

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONLINE ON
TUESDAY 8th. DECEMBER 2020 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

No members of the public accessed the meeting and no issues had been raised.

Present:

Mr. C. Kennedy (Chairman)

Mr. B. Lyon

Mr. A. G. Foster

Mr. A. Brown

Mr. P. Sharp

Mr. D. Roberts

Mr. C. Kirkup (for part of the meeting).

Mr. J. Vernon

Mrs. J. Herbert

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones.

The Parish Clerk.

20/104 Apologies:

Apologies had been received from Councillors Mr. R. Pinches and Ms. S. McIntosh.

20/105 Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

Councillor C. Kirkup declared an interest in discussions about the allotment.

20/106 Minutes of Meeting held on November 10th. 2020

The minutes of the meeting having been circulated were approved and at an appropriate time would be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

20/107 (a) Matters Arising.

(a) Road Sign repairs (20/91(b)).

It was confirmed that the order had been placed for the new signs and that the company concerned had indicated it would take about three weeks to undertake the work. Mr. Tait would complete all the outstanding repairs as soon as the signs were received.

(b) Post Office Closure 20/97(iii).

Reports from Councillor A. Brown and Shropshire Councillor S. Jones indicated that it was highly unlikely that there would be anyone interested in running a full Post Office service in the Parish but discussions were underway to enable an Outreach Post Office Service to operate in the Village Hall on two sessions each week. This was working well in other Parishes and it was hoped that negotiations would be completed in time for it to start when the current service ended in early March.

(c) Play Area repairs (20/91(g)).

Councillor P. Sharp confirmed that the order for the up-grades had been placed with Ray Parry Play Areas Ltd. and they would be carrying out the repairs early in the New Year.

It was unanimously agreed that quotations should be obtained for replacing the wooden surround to the Erdington Play Area with appropriate metal fencing.

(d) Allotment Access (20/91(h)).

The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted the Housing Association regarding the need to re-new the lease to enable the Council to look at alternative means of access to the site. He reported that the request had been considered by the Board and it had been suggested that the Council might consider purchasing the land; if there was interest there would be an initial fee of £400 to secure a valuation and payment of £1,250.00 for their legal fees. However, following further discussions it was suggested that the Housing Association would waive both fees, leaving the Council faced with paying their own legal fees and the cost of the land.

Members indicated that they were in favour of this approach but it was dependent on the price of the land and any caveats placed on the sale. *The Clerk was asked to seek further information from the Housing Association.*

(e) Replacement of vandalised seat (20/92)

It was agreed to ask Mr. Tait for a quotation to repair the seat with an all- metal version and once received the details would be circulated to Members for approval to enable to work to proceed as quickly as possible. The donation received earlier in the year from RAF Shawbury would be used to offset the cost of the repair.

(f) Community Environment Project:

Councillor P. Sharp reported that John Tait had made a successful start on clearing the footpath on Wem Road but there was a problem with disposing spoil from the work. The officer i/c the Environment Project had stated that it could not be sent to the Kier site and it would not be legal to take it to the Battlefield Site without a licence. The Clerk stated that he was hopeful that as it was a Shropshire Council project Veolia would supply a free licence but he was still waiting for a response.

After consideration it was agreed to hire a large skip for the initial work whilst attempts were made to secure a licence or find an alternative method of spoil disposal; Councillor Sharp agreed to arrange this. Clerk reported that following consultation with Mr. Ian Walshaw it had been agreed that the work on the street signs could be included as an Environmental Community Project.

20/107 (b) Correspondence.

Members considered the attached list of correspondence which had been received by the Clerk since the last meeting and noted that where necessary, appropriate actions had already been taken or responses made. It was further agreed that:

- (a) The Clerk should try and identify details of Shropshire Council's proposed A53 project for access to the Mytton Estate.
- (b) A grant of £100.00 should be given to Ms. Jennie Jarvis to cover the expenses incurred in looking after the defibrillator.
- (c) Every effort should be taken to publicise the changes to the Hospital Accident and Emergency Service (NHS111 briefing)
- (d) Support would be needed from the Council to ensure that next year's National census was carried out effectively.

20/108 Accounts for Payment and Financial Statement

(a) It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (December)		£611.61
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (November)		£33.61
Inland Revenue	PAYE (December)	£153.00	
	N.I. (December)	£4.50	£157.50
Mr. T. Creber	Litter collection (November)		£340.00
Mr. C. J. Kennedy	Zoom registration (November)		£14.39
Interactive Info. Services	IT Support (01/08/20 - 01/08/22)		£120.00

(b) Financial Statement:

The December statement was considered and approved.

20/109 Budget and Precept Setting (2021 – 2022)

Proposals put forward by the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk had been sent to Members for consideration and were unanimously approved with agreement to make a small increase in the precept to cover anticipated inflationary increases on some budget heads.

20/110 Additional Streetlight:

A request for an additional streetlight in Carradine Close was given careful consideration and it was agreed that E.ON should be invited to provide a quotation for the work. Clerk would invite Mr. Johnson to attend a site meeting which would be attended by the Chairman and Councillor A. Brown.

Dependent on the cost of the cabling the provision of a second light in the area would be considered.

20/111 Exchange of Information.

(a) Agenda Items for next meeting:

Other than matters arising no specific items were suggested.

(b) Other Issues:

i. Highways:

(a) It was noted that having only recently been repaired the grid close to Shawbury House had collapsed again. *Clerk to report the problem to the Highways Department.*

(b) A response had been received from Shropshire Council indicating that the letter of complaint sent to the Council Leader and CEO was being given detailed consideration.

ii Streetlights.

No issues raised

iii. Other Reports:

No further reports tabled.

20/112 Reports from:

(a) Police:

(a) Incidents recorded in October:

Criminal Damage & Arson -2 (Moat area); Other theft -1 (Wytheford Road).

(b) PCSO J. Robinson using hand held equipment would be carrying out speed checks on the northern section of the A53 close to the start of the 40mph speed restriction.

(b) RAF Shawbury.

There was no representative in attendance but it was noted that helicopter training flights would cease for the Christmas break on December 17th.

(c) Shropshire Council.

Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones advised Members that:

(a) Free parking was available on Council car parks between 11.00am and 6.00pm in the lead up to Christmas.

(b) The Council's future Housing Plan had passed the first stage of consultation and was now going forward for a second seven week period. There appeared to be no amendments for Shawbury Parish.

20/113 Planning.

A. The following applications had been received and was considered:

1. Jayroc Stables - Temporary siting of a dwelling for commercial equestrian use (20/04603/FUL).

The plan was objected to as there had been no details of the building that was going to be erected on the site.

2. Amendments to the plan for a barn conversion at Bank Farm (20/04152/FUL). *No objections raised.*

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

1. Development on land adjacent to 122 Church Street for the erection of two detached dwellings with vehicle access and parking areas plus works to and removal of some trees. (20/01193/FUL)

2. Ivy House, Shrewsbury Road – remedial work on trees (20/03701/TPO).

20/114 Retirement of Mr. Richard Bailey.

Members were aware that Richard had decided to retire from carrying out much of the work he was currently undertaking for the Council although he had promised to continue to maintain the Floral Gateways and help with some footpath clearance.

It was appreciated by all that this would be a terrific loss to the Community as Richard was unstinting in his efforts to ensure that everything was properly maintained and claimed far less money than was warranted for the work he carried out.

It was noted that there would be a need to ensure that whoever was engaged to carry out aspects of the work would need to have suitable qualifications. An advertisement would be placed in the Parish Newsletter and the Chairman would consider advice from various sources.

The Clerk was asked to send Richard a letter of thanks from the Council.

20/115 Meeting Dates 2021

Members considered and approved a proposed programme of dates for 2021.

20/116 Committee and Other Reports.SALC Area Committee Meeting:

Minutes from the meeting had already been forwarded to Members and the contents were noted.

SALC AGM:

Councillor P. Sharp had already circulated minutes from the meeting which indicated that all officers would remain in post for a further twelve months, the Parish Council would need to pay an additional SALC Membership fee of 1p per elector and that every effort would be made to ensure that all residents completed the census form next year.

20/117 Press Matters.

The Clerk reported that he had been advised that until the end of the pandemic the Parish Newsletter would probably be a much simpler version and simply made available online, He would write up a short report for publication.

20/118 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday January 12th. 2021. at 7.00pm.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: C. J. Kennedy (Chairman) Date: January 14th. 2021

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE November meeting:

Please note the list does not include a number of Covid 19 reports and details of Shropshire Council street works.

Gail Power – applications for Environmental Maintenance Grant 2021 – 2022

Gail Power Public Health Nursing Services.

Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.

Resident – reporting issue with parking at school.

Dianne Dorrell – Shropshire Council Community re-assurance.

Dianne Dorrell – winter support services.

Philip Moore & Helen Lewis – letters of thanks for support of youth football.

Police Commissioner – Newsletter.

Andrew Haining – free trees.

Andria McWilliams – CIL Highways project.

Geoff Brough – RTO school location.

Dianne Dorrell – SALC AGM

Dianne Dorrell Warmer homes in Shropshire.

Dianne Dorrell - Health Care report.

NALC – CEO's bulletin.

Dianne Dorrell – Importance of Self Care.

Amanda Roberts – Minutes from SAL Area committee meeting.

W.O. C. Williams – Glider Club update.

Emma Williams – Allotment.

Shawbury Newsletter – details of future editions.

Shropshire Cllr. S. Jones – reference planning approval.

Richard Bailey – various.

Helen Foxall – Restricted Byway.

Gail Power – BT payphone removal.

Dianne Dorrell – Census Information.

Dianne Dorrell – NHS - 111 briefing.

Police Commissioner – domestic violence.

Emma Williams – Allotment.

NALC – CEO’s bulletin.

Russ Currie – Defibrillator checks/ Jennie Jarvis.

Dianne Dorrell – News in brief.

Gail Power – Community re-assurance up-date.

Rachel Paddock – letters to Leader and CEO.

Gail Power – Culture Strategy consultation.

Dianne Dorrell – Active Advent 2020.

Police – location & details of defibrillator.

Cllr. S. Jones – Community Tree Scheme.

Police Commissioner – Online crime prevention event.

Cllr. A. Brown – Carradine streetlights.

Dianne Dorrell – Drive it down for Christmas.

NALC – CEO’s Bulletin.

Resident – car park lining.

Richard Clarke – Covid 9 Study.