

SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 9TH. SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 7.00pm.

PUBLIC SESSION

There were 2 members of the public present.

Present:

Mr. M. Roberts (Chairman)

Mr. J. Vernon (Vice Chairman)

Mr. D. Cooper

Mr. C. Vernon

Mr. A. Foster

Cllr. A. Williams (Shawbury Ward elected member)

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk (Mr. D. Evans)

25/224 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

25/225 Apologies:

Apologies received from Cllr. A. Williams, Cllr. J. Manley and Cllr. W. Moss-Jones,
Cllr. J. Herbert, Cllr P. Fenton, Cllr. K. Pickering, Cllr T. Davies-Moss

25/226 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests

No interests were declared.

25/227 Representation by member of the public

Cllr. Roberts exercised the discretion of the Council and permitted Mr. R. Bailey (member of the public) to address the Council. Mr. Bailey had been contacted by the leader of the local Brownie group and was anxious that a member of the Council meet with the Brownies as part of an exercise being conducted in connection with the local community. The Clerk informed Mr. Bailey that Cllr. Manley would be undertaking the meeting.

25/228 Minutes of Meeting held on 12th of August 2025

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

25/229 Matters arising

- a) Cllr. Roberts raised the objection to the planning application 25/02210/OUT by Smithers and it was agreed by all that the Council's position would not have been neutral had the Council been aware of the issues raised by Smithers in their objection.
- b) Planning application for Aries Drive CIL believed to be circa £1.5 million. The PC does not have a Neighbourhood Plan in place and Cllr. Foster raised that the allocation of CIL does not appear to follow a uniform pattern. Cllr. Roberts stated that this had been discussed at the SALC meeting 09.09.25 and the issues were discussed as part of SALC's Parish Charter (MOU). The Clerk is to distribute the Charter to members when received.
- c) Council Debit Card policy is now published on the Council website.
- d) No response from Alex Jackson, managing agent for Balfours regarding proposed purchase of the BMX track area on the Glebe (Shawbury Playing Field). Alex Jackson is to put forward the Council's proposal.
- e) Clerk apologised for not progressing a debit card authority for the Council-set as a task by Cllr. Vernon, to be completed before next PC meeting.
- f) Internment at Burial Ground confirmed by JR Williams-fee to be paid by BACS.
- g) Proposal Cllr. J. Vernon and second by Cllr. D. Cooper support for the Clerk regarding end of year accounts and audit, in response to matters raised by PFK Littlejohn.
- h) Payments process for sponsorship for Floral Gateway explained-is a request payment by the Clerk and does take manhours to execute.

25/230 Correspondence

Members discussed the correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting.

- a) E. On have requested a 'plan' of Carradine Lane, for a report and quote for the installation of streetlights. Clerk has not been able to locate one from Shropshire Council. Cllr. C. Vernon stated he would enquire if the village football club had a plan of the area.
- b) Proposal to terminate the posting of paper copies of PC agendas and minutes was rejected. Cllr. D. Cooper raised that some members of the community do not have digital inclusion and would like to maintain the posting of paper copies. All members agreed to continue with paper copies, in addition to posting on website. Cllr. A. Foster stated he will print the items on A5 and provide to F. Medley (volunteer that displays and posts agenda and minutes). Can also print for Cllr. J. Herbert.
- c) SALC AGM Wednesday 29th of October 2025 4-7pm at Shrewsbury Town Football Stadium, Cllr. M. Roberts to attend (and possibly the Clerk).
- d) Cllr. Roberts requested that further enquiries are made with the church regarding the water pipe to the Burial Ground (matter was last recorded as 'being with the Archdeacon').

- e) JR Williams as per point 25/229 (f).
- f) Clerk reported Shropshire Council response to complaints around non-response and continued delays in facilitating PC requests. Fiona Swan (SC) had sent an incomplete response to SPC and dismissed the issue entirely.
- g) Cllr. Roberts confirmed the public meeting regarding Aries Drive proposed development and the Clerk confirmed that the Village Hall was booked for the event and that the meeting details had been distributed to the wider public. Further confirmed that Shingler Homes (developer) representative Nigel Thorns was attending the next Council meeting: 14.10.2025.

25/231 Accounts

To approve and review banking: to approve accounts 12th of August to 9th of September 2025

PAYEE	AMOUNT
SALC (training fees)	£120.00
Mr. Mike Varndell	£500.00
HMRC	£-192.00
No Bridge	£2291.36
Mr. D. Evans (Clerk salary)	£1074.90
Shropshire Council (Play Area Reports)	£1676.85
Access 2 Trees	£300.00
High Line Electrical	£530.40
Mr. R. Bailey (seaweed fertiliser)	£6.99
Mr. P. Sharpe (Parish Paths)	£50.00

25/232 Exchange of Information

- a) To raise additional items for next meeting.
- b) For members to raise issues needing urgent attention re:
 1. Re-siting of defibrillator: Clerk confirmed that he had spoken with Mr. A. Houlihan at the Elephant & Castle public house and he had kindly granted permission for the defibrillator to be fixed to the old stable block on the p.h. car park.
 2. Cllr. Roberts proposed that the Council purchase the new defibrillator, agreed by all.
 3. Highways: Cllr. Roberts and Cllr. Vernon raised vehicle activated signs and speeding on Wytheford Rd, speeding vehicles regularly exceed the 40 MPH on Wytheford Rd. Cllr. Roberts to raise with Neighbourhood Policing Team.
 4. Streetlights: No report.
 5. Bus shelter cleaning: The Clerk stated that attempts to engage partnership working had been made, with an exploration of Shrewsbury Town Council undertaking the work. Negative result.
 6. Other: Cllr. Foster raised street signs. The Clerk reported that the matter had not progressed due to finding someone to do the work-action set for 3 damaged street signs to be replaced.
 7. Proposal Cllr. Roberts that M. Thorpe remove the defunct NSDC 'No Ball Games Allowed', seconded by Cllr. Vernon.

25/233 Reports received from:

- a) **Police**. Incidents recorded in June: Violence/sexual-8. Anti-social behaviour-2. Theft-2.
- b) **RAF**. Night Flying: to continue until 3rd of October 2025, will be typically 30 mins after sunset and may continue until 02.30. Concern of helium balloons drifting across the airfield, can members of the public use this type of balloon responsibly. RAF Annual Reception 25th September 2025 invitations have been sent, Christmas Concert at St. Chads', Shrewsbury 2nd of December 2025. Airfield works programme-all works should be completed by end of 2025. Hi Viz for horse riders and other social media links
www.raf.mod.uk/our-organisation/stations/raf-shawbury/flying-info

c) Shropshire Council:

- a) Cllr. A. Williams reported that there are many issues within Shropshire Council. Further reported on the emergency meeting that SC had conducted due to severe financial strain on SC and the possibility of a S114.
- b) Cllr. Williams stated she would raise the speeding issues in the village.

25/234 Planning

- a) Planning application 25/03010/VAR (Wytheford Road fishery). The Council has no objections.

25/235 Committee and any other reports.

Cllr. Roberts to attend SALC and will distribute report to Clerk for members.

Cllr. Foster raised the Village Hall and a leukaemia collection bin, also raised a grant funding for the Village Hall installing air conditioning.

Cllr. J. Vernon raised with Cllr. Foster if the village hall were involved with the cycle club that had held a race and caused traffic issues in the village.

25/236 Press matters.

Clerk to produce a brief report.

25/237 Items for next Agenda

Cllr. J. Vernon proposal for the purchase of an 'Unknown Tommy' war memorial, agreed by all, Clerk to purchase.

Date and Time of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 14th October 2025 at 7.00pm

Approved as a true record of the Meeting

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