

# SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## MEETING

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON TUESDAY 14TH. OCTOBER 2025 AT 7.00pm.

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### **PUBLIC SESSION**

There were 2 members of the public present.

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#### **Present:**

Mr. M. Roberts (Chairman)

Mr. J. Vernon (Vice Chairman)

Mr. D. Cooper

Mr. A. Foster

Mr. K. Pickering

Mrs. J. Manley

Mrs. J. Herbert

#### **In Attendance:**

The Parish Clerk (Mr. D. Evans)

#### **25/238 Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

#### **25/239 Apologies:**

Apologies received from Cllr C. Forshaw, Cllr. A. Williams (Shawbury Ward elected member), Cllr, Moss-Jones, Cllr T. Davies-Moss, Cllr C. Vernon

#### **25/240 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests**

No interests were declared.

#### **25/241 Representation by member of the public**

Cllr. Roberts exercised the discretion of the Council and permitted Dr. F. Coffey and Miss. G. George (member of the public) to address the Council; they were attending on behalf of Shawbury Medical Practice. Dr. Coffey expressed disappointment that Nigel Thorns (on behalf of Shingler Homes) had failed to attend the meeting and proceeded to raise the following:

- The surgery is at capacity and is inadequate for any increase in patients
- Funding for expansion of the surgery ICB (Integrated Care Board) and enquired as to amounts of CIL payments
- Would lobbying Shingler to construct an extension of the surgery be viable.

Cllr. Roberts responded that CIL is distributed by Shropshire Council with a portion going to the Parish Council, but the majority of funding is used by Shropshire Council county-wide. Expressed concern that the development at Aries Drive and the proposed development at Wem Road will, fundamentally overwhelm the surgery capacity.

## **25/242 Minutes of Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2025**

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

### **25/243 Matters arising**

- a) Cllr. Roberts raised the Council's objection to planning application 25/03499/FUL and it was agreed by all that the Council's position for the objection is: the school does not have capacity to cope with additional numbers of pupils for class sizes; the doctors surgery is utterly inadequate in terms of spatial capacity and patient number increase, the flooding concerns have not been addressed. The Council raises particular concerns with point 7 of a Flood Risk and Drainage report: *7.0 Conclusions & Recommendations. The proposed residential development on Land off Aries Drive, Shawbury, Shropshire has been assessed with regards to flood risk. (sic) The whole of the site falls within Flood Zone 1 and subject to satisfactory surface water drainage to the site proposals there will be no flood risk to the site or any other properties.* This conclusion has been arrived at by employment of '1 in 100 year +40% climate change flows in the design'. Given weather patterns and climate change that is already known the employment of a 1 in 400-year event does not withstand scrutiny. The Council also seeks more definitive data regarding CIL: raised in a 'Public Consultation' document submitted by the applicant. *The CIL monies generated by the scheme will amount to around £1,809,664.50. It is anticipated that a portion of this would be available to the Local School(s) for improvements and extensions.* Both points are published documents in support of the application that do not actually provide an answer-the primary concerns of the school and surgery have been dismissed by the applicant as being the responsibility of Shropshire Council Education Team and the NHS. ([25\\_03499\\_FUL-PUBLIC CONSULTATION REPORT-5695708.pdf](#)).
- b) Provision of the LGPS for the Clerk, proposed by Cllr. Herbert and seconded by Cllr. Cooper, all in favour.
- c) Unknown Tommy proposed by Cllr. J. Vernon for the Unknown Tommy to be sited under the oak tree adjacent to car park (Shawbury Playing Fields), with quote for creating a wooden border provided by M. Thorpe £800.00, seconded by Cllr. Cooper. Proposal by Cllr. A. Foster for the purchase of an Unknown Women in War statue, Cllr. Manley raised that she believed this had been previously agreed when the vote was passed for the Unknown Tommy, seconded by Cllr. Manley. Cllr. Foster to review if the CCTV cameras cover where the Unknown Tommy/Unknown Women in War are to be sited-all in favour with the exception of Cllr. Herbert who favoured the purchase of the Unknown Women in War statue, but not the wooden border.
- d) Removal of R.A. Allmark sign from the Floral Gateway due to non-payment of Floral Gateway sponsorship-all agreed.
- e) Resignation of Cllr. P. Fenton and proposal for former Cllr. Fenton's area of responsibility be reassigned, proposed by Cllr. Roberts that the responsibility for the defibrillator be accepted by one of the members, Cllr. D. Cooper submitted he could take over the responsibility for the defibrillator-agreed by all.

### **25/244 Correspondence**

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

- a) Cllr. Roberts was saddened to speak of the termination of the Parish newsletter, and it was noted the final edition will be December 2025. It was further noted that only one paper copy of minutes and agenda will now be posted on the village notice board.
- b) Thanks to SMC Mini mix for the sponsorship payment for the Floral Gateway.
- c) Report by the Clerk to Council, unable to deposit minutes which require archiving with Shropshire Archive due to capacity issues; Clerk advised to re-submit in 2026.
- d) Proposed development, Wem Road, Shawbury by Bloor Homes. Johnny Kidney has spoken with Cllr. Roberts and outlined the proposed development of 120 homes at Wem Road. Cllr. Roberts had requested that a venue be booked to meet with Bloor Homes, but the Clerk had to report that this was difficult to achieve with the few resources available near to Shawbury. Cllr. Roberts proposed that Johnny Kidney be invited by the full Council meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2025.
- e) Cllr. Roberts reported that the planning Inspectorate did not approve 1100 to 2000 properties per year for Shropshire and that the numbers were proving difficult to achieve, with a certain number of properties being for overspill from the Black Country/West Midlands conurbation.
- f) Cllr. Roberts raised the Council had published a Safeguarding policy and requested that a Councillor take responsibility for being the 'safeguarding' lead; Cllr. J. Manley accepted the responsibility and requested training as would be required-this was agreed by all.

## 25/245 Accounts

To approve and review banking: to approve accounts 10<sup>th</sup> of September to 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2025

PAYEE	AMOUNT
Clerk (salary)	£741.10
Mr. Mike Varndell	£525.00
HMRC	£141.53
Matt Thorpe	£60.00
Clerk expenses	£18.36
Royal British Legion ('Unknown Tommy')	£200.00
Shropshire Council (bins)	£274.85
The Defib Pad	£1,104.00
Income:	
Shropshire Council (automated credit)	£405.00
R.F. Owens	£172.00
TC.s' Haulage (Floral Gateway)	£100.00
Hazels Farm Child Care (Floral Gateway)	£200.00
SMC Operations Ltd (Floral Gateway)	£100.00
Interest (29.08.25)	£113.33
Interest (30.09.25)	£121.91

### A. Bank Reconciliation – To receive and accept the Bank Reconciliation to the previous month end

Balance brought forward as of 1st April 2025	£90,622.39
Add: Receipts to 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	£68,583.97
Less: Payments to date	£ 3,500.00
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>£155,790.36</b>

Bank Balances as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025:

Current Account	£ 3,034.00
Interest Bearing Account	£128,477.25
Less: payments awaiting authorisation	£ 00.00
<b>Total Bank Balance</b>	<b>£131,511.34</b>

## 25/246 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: all agreed that the defibrillator be sited at the Elephant & Castle public house and that Cllr. Cooper is to obtain quotes from an electrician to install the defibrillator; the redundant defibrillator is to be donated to First Responder for training purposes.
  2. Cllr. Manley raised her time spent with the Shawbury Brownies and their Take Action badge
  3. Highways: Cllr. Roberts raised vehicle activated speed reduction signs. Cllr. Roberts has discussed the siting of speed reduction measures at River Meadows, and on the A53 by the entry to Smithers, the signs are solar powered, portable and take approximately 8 weeks to construct; the equipment also has download data functionality. The proposed cost is £5,200 each. Cllr. Roberts further proposed that exploration should be undertaken into a funding partnership with the Police and Crime Commissioner on the basis of the Council pay for one and the PCC pays for the second. Proposed Cllr. D. Cooper and seconded by Cllr. J. Vernon-agreed by all.
    - A. Cllr. Cooper noted that the drains had been cleared on the A53 after the matter was reported to Fix My Street by the Clerk.
    - B. Cllr. J. Vernon raised that the 'Newcastle' A53 direction sign was still on the ground, the Clerk responded that this has been reported to Fix My Street 3 months ago.
  4. Streetlights: No report. Clerk apologised for the numbering on agenda being out of sequence.
  5. Bus shelter cleaning: The Clerk stated that the Council was waiting for confirmation of the work being done by Matt Thorpe.
  6. The Clerk recommended an action to the Chairman that consideration could be given to a Lengthsman for contractual works around the village with a costings schedule forming part of a contract.
  7. Cllr. Roberts raised Street Scene and the expenditure of £4 million with regard to performance that is not believed to be value for money.
  8. The Clerk recommended an action to be considered to the Chairman concerning VFM and the oversight and scrutiny of council contracts.
  9. Cllr. A. Williams raised a 'lay-by' on the A53 in the village. On the A53 northbound opposite the village petrol station, Cllr. Roberts requested the Clerk respond to Cllr. Williams.
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## 25/247 Reports received from:

- a) **Police.** Incidents recorded in August: Violence/sexual-2. Anti-social behaviour-1. Criminal damage & Arson-2. All other crimes-2.
- b) **RAF.** None.
- c) **Shropshire Council:**
  - a) Report received from Shawbury Ward Shropshire Council member and distributed.

## 25/248 Planning

- a) Planning application 01/10/2025 reference 25/03612/ADV (validated 26/09/25) proposal: erect and display fascia signage, window graphics and totem sign (Co-Op).

### **25/249 Committee and any other reports.**

Cllr. Roberts Chairman's Meeting Notes distributed to members 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2025.

### **25/250 Press matters.**

Clerk to produce a brief report.

### **25/251 Items for next Agenda**

Cllr. Roberts proposal for Cllr. T. Davies-Moss to manage the BMX track and proposed funding/sponsors (Mark Howard, National Youth Agency) Clerk to raise with Cllr. Davies-Moss.

Cllr. J. Manley raised youth groups in the village and asked if this could be an area of responsibility for a Councillor.

Cllr. Roberts is donating a Christmas tree to the village. A site needs to be confirmed for location.

Cllr. J. Vernon raised the spoil heap at the bottom of the burial area which requires some type of retaining posts and removal to another location.

The Clerk raised matters concerning the correct procedure for burials and internments and the burial ground charges.

### **Date and Time of Next Meeting.**

Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 7.00pm

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

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Chairman)**

**Date:**