

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 10th. MARCH 2020 at 7.00pm.

Public Session:

P.C. Liam Heathcote was in attendance and gave an update on action he has been taking in and around the Parish. He was pleased to report that currently it was reasonably quiet with the major concerns being speeding traffic and problems at the pedestrian crossing and the A53/Wem Road lights.

There were considerable issues with vandalism at the old school which was being torn apart and he was working closely with the RAF and representatives from Shropshire Council to resolve the problem.

Present

Mr. A. G. Foster (Chairman)

Mr. C. Kennedy

Mr. B. Lyon

Mrs. J. Herbert

Mrs. J. Manley

Mr. A. Brown

Mr. C. Kirkup

Mr. R. Pinches

Mr. P. Sharp

Mr. D. Roberts

Mr. J. Vernon

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk.

19/176 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor S. McIntosh and from Shropshire Councillor S. Jones and Flt. Lt. M. McArdle (RAF Shawbury).

19/177 Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

There were no interests declared.

19/178 Minutes of Meeting held on February 18th. 2020.

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

19/179 Matters Arising.

(a) Church Close and Park Avenue Lights (19/163/ (a)).

Eon had reported that a start had been made on the work and they were waiting for Scottish Power to carry out the cabling connections. They were hoping to complete the project before the end of the current financial year.

(b) CCTV Quotation (19/163(f)).

Copies of quotations from ORP for an additional CCTV camera had been sent to Members by Councillor P. Sharp. He reported that Shropshire Council would not allow a camera to be fitted to the identified streetlight and suggested that the quotation for a stand-alone unit was too expensive for the benefit that would be gained. Members supported his suggestion and it was decided not to proceed with the project.

(c) Highways and Litter Issues (19/167(b))

The concerns raised at the last meeting had been reported to the appropriate Highways Departments with follow up photographs of the problems on the A53 and in Church Close.

It was noted that Highways Officers had visited the A53 leading to Edgebolton and the areas needing attention had been marked for action. To date there had been no response to the other problems but the local Street Scene Officer had stated that the bin in Church Street had been replaced and if a larger bin was needed on the car park, the Parish Council would have to pay for it and for the cost of emptying it.

Photographs provided by the Vice Chairman had been sent to show that the Church Street bin had not been replaced and the officer agreed to re-visit the site.

It was decided that if the bin in Church Street was replaced there would not be a need for the larger bin on the car park.

(d) Shawbury United Sports & Recreational Centre – CIL Local Fund 19/163(d).

It was noted that SURC had applied to Shropshire Council for financial support from the CIL Local Fund and Members hoped they would get a favourable response.

(e) Armed Forces Covenant (19/163(e)).

A slightly revised copy of the document approved at the November meeting had been sent to Members prior to the meeting and after due consideration it was approved by 9 votes to 2.

19/180 Correspondence.

Members considered the correspondence which had been received by the Clerk since the last meeting and necessary responses were made.

19/181 Accounts for Payment.

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (March)		£595.60
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (February)		£272.77
Inland Revenue	PAYE (March)	£148.80	
	N.I. (March)	£ 3.50	£152.30
Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance (February)		£250.00
	Replacing pansies in 3 road side gateways		£90.00
Mr. T. Creber	Litter collection (February)		£360.00
Hope House	Grant		£200.00
Severn Hospice	Grant		£200.00
Shropshire Mind	Grant		£200.00
Shawbury Scouts	Grant		£300.00
Meres & Mosses	Allotment rent 2009		£25.00

19/182 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

19/183 Exchange of Information.

(a) Agenda Items for next meeting:

No items raised.

(b) The following items of concern were considered:

(i) Highways:

Parking in Church Street.

It was noted that cars were parked outside the designated 'lay-by' opposite the butchers shop at the entrance to Church Street causing obstruction and a danger to other road users.

Clerk to discuss the problem with P.C. L. Heathcote

The 'lay-by' outside the butchers shop.

Queries had arisen as to whether or not this was part of the designated highway.

Clerk to contact the local Highways Officer for a ruling.

Poynton Road – Water leakage.

Continued concern about the problem close to the school.

Problem to be raised with Shropshire Councillor S. Jones who had been dealing with it.

A53 Roundabout

Clerk was asked to check if the promised review had taken place and if so whether any action was planned.

(ii) Street Lighting:

Clerk reported that there was an on-going problem with a light in Oak Drive which had been referred to Scottish Power for action.

(iii) Oher:(a) Playing Field Pathway:

Complaints had been received about the state of the pathway leading from the Council Car Park to the School, which was owned by Shropshire Council. It was noted that the damage was minimal and restricted to a few areas but the Clerk stated that he had reported it to Shropshire Council's Transport to School Department with a request that some remedial work was carried out.

(b) Burial Ground:

Mrs. Frances Medley had contacted the Council to see if the Council could make it clear that it managed the extended burial grounds and that the recently introduced Diocese regulations regarding the non-use of plastic flowers, etc. did not apply to these areas.

It was decided to place an article in the Newsletter, review the information on the Council web site and make sure that the Vicar had a copy of the regulations governing the Council owned sites.

(c) Car Park Tree:

Councillor J. Kennedy reported that he dealt with the ivy problem on the tree.

(d) Re-painted Seat:

Councillor J. Kennedy stated that he had met people from High Ercall who had congratulated and thanked the Council for the work carried out on the seat alongside the A53 by the bridge.

(e) Fence Post:

It was reported that another one of the posts on the side of the Playing Field had rotted away and needed removing from the site. *Clerk to contact Mr. Richard Bailey to see if he would do this.*

19/184 Reports from:**(a) Police:**

The following incidents were recorded in January:

Harcourt Close – Other Crime -1

Muckleton Road – Other Theft 1 (Under Investigation).

Muckleton Lane – Violence 1 (Unable to prosecute).

Church Close – Violence 1 (Under Investigation).

Poynton Road – Violence 2 (Unable to prosecute)

(b) RAF Shawbury:

No report tabled.

(c) Shropshire Council:

No report tabled.

19/185 Planning:A. The following applications had been received, were considered and supported:

1. Bridge Mount, Drayton Road – remedial work to reduce extended branches on trees with a protection order. (20/00919/TPO)
2. Land at rear of The Farm Shop, A53 Shrewsbury Road – change of use agriculture – football pitches with associated development (20/00859/FUL).

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

River Meadows Nursing Home – variation of condition No. 2 (20/00347/VAR).

C. Enforcement Order:

It was noted that the enforcement order recorded in the last minutes should have stated land 'adjacent to The Warren, Edgebolton'. The Clerk had apologised to the owner of 'The Warren'.

19/186 Committee and Other Meeting Reports.**(a) SALC Executive Committee:**

Councillor P. Sharpe stated that he had attended a meeting of the Committee held on February 2nd. when there had been interesting and informative reports from the Emergency Planning Team and Mr. Tom Blackburne-Maze who has been appointed by Shropshire Council as a consultant to give advice on the Council's Highways Division. Representatives from North Shropshire wanted Shropshire Council to put pressure on the new Government to produce a fairer funding deal for rural communities.

(b) SALC Area Committee (North):

Councillor P. Sharp reported that a new Secretary has been appointed for the committee and he would be attending the next meeting on March 16th. and asked Members to forward him any issues they would like to have raised.

(c) Councillor B. Lyon stated that he would be attending the next meeting of the Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee on Tuesday, March 17th.

19/187 Community Service Awards.

Clerk reported that he had only received one nomination for the award – Mr. Robert Bentley for the excellent work he regularly undertakes in picking up litter in the Parish. He had been nominated by Mr. Russ Currie.

The Commanding Officer at RAF Shawbury is to be invited to carry out the presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 19th.

19/188 Access to the Allotment.

It had been reported that planned changes to the property adjacent to the allotment which was owned by Meres and Mosses Housing Association could cause problems in accessing the allotment. Attempts to discuss this with a representative from Meres and Mosses had not been successful but it was decided to take no further action at this time.

19/189 Car Park Markings.

Members considered a request from the Rev R. Creswell to improve the markings on the car park and it was agreed to keep the matter under review.

19/190 Press Matters.

Burial Ground Information; Playing Field path; Concerns about dog fouling

19/192 Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on April 14th. 2020 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

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

Correspondence received since February meeting:

Chris Kirkup – Allotment access

Police Commissioner Newsletter.*

OPCC – Road Safety Strategy.*

Griffaroo –Re. information regarding butchers shops.*

School Transport – repairs to field footpath.

Rich. Cresswell – thankyou and suggestions re. car park marking.*

Shropshire Council - NWRR public consultation.*

Dianne Dorrell – Information Bulletin (Feb 17th).*

Nigel Thorns - - various related to the planning application for SURC.*

Various – Flooding reports and actions.*

Wem Council – Climate Forum.*

Gail Power – Operational Improvements towards Zero carbon.*

Gail Power – Care closer to home.*

Police Commissioner – Newsletter.*

OPCC – Road Safety Strategy.*

Gail Power – Severn Trent Grants
