

**SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY MARCH 12TH. 2024 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

There were no members of the public present.

Present:

Mr. B. Lyon (Chairman)

Mr. A. Brown

Mr. P. Sharp

Mrs. J. Herbert

Mr. A. Foster

Mr. K. Pickering

Mr. C. Forshaw

Mr. R. Pinches

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor Mr. S. Jones.

Flt. Lt. J. Jones (RAF Shawbury)

23/153 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr. M. Roberts, Mr. J. Vernon and Ms. S. McIntosh.

23/154 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

No interests were declared.

23/155 Minutes of Meeting held on February 13th. at 7.00pm.

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

23/156 Matters Arising.

(a) Allotment (23/141(a)).

The continuing wet weather had delayed any attempt to erect the new shed but an order was in place for the concrete base and once that was constructed the selected shed would be ordered from Browns of Wem Ltd.

It was noted that the purchase of the allotment had not been fully registered with the Land Registry Office before the Solicitors dealing with the sale had gone into liquidation. The Clerk was in contact with the Land Registry Office and hopefully it could be resolved without further payment of registration fees.

(b) Playing Field Fencing (23/141(b)).

Councillor P. Sharp was thanked for the work he had carried out and as no public responses had been received it was decided to go ahead and seek quotations from various companies and assess the Council's financial situation when these were received.

(c) Offer of a grant to purchase some trees (23/141(c)).

Councillor P. Sharp had met the person offering a grant to purchase new trees for the Parish and a suitable location had been identified. The grant would be paid into the Council's account and suitable trees planted when the soil conditions were favourable.

(d) Council Vacancy:

As there had been no call for an election the Council would now attempt to co-opt someone to fill the vacancy and the Clerk would arrange the advertisements.

(e) Applications for a Section 137 Grant (23/146(a)).

After careful consideration of the only applications received it was proposed and unanimously agreed that the following grants should be made: The Hospice, Hope House and Crane Counselling £150.00 each and £100 for the Shawbury First Responders.

(f) Community Service Awards (23/150):

Details of the awards had been widely published but there had only been two nominations, both of which had to be discounted as one person had already received an award and the other was a serving Councillor. It was decided that no awards should be made this year.

23/157 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.

Councillor Mrs. Herbert suggested that the Council should purchase and fly the ‘Flag of Peace’ in remembrance of D Day. It was suggested she made contact with the Chairman of the Village Hall to see if a flag pole could be erected in the Village Hall grounds.

23/158 Accounts for Payment and Financial Statement.(a) Payment of the following accounts was approved:

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| Mr. M. Varndell | Collection & disposal of litter (February) | £450.00 |
| Highline Electrical | Streetlight repair (Church Close) | £433.20 |
| Mr. J. Wilson | Salary (March) | £715.17 |
| Inland Revenue | PAYE & NI (March) | £197.56 |
| Mr. J. Wilson | Expenses (March) | £58.50 |
| Mr. J. Wilson | Office rent (Sept.-March Inclusive) | £250.00 |
| JST Services | Footpath clearance, etc., £460 | |
| | Fence repairs £100 | £560.00 |
| Shropshire Council | Joint Energy Costs (2 nd . Instalment) | £1,297.40 |
| Nobridge Ltd. | Ground Maintenance (June- Oct (Inc.)) | £1,568.00 |
| Mr. Richard Bailey | Pansies & Compost (spring planting) | £144.95 |
| Mr. M. Varndell | Collection & disposal of litter (March) | £450.00 |

(b) The financial statement was tabled and approved.**23/159 Exchange of Information.**(a) Items for inclusion on the next Agenda.

No additional items were raised.

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

Report of mud on Carradine Road – Clerk to report it on ‘Fix My Street’

(ii) Streetlights:

It was noted that the Vice Chairman and the Clerk were meeting with the owner of Highline Electrical to discuss the planned developments in Carradine Close, Church Street and Poynton Road.

(iii) Other:

No issues raised.

23/160 Reports from:**(a) Police:**

The following incidents were recorded in January:

Anti-Social Behaviour – 2 (Oak Drive and Carradine Close).

Violence/Sexual – 3 (Carradine Close, The Paddocks and The Glebelands).

Burglary – 1 (Church Close).

Drugs -1 (The Paddocks).

Other Theft – 1 (Poynton Road).

Possession of weapons – 1 (Poynton Road).

(b) RAF Shawbury:

Flt/Lt. Jones reported that:

(a) Night Flying:

This would commence on March 25th. and continue until May 9th. He reminded Members that full details could be found on the RAF Shawbury webpage and passed on thanks to the Community for their tolerance of this essential training.

(b) Upcoming Events:

Chinook Helicopters have been operating from RAF Shawbury and this will continue until March 15th.

(c) Local Contacts:

They are reviewing their list of local contacts to enable more information to be given to vulnerable people or businesses about planned activities which may impact on them.

(d) Hi-Viz for horse riders:

The current stock of kit has all been sold but more supplies are expected and details will be published later in the year

(e) Drones:

Anyone owning and flying a drone is again advised to make themselves aware of the regulations regarding flying them near to airfields. The Drone Code can be found on the CAA website.

(f) Aries Magazine:

The spring edition of the magazine will be published later this month.

(g) Course Community Projects:

A list of possible projects has been refreshed but they are keen to discuss new ideas with local groups.

(c) Shropshire Council:

Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones reported that the Council was on track to balance the 23/24 budget with some of the reserves it has and has set a balanced budget for 2024-25 by making £62 million savings. This will lead to noticeable savings in discretionary spending including the library service and increases in fees, charges, car parking etc. There will be a charge for collecting green waste of about £52.00 per annum with an opt-out option.

23/161 Planning Applications:

A. The following application had been received:

1. Heals Farms, Butlers Bank: - Change of use of former farm office to specialist affordable housing for agricultural worker ((24/00590/FUL). *No objections raised.*
2. Chetwynd, School Lane, Shawbury – Erection of an agricultural storage building (retrospective) (24/00828).
3. Chetwynd, School Lane, Shawbury – erection of a balcony attached to existing garage (retrospective) 24/00824/FUL).

It was felt that it was too late to object to the two applications – a response would be returned with recommendation that the owner of the properties should be informed by the planning department of the need to follow planning regulations.

4. Severn Trent – Shawbury Sewerage Works – Installation of a Motor Controlled Kiosk (24/00859/FUL). *No objections raised.*

23/162 Committee and Other Reports.

No reports were tabled.

23/163 King's Portrait:

It was agreed to apply for the free framed portrait of the King and present this to the Village Hall Committee for display.

23/164 Press Matters.

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

23/165 Date of Next Council Meeting:

Tuesday April 9th. 2024 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

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Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received since February Meeting:

Vice Chairman – Annual Crime Statistics.
PCSO Oliver Morris – January Newsletter from local Police.
Lezley Picton – Shropshire Council savings.
Christin Bailey – Mole catching, etc.
Tracie Howells – A thank you response to the Council Members.
Dianne Dorrell – February Bulletin.
Gail Power – Free portrait of the King.
ALC – NALC Newsletter.
John Campion – PCC Newsletter.
Dianne Dorrell – Home Plus increasing rent charges.
Dianne Dorrell – County Hospitals Transformation Programme.
Dianne Dorrell - Research Grant for Hospital Trust Surgeon.
ALC – Flag of Peace.
Cllr. P. Sharp – Playing Field Barrier specification.
Cllr. P. Sharp – Offer of free trees.
NALC – CEO’s Bulletin.
Land Registry – Transfer of allotment not fully recorded.
Shropshire Council Leader – News Up-date.
Shropshire Council – Consultation on Public Space Protection Order.
Dianne Dorrell – Spring & Easter Activities.
Shropshire Council – Affordable Warmth.
ALC – No Smoking Day.
Lucy Edge- Business Support Manager Shawbury School – Concern about new housing.
PCSO Oliver Morris – Newsletter.
Vice Chairman – Police report.
Works Team – Closure of A49.
Access2Trees – Final work completed.
Lynn Noon – road closure.
Dave Roberts – Planning applications.