

**SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL**  
**ON TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup>. OCTOBER 2024 at 7.00pm.**

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**Public Session:**

There were no members of the public in attendance but Councillor J. Vernon reported that local residents had approached him raising concerns about action that was being undertaken on a field in Edgbolton, where a mobile caravan had been illegally stationed and items were being buried in the field. Shropshire Councillor S. Jones stated that these issues were being investigated by the Enforcement and Environmental Health Teams.

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**Present:**

Mr. M. Roberts (Chairman)

Mrs. J. Herbert

Mr. A. Foster

Mr. K. Pickering

Mr. J. Vernon

Mr. T. Davies-Moss

Mr. R. Pinches

**In Attendance:**

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones.

Flt. Lt. J. Jones (RAF Shawbury)

The Parish Clerk.

**24/73 Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr. P. Sharp (Chairman), Mr. A. Brown and Mr. C. Forshaw. The Clerk reported that Mr. Kitchin had decided not to proceed with his co-option onto the Council.

**24/74 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.**

No interests were declared.

**24/75 Minutes of Meeting held on September 10<sup>th</sup>.23<sup>rd</sup>. at 7.00pm.**

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

**24/76 Matters Arising.**

(a) Playing Field Fence (24/63(a)).

The Clerk reported that Mr. Parry had been hoping to start work on the project but the heavy rain at the start of last week had delayed a previous project by a couple of days so he should be starting on the 10<sup>th</sup>.October – weather permitting.

(b) A53 re-surfacing (24/63(b)).

Members expressed satisfaction at the professional standard of the work, complementing the workforce for the effort they took to keep disruption to a minimum and ensuring that the project was completed on time. However it was felt that these comments could not apply to Severn Trent whose response had been very unsatisfactory and it was hoped that Shropshire Council would take appropriate action.

(c) Council Vacancy (24/63(c)).

This had been advertised again including an advert on the notice board at RAF Shawbury but there had been no response and following the resignation of Mr. Kitchin there were now two vacancies. The Council Chairman was looking at ways to encourage people to apply and hoped that Members would speak to people they knew who might be interested.

(d) A53 Signage (24/67 (2)).

Councillor T. Davies-Moss felt that action was needed to improve the road markings on the A53 from the start of the 40mph limit up to the roundabout. Most of the signs were unreadable or partly covered by tarmac. Shropshire Councillor S. Jones agreed to see if he could action some improvements.

(e) Park Avenue railings (24/67(3)).

The Clerk reported that the Chairman had carried out the repairs and the only cost was for the materials.

(f) Donation for purchase of trees (24/63(f)).

It was noted that the Chairman was planning to discuss this with various contractors.

(g) Moat - self-sown trees (24/67(1))

Councillor M. Roberts offered to meet a representative from Access2Trees to identify the trees that needed to be removed. Clerk to discuss this with Mr. James Plaskett at Access2Trees.

**24/77 Correspondence.**

Members considered the attached list of correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting and forwarded to Members, noting that where necessary appropriate actions had or were being taken and responses made.

**24/78 Accounts and Financial Statement:**(a) Payment of the following accounts was approved:

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| Mr. J. Wilson      | Salary (August)                          | £715.17 |
| Inland Revenue     | PAYE & NI (Aug)                          | £197.56 |
| Mr. J. Wilson      | Expenses                                 | £44.10  |
| Mr. M. Varndell    | Litter collection and disposal (October) | £500.00 |
| Shropshire Council | Burial Ground – green bin registration   | £56.00  |
| PKF Littlejohn     | External Audit Fee                       | £378.00 |
| Mr. P. Sharp       | Fence repairs (Park Avenue)              | £91.40  |

(b) The Financial Statement:

The Clerk reported that he had not received the Bank Statement for September so was unable to provide a Financial Statement. He would email a copy as soon as he had the information.

**24/79 External Auditors Report for 2023-2024.**

The Clerk reported that no concerns had been raised regarding the Financial Accounts and Overall Management of the Council and details of the report had been published on the web site and were available for inspection by residents.

**24/80 Exchange of Information.**(a) Items for inclusion on the next Agenda.

Provision of a new Council Notice Board:

(b) Urgent issues regarding the following:(i) Highways:

No further issues raised

(ii) Streetlights:

No issues raised.

(iii) Other:

No issues raised.

**24/80 Reports from:****(a) Police:**Incidents recorded in:July:

Other Theft – 1 (Wem Road).

Public Order – 1 (School Lane).

Possession of weapons -2 Car Park).

Shop lifting) – 1 (A53).

August:

Shoplifting -1 (A53)

Other Theft – 1 (Poynton Road).

**(b) RAF Shawbury:**

Flt. Lt. Jones reported that:

1. Night Flying would commence on 21<sup>st</sup>. October and continue until 5<sup>th</sup>. December.
2. The Helicopter Noise Newsletter had been circulated to all the relevant Councils.
3. The latest edition of the Aries Magazine was available.
4. They were still seeking details of Community Projects which needed assistance.

**(c) Shropshire Council:**

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones reported that:

1. The resurfacing of the A53 through Shawbury was completed within the scheduled time other than the final part of the line painting of the portion of the road from River Gardens to the B5063 junction. This was achieved even though the Severn Trent repair carried out before the resurfacing commenced had failed, delaying part of the highways work.
2. The traffic lights suffered a parts failure when they were reconnected and a new sensor was required and since being fitted has solved the problem.
3. The Green Waste collection service has suffered a delay due to the Print Contractor failing to produce the stickers to the required and agreed standard. The contract has been cancelled and a new company has been engaged. The new Green Waste Service will now start on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

To date 57,810 households have subscribed, generating £3.2 million towards the Council's savings.

4. The £8 million bus grant has led to an improvement in the No.64 Arriva Bus service which will revert to an hourly service.

**24/81 Planning Applications:****(a) The following applications had been received:**

1. Smithers MDT – Retention of temporary portakabin to be used as lab space for 3 years (24/03658/FUL). *No Objections raised.*
2. 64, Church Close – Lawful Development Certificate for rear extension (24/03699/CPL).

**(b) The following applications had been approved by Shropshire Council:**

1. Wytheford Hall, Wytheford – erection of a timber orangery (24/02719/FUL).
2. Springfield, Moreton Mill – erection of a dual purpose agricultural building (24/03042/FUL).
3. Shawbury Sewerage Work – Installation of Transformer Pole and associated work (24/03056/OHL).

**24/82 Committee and Other Reports.**

Councillor M. Roberts reported that he had attended the SALC Area Meeting when interesting reports had been presented by Emma Green, Shropshire Councils Planning Enforcement Specialist and Tabitha Lythe their Development Service Manager.

He had also attended the Development Service Working Group where discussions had centred round the ways in which Town and Parish Councils could support Shropshire Council in making the needed £62 million saving on its budget for 2025 -2026.

**24/83 Press Matters.**

The Chairman and Clerk will co-ordinate reports to the Parish Newsletter and the local Facebook page.

**24/84 Date of Next Council Meeting:**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>. November, 2024 at 7.00pm.

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

**Signed: Paul Sharp (Chairman)      Date: November 12<sup>th</sup>. 2024**

Details of correspondence received since the September meeting.

Gail Power – SALC AGM details.

Gail Power – Helicopter Liaison - Newsletter.

Dianne Dorrell – Monday Briefing.

Resident – Streetlight in Bridgeway not working.

Shropshire Council – Visit Shropshire.

Freedom Fibre –Gigabit up-date.

PKF Littlejohn – External Audit report.

Kirsty Prescott – Tree & Forest up-date.

Shropshire Council – Green bin registration.

Chairman – Resignation of Philip Kitchin.

NALC – Legal Up-date.

Shropshire Council – Leaders Newsletter.

PCSO J. Robinson – Local Police Newsletter.