cleared.

2. Community Service Award.

It was agreed that the Award should be advertised and nominations invited from members of the public.

21/162 Reports from:**(a) Police:**

No report had been received regarding incidents recorded by the police in January.

(b) RAF Shawbury:

The Chairman welcomed F.S. Matt Lingham to the meeting as the new representative from RAF Shawbury. Matt stated that he had been stationed at Shawbury for four years and hoped to be here for at least four more and welcomed the opportunity to become involved with Parish Council activities.

He reported that:

- (a) Night flying activity was resuming and would continue for the next four weeks.
- (b) The recent 10km run had been very successful with 275 runners involved and considerable money was raised for the RAF Benevolent Fund.

(c) Shropshire Council:

No report tabled.

21/163 Planning Applications:

(a) The following application was considered:

2, Muckleton Lane, Edgebolton – erection of extensions and refurbishment of existing dwelling (22/00709/FUL). *No objections raised.*

21/164 Committee and Other Reports.Village Hall Committee:

Councillor A. Foster pointed out that the new lighting system had been installed in the Village Hall.

21/165 Press Matters.

Clerk to produce a brief report.

21/166 Date of Next Council Meeting:
 Tuesday, April 12th. at 7.00pm.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: C. J. Kennedy (Chairman) **Date:** April 12th. 2022

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE FEBRUARY MEETING

Dianna Dorrell – Lieutenancy Awards.*
 John Campion – January Newsletter.*
 Gail Power – Good Food Check.*
 Brian Rapson – Health press release.*
 Austin Vaughan – Monthly play area reports.
 Dianne Dorrell – Chairs meeting report.*
 Shropshire Council – Latest Coronavirus report.*
 NALC – CEO’s bulletin.*
 Keep Britain Tidy.*
 Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.*
 Jamie Robinson – Neighbourhood Matters.*
 Representative from Smithers – Complaint about roundabout.
 Gail Power – High winds alert.*
 Brian Rapson – Children and Young People’s mental health.*
 NALC – CEO’s Bulletin.*
 Shawbury Parish Newsletter.*
 Dianne Dorrell – Flood Alerts.*
 Gail Power – Flood up-dates.*
 Shropshire Council – Latest Coronavirus News.*
 NALC – CEO’s Newsletter.*
 Cllr. P. Sharp – Apology and pavement clearance up-date.
 Head Teacher Shawbury School
 Shropshire Council – streetlight up-date
 Emma Williams – Allotment
 Nicole Beddall – Allotment
 Russ Currie – Defibrillator
 Garry Johnson – Streetlights.*
 Gail Power – NALC legal update.*
 Gail Power – Flooding up-date.*
 Michael Watney – Review of Leases
 Gail Power – ‘I was flooded form’.*
 Gail Power – Ukrainian refuges
 Shropshire Council – Coronavirus update.*
 NALC _ CEO’s Newsletter