

SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY JANUARY 10th. 2023 at 7.00pm.

Public Session:

One member of the public was present stating that he was interested in applying to be co-opted on to the Council and wished to see how it operated.

Present:

Mr. B. Lyon (Chairman).

Mr. M. Roberts.

Mrs. J. Herbert.

Mr. P. Sharp.

Mr. K. Pickering.

Ms. S. McIntosh.

Mr. J. Vernon

Mr. R. Pinches

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones.

The Parish Clerk.

One member of the public.

22/134 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr. A. Brown, Mr. A. Foster and Mr. C. Kirkup and from Warrant Officer M. Lingham (RAF Shawbury).

22/135 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

No interests were declared.

22/136 Minutes of Meeting held on November 8th. 2022.

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

22/137 Matters Arising.

(a) Council Vacancy (22/101).

The Clerk confirmed that the vacancy had been advertised and details placed on the Council's web site but there had not been any response.

(b) Burial Ground

(i) Replacement fencing (22/104(b)).

Councillor P. Sharp confirmed that the order had been placed and the company were planning to carry out the work within the next three weeks

(ii) Oversight of Burials:

It was reported that Councillor Pickering would be taking over the duties from Councillor McIntosh.

Councillor Pickering was thanked for offering to take over the work and Councillor McIntosh thanked for setting up the process and overseeing it for many years.

(c) Recreation Ground – change of name (22/104(c)).

The Clerk stated that he had written again to the Government Department and Mr. Watney but neither of them had responded.

(d) Parish Paths notices (22/104(d)).

Councillor Roberts reported that there had not been any response from Shropshire Council.

(e) Community Speed Watch.22/104(h).

No further information had been received from the Safer Road Partnership about arrangements for a training event.

(f) Play Areas.

The annual RoSPA inspection had been carried out on all the Council owned sites and a number of issues had been highlighted which were being dealt with by Councillor Sharp who, with the agreement of the Chairman, was getting support where necessary from JTS Services.

(g) Tree Inspection.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Terry Merchant would be carrying out the four year full inspection of all the Council's trees on February 20th.

(h) Allotment:

(i) The Clerk reported that he had received an email from Mr. Watney asking how the Council had managed to take responsibility for an area of the Glebe owned by the Diocese. He had responded pointing out the history of the site which had been part of the land purchased by North Shropshire District Council nearly thirty years ago. Mr. Watney had since apologised for his error.

(ii) It was noted that the Solicitors who had arranged the purchase of the land for the Council had gone into liquidation and the Council still needed the Land Registry papers. The Clerk would contact the new company that was dealing with the fall out.

22/138 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.

22/139 Accounts for Payment and Financial Statement.(a) Payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (December)	£622.87
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Nov/Dec.)	£92.96
Inland Revenue	PAYE (December)	£158.42
Mr. M. Varndell	Collection & disposal of litter (Nov.)	£450.00
Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (January)	£622.67
Inland Revenue	PAYE (January)	£158.88
Mr. M. Varndell	Collection & disposal of litter (Dec.)	£450.00
JST Services	Clearing footpath and disposal of waste (Nov. 1 st - 3 rd) 16 hours	£340.00
JST Services	Clearing footpath opposite camp (24 hours) & disposal of waste Nov. 9 th . -11 th .	£560.00
JST Services	Clearing footpaths and disposal of waste November 21 st . – 25 th .	£425.00
Mr. A. P. Sharp	Expenses	£35.97
JST Services	Clearing footpaths & disposal of waste November 28 th . – Dec. 6 th .	£740.00

(b) The financial statement for November was tabled and approved.**22/140 Clerk's Contract**

Members considered and approved the National Award payable to Parish Clerks back dated to April 1st. 2022..

22/141 Budget for 2023 – 2024

Following consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman the Clerk had prepared a draft budget which had been forwarded to Members prior to the meeting.

After consideration it was approved with no request for an increase in the precept, which means there will be no increase for residents in that element of the Council Tax for 2023 -2024.

Details of the Budget will be placed on the Council web site or can be obtained on request by post from the Parish Clerk.

22/142 Exchange of Information.(a) Agenda Items for next meeting.

No additional items raised.

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

(a) Continued complaints and comments were being received about the state of the road surface on the A53 approaching and adjacent to the traffic lights and of the ineffectiveness of the roundabout at the junction with Aries Drive. Both of these locations were creating really dangerous situations.

The Council had been advised by Shropshire Council that the problems by the traffic lights was being caused by the collapse of drains beneath the road, which was the responsibility of Severn Trent and that the roundabout had still to be 'adopted'. The Clerk was asked to send a strongly worded letter to senior personnel at Shropshire Council seeking information about actions being taken to get these problems resolved.

(b) There was also a continuing need to resolve issues related to speeding traffic.

(ii) Streetlights:

Clerk reported that he had still been unable to contact Mr. Garry Johnson about the unfinished project in Bridgeway and Millbrook although he had spoken to staff at the E.ON office who felt the problem related to Scottish Power needing to connect the new lights to the power system.

E.ON were still responding quickly and efficiently to breakdowns, etc.

He had also tried unsuccessfully to resolve with Scottish Power the cost of providing electricity for the lights but had been informed by one of their employees that there was no record of an account with Shawbury Parish.

He would continue to try and resolve both of these problems.

(iii) Other Reports.Car Park:

Following complaints about the line markings on the Council car park, the Clerk was asked to seek quotations for having them repainted.

22/143 Reports from:(a) Police:Pedestrian Crossing:

Following a request from the Council for a camera to be installed at the crossing, a response had been received from Inspector Greenaway stating that the Force only had two cameras and as there were no reports of serious injuries at the site, it would not be possible to install a camera. They would try at times to physically monitor the site

Shropshire Council S, Jones stated that he was pressurising the Highways Department to install a warning sign on the approach to the crossing.

Incidents recorded in October:

Violence/Sexual – 4 (McKinley Way; Glebelands; Playing Field and A53).

Public Order – 2 (Leasowes Park and A53).

Anti-Social Behaviour – 1 (Playing Field).

Shop Lifting -1 (A53).

Vehicle Crime – 1 (A53).

Other crime – 1 (Glebelands).

Incidents recorded in November:

Violence/Sexual – 7 (Aries Drive; Glebelands -2; Playing Field -3; Poynton Road -1)

Theft -1 (Muckleton Road).

Anti-Social Behaviour -1 (Glebelands).

Public Order -1 (Glebelands).

Other -3 Wem Road -1; Poynton Road -1; A 53 -1).

(b) RAF Shawbury:

W/O Matt Lingham had forwarded the following report:

Damage to Signs in Village

Contact had been made with the Council Chairman, after a contractor's vehicle on route to the camp damaged signs. Not an RAF Shawbury responsibility, but we did ask Vivo to ensure that the contractor liaised with Shropshire Highways to facilitate repairs. I have seen an email confirming that the Contractor and Highways are in touch.

Night Flying:

The night flying phase commenced on Mon 9 Jan. until Thu 24 Feb. and at this time of year flying is unlikely to go past midnight, posts are on the RAF Shawbury Facebook/Twitter sites explaining the activity. There is also detail on the Station webpage with contact details for complaints.

Hi-Viz for horse riders:

There is currently a pause in issuing Hi-Viz while we re-order to replace stock. Should be available in the spring.

Drones:

If anyone has had a drone/model aircraft for Christmas it is a good idea to view and understand the Drone Code, available on the CAA website.

Aries Magazine:

The current winter edition (2022 Edition 4) is available and links are also online at RAFMags.

Unfortunately the publisher is limiting the number of hardcopies from this year so we will not be able to distribute as many in the future.

Course Projects:

We are looking to refresh the course projects list, especially indoors options for this time of year, so grateful for any ideas. Courses would normally be available for a day and tools/equipment and supervision would need to be provided.

(c) Shropshire Council:

Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones reported that:

(i) Boundary Review:

The review had been completed and it had been agreed that the Shawbury Parish area would remain the same with an estimated population of 4007 and that it would continue to remain in the North Shropshire Constituency for National elections.

(ii) Shropshire Council Budget:

The proposal, yet to be formally agreed by full Council, would result in an increase of 5.99% in householder's Council Tax.

(iii) Consultations:

The public had been invited to respond to the following consultation documents:

Sustainable Warmth Strategy; Safer Routes to Schools; Ironbridge Gorge Development.

(iv) Bus Service:

The Council were still awaiting details of the Government grant for the next year and until that was received no decisions could be made about the level of provision.

22/144 Planning Applications:

A. The following applications had been received:

1. 10, White Lodge Park, Shawbury – erection of part two storey/part first floor extension and replacement porch (22/05200/FUL). *No objections raised.*
2. 4, Erdington Close, Shawbury – erection of a single storey extension to provide open plan kitchen and dining area (22/05303/FUL). *No objections raised.*
3. The Lodge, Shrewsbury Road, Shawbury – New consultation following amendments to the original application (22/03751/FUL). *A representation response.*

4. 2, Muckleton Lane, Edgebolton – conversion of existing out building to provide self-contained ancillary accommodation to main building (22/05352/FUL). *No objections raised.*
5. ‘Heartsease’, Drayton Road, Shawbury – lawful development application for a single storey side extension.
6. Post Office, Drayton Road, Shawbury – retrospective application for signs (22/05706/ADV). *No objections raised.*

B. The following applications have been approved:

1. 33, Bridgeway – single storey extension to front of property (22/04408/FUL).
2. 127, Shrewsbury Road, Shawbury – demolition of existing garage and replace with new garage and an extension (22/03981/FUL).
3. 4, Erdington Close – single storey extension (22/05303/FUL)

C. The following application has been withdrawn:

Anaerobic Digester Park House Farm – erection of a storage tower (22/04939/FUL).

22/145 Committee and Other Reports.

No reports tabled.

22/146 Press Matters.

Clerk to produce a brief report including details of the budget.

22/147 Date of Next Council Meeting:

Tuesday February 7th. 2024 Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: _____ **(Chairman)** **Date:** _____

Correspondence received since the November meeting:

Elliot Roberts – Vaccination bus – November 15th.
 NALC – CEO’s Newsletter.
 Resident – Roundabout problems.
 Cllr. P. Sharp – Footpath clearance.
 Assistant Clerk, Wem T.C. – Civic Service.
 Cllr. P. Sharp – Play Area Inspection reports.
 NALC – CEO’s Newsletter.
 ALC – VCSA Newsletter.
 Resident – Complaint about white lining at entrance to car park.
 Resident – Concern over unlicensed development.
 Terry Merchant – Tree Inspection.
 Dianne Dorrell - Constituency Boundary changes.
 Assistant Clerk, Wem Council – Civic Service.
 ALC – VCSA Newsletter.
 Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS Trust – Newsletter.
 NALC CEO’s Bulletin.
 Elliot Roberts – Visit of mobile vaccine clinic.
 Community Resource – Good Neighbourhood Scheme.
 John Campion – PCC Newsletter.
 Shawbury Newsletter – December.
 Ffion Horton – A53 Project proposals.
 Cllr. P. Sharp – Play Area reports.

Cllr. A. Foster – Tree Planting and thanks to the Council for support.
Elections Office – New register of Electors.
Local Boundary Commission – consultation over proposed changes.
ALC – Cost of Living and Warm Welcome campaign toolkits.
Gail Power – Grant Funding News.
Resident – Incident on B5063
Dave Richards – Santa’s Sleigh.
RAF Shawbury – Newsletter.
Resident – Street light not working.
NALC - CEO’s Bulletin.
Richard Bailey – Floral Gateways.
Dianne Dorrell – Winter Bulletin
Claire Crackett – Newsletter.
John Campion – PCC Newsletter
Parish Newsletter.
Carole Moreton – Infrastructure Partnership.
Cllr. A. Brown – Crime figures for November.
Councillors S. McIntosh & K Pickering – Issues related to burials.
Michael Watney – Allotment purchase.
ALC – Shropshire Council’s consultation over Unsafe Walking Routes.
Chairman – Temporary traffic lights.
Gail Power – Sustainable Affordable Warmth.
EM Oswestry – Poynton Road path.
Claire Greenaway – Pedestrian Crossing camera.