

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONLINE ON  
TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup>. NOVEMBER 2020 at 7.00pm.**

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**Public Session:**

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

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**Present:**

Mr. C. Kennedy (Chairman)

Mr. B. Lyon

Mr. A. G. Foster

Mr. A. Brown

Mr. P. Sharp

Mr. D. Roberts

Mr. C. Kirkup

Mr. J. Vernon

Mrs. J. Herbert

**In Attendance:**

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones.

Lt. M. Peters (RAF Shawbury).

The Parish Clerk.

**20/88 Apologies:**

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

**20/89 Personal or Prejudicial Interests.**

Councillor C. Kirkup declared an interest in Agenda Item 8.

**20/90 Minutes of Meeting held on October 13<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**20/91 Matters Arising.**

(a) School Road Safety Project (20/77(a)).

It was noted that the project had been completed over the autumn half-term holiday week – no responses had been received.

(b) Road sign repairs (20/77(b)).

An order for all the signs had been placed and JST Services would be doing the replacement work as soon as they arrived.

(c) Highways (20/77(c)).

Members considered the following list of problems that had been brought to the attention of Shropshire Council without action being undertaken:

*Promised inspection of the A53 Roundabout.*

*Adoption of Oaklands and Chantry Close Estates.*

*30mph traffic order on A53 travelling from Shrewsbury direction.*

*Drainage problems – traffic light area/Church Street.*

*Wem Road – replacement humps and general repair to road surface.*

*A53 Edgebolton area – potholes.*

*Edgebolton- Shawbury - state of footpath.*

*Repairs at junction of A53 and Wytheford Road.*

*'Shawbury' sign on Wytheford Road travelling from High Ercall direction.*

*Damaged waste bin post on A53 close to bridge.*

*Several old temporary warning signs etc. not been collected.*

*Remains of signs on edge of A53 close to White Lodge Park not removed.*

*Verges, footpaths and kerbs Church Close/Park Avenue.*

*Warning sign on Elephant & Castle.*

*Tree root damaging footpath – Cedar Avenue.*

*Hedge Cutting.*

*'Small garden' by traffic lights.*

The Clerk was asked to add more detail to the items and then, with the approval of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, send a copy to the Leader and C.E.O. at Shropshire Council.

(d) Public Consultation re. CIL (Neighbourhood) Funds (20/77f).

The Clerk reported that information about the funds had been published in the Newsletter and on the web site and there had been 57 responses. The vast majority of these had been from parents, carers or relatives of young people stating they wanted CIL money used to develop facilities for youth football.

(e) Streetlight up-grades (20/77(g))

Garry Johnson (E.ON) had indicated that, subject to Scottish Power agreeing, the work in Millbrook and Bridgeway would be undertaken by early December although the new National 'lock down' would probably delay the start of the project. Residents affected by the change had been sent a letter giving details of the planned work and two responses had been received requesting a slight re-location of the light close to their property.

(f) Playing field - path repair (20/77(h))

Members were thanked for supporting the approval of a quotation from Shropshire Council's Outdoor Partnership for the repair of the path. The work would be undertaken at the earliest opportunity.

(g) Play Area Inspections and Repairs:

(a) Inspections:

The Clerk reported that he had made contact with the Shropshire Council Officer responsible for Play Area Inspections and the outstanding problems had been resolved. The Chairman and Vice Chairman had agreed that the Council should continue to contract Shropshire Council to carry out the regular and RoSPA Inspections.

Councillor P. Sharp had agreed to monitor the equipment on the Fitness Area.

(b) Repairs:

Members had been made aware that the latest RoSPA reports had indicated a range of safety issues on both sites and needed urgent attention to bring them back to the required standard. Quotations for the work had been obtained and forwarded to them and after due consideration the following resolutions were approved:

Erdington Play Area:

1. Acceptance of quotation from Ray Parry Playgrounds for a range of repairs; the removal of a condemned unit and replacing it with a new pedestal slide.
2. The need to replace the wooden fencing surrounding the play area. An acceptable quotation had been received from JST Services but it was decided to explore the possibility of erecting a metal fence before a decision was confirmed.

Playing Field Play Area:

1. Acceptance of a quotation from Ray Parry Playgrounds for a range of repairs and the supply of grass matting for use under both sets of swings.
2. Acceptance of a quotation from JST Services to lift the old matting from under the swings and remove it from site and then carry out the replacement of the new matting. To take account of the weather conditions the project would be delayed until next spring.

In total the cost of all the work on both sites would be in the region of £20,000.00 and a decision would be made at the next Council meeting whether this should be part funded from CIL (Neighbourhood) Funds.

(h) Allotment Access (20/82(biii))

Members considered a detailed report prepared by the Clerk and proposals put forward by Councillor J. Vernon. It was noted that the lease on the land had expired several years ago and it was felt that there was a need to discuss this with a representative of Connexus before any decision was made.

Clerk to clarify if they were prepared to offer a new lease and if so on what terms and for how long and if agreed whether the Council would have to pay the legal fees involved.

### **20/92 Correspondence.**

Members considered the correspondence which had been received by the Clerk since the last meeting and noted that where necessary, appropriate actions had been taken and responses made.

Particular note was made of the following:

*Acts of vandalism in the Moat area.*

*Resignation of Mr. Richard Bailey.*

*Complaints about tarmac surfacing being placed on parts of School Lane.*

*The Safer Road Partnership would be carrying out speed checks on the A53 when the current 'lock down' regulations were eased.*

### **20/93 Accounts for Payment.**

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (November)		£611.81
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (October)		£75.16
Inland Revenue	PAYE (November)	£152.80.	
	N.I. (November)	£4.50	£157.30
Mr. T. Creber	Litter collection (October)		£340.00
Scottish Power	Electricity supply (30/06-30/09)		£164.93
Trade Point	Items for repair of Parish path post		£43.46
JST Services	Repair and re-painting road signs	£459.52	
	Community Environment Project	£90.00	£549.52
Street Signs Direct	Road name plates		£1,278.00
Information Commissioner	Registration fee		£35.00

### **20/94 Financial Statement:**

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

### **20/95(a) Use of CIL (Neighbourhood) Fund.**

It was unanimously agreed that the fund should be used to fund community projects in the Parish.

### **20/95(b) Approved Projects.**

It was agreed to use some of the fund make a grant for the development of junior football pitches as part of the Community Sports & Recreation Project and possibly to pay for part of the up-grade of the Children's Play Areas. Further projects would be considered at the next meeting.

### **20/96 Application for grant aid from Shawbury Community Sports & Recreation Project.**

Councillor C. Kirkup having declared an interest left the meeting whilst this item was considered.

The application was considered in detail and note taken of the many responses received regarding the use of CIL (Neighbourhood) Funds. It was unanimously agreed that a sum of £27,000.00 should be made available and held in trust by the Council to cover the cost of providing the youth pitches. This money, together with the £10,000 already promised, would be transferred to the Project Committee when a quotation had been accepted for constructing the pitches and the work was underway.

Members noted that local businesses had agreed to install the footpath and carry out drainage work on the site which had to be completed before the pitches could be laid.

### **20/97 Exchange of Information.**

#### (a) Agenda Items for next meeting:

#### 1. Additional Street Light.

Following a request from local residents, to consider the possibility of an additional light in Carradine Close.

#### 2. CIL (Neighbourhood) Funds:

To consider additional projects worthy of support.

#### 3. Resignation of Mr. Richard Bailey:

Plans to cover the work currently undertaken by Richard.

(b) Other Issues:i. Highways:

No additional issues raised.

ii Streetlights.

No additional issues raised.

iii. Other Reports:1. Post Office:

Councillor A. Brown raised concerns about the imminent closure of the local Post Office and felt that efforts should be undertaken to get it re-located into a different shop. His concerns were shared by all the Members and he agreed to undertake a project in an attempt to discover if any local retailer was interested.

2. Solar Farm:

The Chairman stated that there were reports that the Solar Farm planned for development in the Roden locality had received planning approval.

**20/98 Reports from:****(a) Police**

The following incidents were recorded in September:

Violence -7 (Corbet Avenue; Harcourt Close (2); Mytton Lane; Oak Drive; Parking area; Playing field.

Burglary – 2 (Church Close; Poynton Road).

Public Order -2 (Open space Muckleton; Playing field)

Other crime – 1 (Muckleton Road).

**(b) RAF Shawbury**

Lt. Matthew Peters reported that:

1. Night Flying would soon be completed and the public were thanked for their co-operation.
2. The Glider programme should be underway by the end of November.
3. Ariel Magazine would be published on line during the ‘lock down’ period. The Chairman suggested that the Newsletter editor should be given this information.
4. Community activities would re-start on the base after Covid.
5. The RAF Police had carried out a review of offences on RAF property and a number of varied offences were being dealt with.

**(c) Shropshire Council.**

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones stated that following complaints about dogs fouling inside the children’s play area, he was attempting to get a Street Scene Officer to attend at various times in an effort to identify the dog owners allowing this to happen.

**20/99 Budget Setting 2021-2022**

Clerk reported that he would be discussing next year’s budget with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and a draft copy would be sent to everyone for consideration and approval at the December meeting. Additional items for inclusion in the budget would be welcome.

**20/100 Planning.**

A. The following applications had been received and were considered.

1. Bank Farm, Muckleton conversion of a farm building to one residential property with detached garage and septic tank drainage (20/04152/FUL).
2. The Woodlands, Bings Heath, Astley – removal of agricultural occupancy condition (20/04248/VAR).
3. Heath Farm House, Painsbrook Lane, Hadnall – one replacement dwelling following the demolition of current property (20/04246/FUL)
4. Ivy House, Shrewsbury Road, Shawbury – remedial work on several trees protected by a TPO (20/03701/TPO).

No objections were raised to any of them.

**20/101 Committee and Other Reports.**Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee:

The report from the meeting held on October 13<sup>th</sup>. had already been circulated.

**20/102 Press Matters.**

Clerk to include items on the grant for junior football and the necessary repairs to the Children's play areas.

**20/103 Date of Next Meeting:**

Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup>. at 7.00pm.

**Approved as a true record of the Meeting.**

**Signed:** C.J. Kennedy (Chairman)      **Date:** December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Correspondence received since October meeting:**

Jan Bailey & others – Vandalism to trees.

RAF Shawbury – Facebook details.\*

Liam Heathcote – Vandalism.

Carolyn Smith – Using Scout Hut for meetings.

Vice Chairman – Vandalised seat.

NALC – CEO's bulletin.\*

Dianne Dorrell Health & Activity webinar.\*

Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.\*

Dianne Dorrell – Latest from VCSA.\*

Richard Bailey – Shopping trolley in the river.

Cllr Dave Roberts – Footpath gate Merlwood.

Paul Butter – Path repair.

Richard Bailey – Notice that he will be terminating his contract on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Dianne Dorrell – Shropshire Council - Covid reassurance document.\*

Lord Lieutenant – Garden Party for Volunteers.\*

Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.\*

Shelly Davies – Report from Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee.\*

Dianne Dorrell – SALC AGM details.\*

Cllr. A. Brown – Police incidents report.\*

West Midland Regional Employer – Remembrance Day events.\*

NALC – Coronavirus up-date.\*

Russ Currie – Defibrillator checks.\*

Resident – complaint about School Lane being tarmacked.

Dianne Dorrell – High Sheriff's award for young people.\*

Diann Dorrell – SALC –AGM.\*

Wendy Harris – A53 speed camera.\*

Resident – complaint about School Lane public footpath

Phil Moore – football ground up-date.\*

Richard Bailey – Moat and Glebe flailed.\*

Dianne Dorrell – Conference on climate change.

BHIB – Offer of advice.\*

Gail Power – NALC's CEO's Newsletter.\*

Dianne Dorrell - Shropshire Council's re-assurance up-date.\*

Fifty-eight responses to the article requesting suggestions for CIL projects (one objection to money being spent on play areas and street lights, stating it should be spent on football project; one requesting a dog waste bin in Parrys Road on the Oaklands Estate).

The remainder asking for the CIL money to be devoted to the provision of football facilities. Most of these were from parents/carers and relatives of children and concentrated on providing youth pitches/facilities, with about five responses asking for support for the whole complex.