

**SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13TH. 2024 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

Mrs. Tracie Howells was present and she raised the following items:

Would the Council:

- (a) Support the acquisition of a dedicated seat in memory of Mr. Trevor Creber.
- (b) Agree for a Fun Day to be held on June 1st.
- (c) Allow the youth football teams to continue to use the playing field for matches for the remainder of the season as access to RAF facilities had been withdrawn.

It was confirmed that all three items would be considered under Agenda Item 9.

Present:

Mr. B. Lyon (Chairman)

Mr. A. Brown

Mr. P. Sharp

Mrs. J. Herbert

Mr. J. Vernon

Mr. A. Foster

Mr. M. Roberts

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor Mr. S. Jones.

Flt. Lt. J. Jones (RAF Shawbury)

The Parish Clerk.

One member of the public.

23/138 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr. K. Pickering, Mr. C. Forshaw and Mr. C. Kirkup. The Chairman informed Members that Mr. Kirkup had advised him that he was retiring from the Council and arrangements would now be set in motion to seek a replacement Councillor.

23/139 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

No interests were declared.

23/140 Minutes of Meeting held on January 9th. at 7.00pm.

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

23/141 Matters Arising.

(a) Allotment (23/115(a)).

It was noted that planning approval had been granted which meant the erection of the shed could now go ahead.

Councillor J. Vernon stated that he had received quotations for the base and the shed, which were approved by Members and he would forward details to the Clerk to enable orders to be placed. He would undertake the work in creating the base but the price of the shed included erection on site.

The Chairman thanked him for his work and the Clerk confirmed that the Insurance Company would be informed of the new development.

Council tools and equipment would be stored in the shed together with limited space for those who leased the allotment.

(b) Playing Field Fencing (23/115(b)).

Councillor P. Sharp reported that he had made contact with several companies and a variety of suggestions had been made for consideration. Public responses had been received suggesting that trees should be planted or the hedge restored, as the purpose of the fence was to prevent un-wanted vehicular access neither of these options was a practical solution. In the short term the rotting posts could simply

be replaced and he was prepared to work with JST Services to ensure that this was carried out. However this was not a long term solution and there was a need for a more permanent acceptable solution, so he would seek more detailed advice, plans and quotations from reliable companies for Members to consider. It was agreed that the public needed to be kept advised of any development, noting that whatever solution was considered it was going to be a costly operation.

(c) Offer of a grant to purchase some trees.

The Clerk stated that this was a renewed offer and after consideration Councillor P. Sharp offered to meet and walk round the site with the resident making the offer to try and identify possible locations for some new trees.

23/142 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 or were being taken and responses made. However,

(a) Concern was expressed at the tone of an email received from Mrs. C. Bailey regarding the Council's attitude and management of the Moat and Glebe areas, details of which had also been posted on the local Facebook. The Clerk confirmed that a response had been sent to Facebook and Mrs. Bailey had been invited to attend the Council meeting. The Clerk was asked to email a copy of the Facebook response to Mrs. Bailey.

(b) A report of damaged fencing at the location of the Cycle Track had been effectively responded to, with repairs undertaken over the past weekend by Councillor P. Sharp assisted by JST Services. It was agreed that additional work should be carried out on the fencing between the track and the pathway and consideration given to replacing all the remaining fencing round the track, which was in a poor state of repair.

23/143 Accounts for Payment and Financial Statement.

(a) Payment of the following accounts was approved:

Ray Parry	Play Area repairs	£1,890.00
Glasdon (UK) Ltd.	Burial Ground Seat	£929.30
Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (February)	£715.17
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Jan.)	£43.25
Inland Revenue	PAYE + N.I (February)	£197.56
Mr. M. Varndell	Collection & disposal of litter (January)	£450.00
ORP Surveillance	CCTV Maintenance contract	£648.00
Robert Pinches	Flail grass cutting and topping (Glebe/Moat)	£396.00
Shropshire Mole Control	Work in Burial Ground and Moat	£200.00
Interactive Information	Website hosting and domain renewal	£240.00
Mr. P. Sharp	Materials for Moat/Glebe work	£53.56
Mr. R. Bailey	Godfather post, screws and concrete	£31.00
Mr. P. Sharp	Fencing panels	£58.00

It was noted that the cost of the seat obtained from Glasdon (UK) Ltd. had been covered by a donation from a local resident.

(b)The financial statement was tabled and approved.

23/144 Street Light Upgrade.

Members were reminded that prior to the breakdown of relations with E.ON, quotes had been received from them for an additional light in Carradine Road and an up-grade of the lights in Church Street and Poynton Road. After consideration it was agreed that Highline Electrical should be invited to meet with the Vice Chairman and provide new quotations for consideration.

23/145 A53 Re-Surfacing.

Members noted that Shropshire Council had asked to be informed of possible problems when the A53 from Aries Drive to Wytheford Road was being resurfaced. It was agreed to remind them of the need for Severn Trent to resolve the problems with the underground drains located close to the traffic lights prior to any re-surfacing being undertaken.

23/146 Exchange of Information.(a) Items for inclusion on the next Agenda.

Payment of Section 137 Grants. Applications had already been received from four organisations and Councillor J. Herbert suggested an additional one.

(b) Issues Needing Urgent Attention:(i) Highways:

Councillor M. Roberts reported the occurrence of another accident on Wytheford Road when a loose ewe was killed and that debris from a previous accident had still not been cleared away. He agreed to report this on the 'Fix My Street' site.

(ii) Streetlights:

Councillor A. Foster stated that two streetlights alongside the A53 were not working. As these were maintained by Shropshire Council, Shropshire Councillor S. Jones stated that he would report the problem.

(iii) Other:

No issues raised.

23/147 Reports from:(a) Police:

The following incidents were recorded in December:

Theft – 3 (Mytton Lane).

Violence -2 (Poynton Road, Oak Drive).

Burglary -1 (River Gardens).

Anti-Social Behaviour – 1 (White Lodge Park).

Other – 1 (Coppice Close).

(b) RAF Shawbury:

Flt/Lt. Jones reported that:

(a) Night Flying will continue until February 29th.

(b) The 10Km Race would be taking place on February 24th. and there were currently over 200 entrants which could cause some traffic congestions as competitors and supporters arrive.

(c) As their systems were being reviewed they would welcome details of organisations or vulnerable people that need to be advised of activities that may impact on their well-being or those that could be helped by some voluntary support.

(c) Shropshire Council:

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones reported that:

(a) Further to his report last month, Shropshire Council is still on target to make the revenue savings of £51million in the current 1923/24 financial year.

(b) The predictions for the 1924/25 financial year revenue savings had been further interrogated and it is now looking as if the revenue savings required will be in excess of £62 million. The extra revenue funding awarded by Central Government for Rural Services Delivery Grant of £1.25m plus Social Care Support Grant of £2.904m and Service Grant of £0.031m giving a total increase of £4.160million will mean that difficult decisions will still have to be made. The Administration's budget proposals will be publicised later this week in time for a Cabinet meeting on 21st February and the full council meeting on 29th February. These proposals will set a balanced budget for 1924/25.

(c) The major capital spend items including the North West Relief Road, The Riverside Shopping Centre, Severn Fields Sports Centre Swimming Provision and Whitchurch Swimming Provision are able to continue as planned, as these are not revenue budget items.

(d) He had received complaints about local motocross events being held at various weekends. Currently no action could be taken as a site could be used for fourteen events a year without a licence and two separate areas were being used.

23/148 Planning Applications:

A. The following application had been received:

4, Riverside, Edgebolton – First floor extension and associated alterations (23/05553/FUL)

No objections raised

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

1. Parish Council allotment - replacing dilapidated shed with a new wooden one on (23/05116/FUL).
2. Springfield Mount, Edgebolton – erection of a general purpose agricultural building (23/05196/FUL).
3. Land at Wytheford Road, Shawbury – change of use to allow the siting of a mobile home to accommodate an essential agricultural worker (23/04674/FUL).
4. 4, Riverside, Edgebolton - First floor extension and associated alterations (23/05553/FUL).

C. The following applications have been refused by Shropshire Council:

1. Former Methodist Chapel, Moreton Mill – conversion into a dwelling (23/05295/FUL).
2. Land adjacent to 11, White Lodge Park, Shawbury – erection of a one bedroom bungalow (23/05422/FUL).

23/149 Committee and Other Reports.

North Shropshire Area Committee:

Councillor M. Roberts had already forwarded an email outlining the main business conducted and no responses had been received. He had also attended the SALC Executive Committee meeting where the issues raised had little relevance to the Parish Council but details had been sent to the Chairman and Clerk for consideration.

23/150 Community Service Awards.

It was agreed to seek nominations for the awards and the Clerk would arrange the necessary publicity.

23/151 Press Matters.

Clerk to forward a report to the Parish Newsletter and the local Facebook page.

23/152 Date of Next Council Meeting:

Tuesday March 12th 2024 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: B. Lyon (Chairman) Date: March 14th. 2024 .

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received since January Meeting:

ALC – Carers Support Team – extended hours.

Cllr. M. Roberts – NSAC meeting report.

NALC – CEO’s newsletter.

Cllr. P. Sharp – Play Area Inspection reports.

John Blessington – action re. trees.

Charlotte Avery - Appointment of new Chief Constable.

Megan Bilson – Offer of free trees.

Russ Currie – replacement road sign.

ALC – Martyn’s Law.

David Richards – Use of playing field for football match.

Simon Jones – Graffiti on Moat gate.

NALC – Newsletter.

Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS – Newsletter.
Emma Green – Planning Enforcement.
NALC – CEO’s Newsletter.
Brian Rapson – Health Watch review of GP appointments.
Cllr P. Sharp – removal of graffiti.
John Campion – PCC Newsletter.
Parish Newsletter.
Access2Trees – dealing with Oak Tree in the Moa
Christine Bailey – complaints about mole catching and land miss-management.
Shropshire Works Team – Road closure Stanton upon Hine to A53 (15th- 19th April)
Dianne Dorrell – Organic Gardening.
OPPC – News from West Mercia Police.
ALC – Police Road Focus Events.
Dianne Dorrell – Street Scene Exec. Manager Appointment.
Shropshire Works Team – Muckleton Road closure.
Cllr. P. Sharp – Play Area reports.
Oliver Morris – Police Charter.
Brian Rapson (Health Watch) - Press report.
ALC – Key Volunteering Opportunity.
OPPC – Budget Newsletter.
ALC – Make a Difference Awards.
NALC – CEO’s Bulletin.
Health Watch – Government plan for dentistry.
Dave Roberts – Damage to Fencing.
ALC – Shrewsbury Riverside (Consultation.
Helen Morgan MP – Quarterly Update.
ALC – The Right to Grow.