
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 8th. JANUARY 2019 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

There were eight members of the public present, wishing to raise issues about the proposed housing development that had been outlined in the January edition of the Parish Newsletter, feeling that there had been insufficient information and a lack of public consultation.

They were advised that the development was part of the Governments directive to Shropshire Council to prepare a twenty-year plan in order to meet the identified need for additional housing. This had been widely published in the national and local press and had been brought to the attention of Council Members.

Shropshire Council had devised a complex formula for allocating development across the County and local land owners had been asked to submit suggested areas for new housing development. It had been suggested that Shawbury would need a further ninety houses in total and a range of sites had been proposed by land owners and the area selected had been deemed by Shropshire Council to be the most appropriate.

Residents still had an opportunity to respond to this proposal as part of the consultation process advertised by Shropshire Council and those attending were reminded that agendas and minutes of Council meetings were well publicised and that residents had the opportunity to attend all meetings.

Also in attendance was Mr. Nigel Thorns (Planning Consultant) who offered to meet with the group and explain in detail what was being planned.

Present:

Mr. A. G. Foster (Chairman)

Mr. J. Kennedy

Mr. D. Roberts

Mrs. J. Herbert

Mr. B. Lyon

Mr. P. Sharp

Mr. R. Pinches

Mrs. J. Manley

Mr. A. Brown

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk.

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones.

Lt. M. McArdle (RAF Shawbury).

18/162 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Ms. S. McIntosh; Mr. J. Vernon and Mr. C. Kirkup.

18/163 Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

There were no interests declared.

18/164 Minutes of Meeting held on December 11th. 2018.

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

18/165 Matters Arising.**(a) Car Park Fencing (18/148(a)):**

Clerk reported that the work would be carried out towards the end of January.

(b) Smart Water Distribution (18/131(a)):

Following further publicity three people had requested Smart Water packs and these had been delivered to them.

It was decided that a final distribution event should be held in the Village Hall in late February/early March and the Clerk was asked to contact Rachael Oakley and make the necessary arrangements.

(c) Environmental Maintenance Grant (18/148(c)):

For a variety of reasons Shropshire Council had indicated that it was not appropriate to use this grant for covering the cost of repairing or replacing road name plates.

(d) Road name plates (18/148(d)):

No further response had been received from the Highways Department regarding the cost of carrying out the work.

(e) Snow Clearance (18/149):

Members considered the response from the insurance company and it was decided that no action was required with regard to the Council car park.

(f) Purchase of seat (18/148(f)):

Clerk reported that it had not been possible to purchase a metal seat at the appropriate price and it was agreed to look at alternative options.

(g) Parish Paths Maintenance (18/148(e)):

Councillor P. Sharp reported that he had had a brief discussion with Mr. Richard Bailey and would be meeting him again to confirm outstanding details. He had contacted two members of the public who were willing to help but there was a need to identify a suitable storage unit for the tools.

18/166 Correspondence.

Details of the correspondence received since the last meeting had been forwarded to Members and these were considered and where necessary appropriate responses were noted or made. Details attached.

18/167 Accounts for Payment.

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (January)		£572.96
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Dec.)		£50.22
Inland Revenue	PAYE (January)	£143.20	
	N.I. (January)	£1.95	£145.15
Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance (December)		£250.00
Mr. T. Creber	Litter collection (December)		£330.00
Mr. L. Wilson	Play Area grass cutting etc. (December)		£167.00

18/168 Financial Statement.

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

18/169 Exchange of Information:(a) Agenda Items for next meeting:

No items raised.

(b) The following items of concern were recorded:(i) Highways:

No issues raised.

(ii) Street Lighting:

Clerk reported that Scottish Power had requested an up-date of the lights the Parish Council were responsible for. He had confirmed the details and indicated that all the lights were on from dusk to dawn.

(iii) Oher:1. Fly Tipping:

Councillor Mrs. J. Herbert reported that the verges of the road behind RAPRA were covered with all manner of rubbish and she had reported it as a ‘fly tipping’ issue but no action had been taken. It was agreed that regular litter collections should take place along this road and that action needed to be taken to clear the site.

Clerk to raise the issue with the local Highways team at Wem.

2. Burial Ground:

Councillor J. Kennedy stated that he had met with Councillor S. McIntosh to discuss the need for a new pathway in the Burial Ground. He had agreed to do the work and would be carrying out a costing exercise. Lt. M. McArdle suggested that a group of trainees from RAF Shawbury might be able to give some assistance with the project.

3. Car Park:

Complaints had been received from members of the public about the amount of mud left on the park by football players cleaning their boots after a recent game.

Clerk to discuss the problem with Mrs. T. Howells.

4. Traffic Orders:

Councillor A. Brown questioned why new traffic orders had not been implemented for the speed level changes on the A53, close to the new roundabout.

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones agreed to investigate the problem.

5. Veteran Oak Tree:

Councillor J. Kennedy outlined concerns which had arisen over the affect that a housing development at Bridge Mount would have on an adjacent veteran oak tree which was identified as a ‘Tree of Special Interest’ and covered by a Tree Protection Order. Discussions regarding any possible action had been taking place between Andrea King (Shropshire Council’s Tree Officer), Terry Merchant (Forester and Arborist) Michael Watney (Litchfield Diocese) and the developers.

Councillor Kennedy pointed out that Litchfield Diocese were the legal owner of the tree and would need to give permission for work to be carried out but he recommended that the Parish Council should not support any work on the tree, either below or above ground and that any proposed action should be requested through a planning application, as required in Government guidelines.

There was unanimous support for this recommendation.

All interested parties to be advised of the decision.

18/170 Reports from:**(a) Police:**

The following incidents were recorded by the police in November:

Muckleton Road – Burglary 1 (No suspect identified).

Harcourt Close – Violence 1 (Under investigation).

Car Park – Anti-Social Behaviour 1

Beech Grove – Burglary 1 (Awaiting Court action); Criminal Damage 1 (No suspect identified).

Near Playing Field – Vehicle Crime 1 (No suspect identified).

Glebelands Anti-Social Behaviour 3; Criminal Damage 2 (No suspects identified).

(b) RAF Shawbury:

Lt. M. McArdle reported that Group Captain Mullins had taken over as the new Commanding Officer at the base.

(c) Shropshire Council:

No report tabled.

18/171 Poynton Road Housing Development Grant:Projects:(a) School Crossing:

It was noted that Shropshire Council had approved the proposed plans, designed to restrict parking by the school at selected times and the necessary traffic order was being applied for.

(b) Street Lights:

Councillor A. Brown reported that he would make a response at the next meeting, following consideration of detailed documents he had received from Mr. Jason Hughes (Shropshire Council Street Lighting Officer).

(c) Car Park Fencing:

Please see Minute 18/165(a)

(d) Junior Football pitch:

No further information available.

18/172 Planning:

The following applications had been received and after consideration it was decided that no further response was needed

1. 15, Park Avenue (outline application) – revised consultation.
2. Muckleton – revised application for the construction of an agricultural storage building.

Other:

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones reported that he had been made aware of an application for the permitted construction of an agricultural building on land east of Erdington Close.

18/173 Committee and Other Reports.

No reports tabled.

18/174 Press Matters.

No items identified.

18/175 Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on February 12th. 2019 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: A. Foster (Chairman)

Date: February 12th. 2019

Correspondence received since last meeting – December.

- Insurance Company – snow and ice clearance.*
- Gail Parry - Bring Banks consultation on removal.*
- Dianne Dorrell – December Newsletter.*
- Highways – environmental maintenance grants.
- Diann Dorrell – CIL Documents.*
- Police Commissioner’s Newsletter.*
- Dianne Dorrell – P.C.C. Consultation.*
- Dianne Dorrell – Message from NHS Shropshire CCG.*
- Russ Currie – Defib call out
- Dianne Dorrell – January bulletin.*
- John Campion – Budget Consultation.*
- Terry Merchant – Oak Tree inspection
- Scottish Power – unmetered supply up-date.