

**SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2024 at 7.00pm.**

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**Public Session:**

There were no members of the public in attendance

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**Present:**

Mr. P. Sharp (Chairman).

Mr. M. Roberts

Mrs. J. Herbert

Mr. A. Foster

Mr. K. Pickering

Mr. J. Vernon

Mr. T. Davies-Moss

Mr. C. Forshaw

Mr. R. Pinches

**In Attendance:**

Flt.Lt. J. Jones (RAF Shawbury).

The Parish Clerk.

**24/60 Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mr. A. Brown and Shropshire Councillor Mr. S. Jones.

**24/61 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.**

No interests were declared.

**24/62 Minutes of Meeting held on July 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.

**24/63 Matters Arising.**

**(a) Playing Field Fence.**

The Chairman reported that Mr. Parry the contractor had advised him that he was unable to start the work until early October and had asked the Council to seek an underground cable plan from Scottish Power. The Chairman had responded reminding him of the urgency in getting the work completed and that his quotation should have included identifying possible cable problems.

**(b) A53 Re-surfacing.**

It was noted that work was progressing and we were still being assured it would be finished by the stated date. The Chairman raised concerns over the alleged repair carried out in the road by the Co-Op shop and his concerns were shared by other Members. *(Post Meeting Note: The repair did fail and the resulting works by Severn Trent caused significant disruption on top of the already planned works. The Chairman was particularly disappointed as the Parish Council had written to Shropshire Council Leader, Lezley Picton, on 27 July highlighting our concerns with the work that was required by Severn Trent ahead of the Resurfacing work. On 30th August we were sent a note that stated Severn Trent Water have completed their works in advance of ours, both to their mains leak and to their waste water network. On the first day of the resurfacing the Chairman spoke to the Forman of the Works and said that the Parish Council was deeply concerned that Severn Trent had not completed to proper repair on the water leak and had not broken ground in the area. He said he had been assured the work was complete.)*

The Chairman thanked Councillor Davies-Moss for the liaison work he was doing with the contactors and sharing information with the Council and residents.

(c) Council Vacancy.

The Chairman had written a very informative article which had been published on the local Facebook page but no applications had been received from anyone seeking co-option. Further action would be taken to try and fill the vacancy

(d) Request for Cycle Track.

The proposal had been well publicised but there had been no responses or offers of help received.

(e) Vandalism.

Concerns were expressed regarding damage to the re-painted picnic table and the Floral Gateway on the car park. The police had been informed and additional patrols of the area had been promised. The Chairman had reported the incidents on Facebook and most responses supported his concerns.

(f) Donation for planting trees:

Quotations were being sought for the provision and planting of suitable trees, using money donated by a resident for that purpose. Suggested locations are welcome.

(g) Bank Signatories.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had completed the necessary document which had been forwarded to the bank for confirmation of the changes.

**24/64 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.

**24/65 Accounts for Payment and Financial Statement.**(a) Payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (August)	£715.17
Inland Revenue	PAYE & NI (Aug)	£197.56
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses	£75.30
Mr. J. Wilson	Office rent (April – Sept. Inc.)	£200.00
Mr. M. Varndell	Litter collection and disposal (August)	£500.00
Mr. P. Sharp	Expenses Moat/Glebe/Paths/Cycle Track	£261.37
Safelincs	Defibrillator Equipment	£249.91
Mr. M. Varndell	Litter collection and disposal (Sept.)	£500.00
Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (September)	£715.17
Inland Revenue	PAYE & NI (Sept.)	£197.56
Mr. P. Sharp	Expenses	£139.64
JST	Picnic Bench sanding/re-painting	£200.00
Shropshire Council	Waste Collection (Burial Ground) 2024/25	£262.00

(b) The Financial Statement for September was tabled and approved.

**24/66 Mid-Year Financial Statement.**

The Statement which had been forwarded to Members prior to the meeting was considered and adopted.

**24/67 Exchange of Information.**(a) Items for inclusion on the next Agenda.

1. Review of group of self-sown trees in the Moat area.
2. Review of the signage on the A53 entering Shawbury.
3. Need for replacement posts in Park Avenue.

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

No further issues raised

(ii) Streetlights:

No issues raised.

**(iii) Other:**

1. It was agreed to arrange to have the grassed areas in the Moat/Glebe mown before the advent of wet weather.
2. Overgrown beech hedge on White Lodge Park to be reported on 'Fix My Street' by Cllr. J. Herbert.
3. Cllr. J. Vernon offered to take action to remove ivy growth on trees in the Moat.
4. Cllr J. Vernon also agreed to report the following items on 'Fix my Street':
  - (a) Damaged waste bin close to the school had been removed but a new one had not been re-instated.
  - (b) Flooding in the Culvert close to the Doctors surgery. Access to the drain is not possible because the drain cover access has been tarmacked over and previous complaints have not been responded to.
5. Need to remind dog owners of the need to pick up and dispose of faeces responsibly.

**24/68 Reports from:****(a) Police:****Incidents recorded in May:**

Violence/ Sexual - 5 (Poynton Road – 2: Wytheford Road – 1: Aries Drive -1: Leasowes - !).  
 Public Order - 4 (The Paddocks -1: Glebelands -3).  
 Criminal Damage - 3 (Poynton Road -2: Glebelands -1).  
 Burglary -1 (Corbett Avenue).  
 Other Theft – 4 (Glebelands -1: Poynton Road -1: A53 -2).  
 Other Crime – 1 (Glebelands).  
 Shop Lifting -1 (A53).

**Incidents recorded in June:**

Burglary – 1 (Coppice Close).  
 Anti-Social Behaviour -1 (Aries Drive).  
 Violence/Sexual - 6 (River Gardens -2; Church Street -1; Near Petrol Station -1;  
 Chantry Close -1; Little Wytheford 1).

**(b) RAF Shawbury:**

Flt.Lt. J. Jones reported that

1. Night Flying would continue until 26<sup>th</sup>. October.
2. Aries Magazine was available on line.
3. All the current Hi-Viz clothing had been given out but orders could be made for future supply.
4. They were still seeking Community Projects for training groups to support.

**(c) Shropshire Council:**

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones was unable to attend the meeting but had forwarded a written report which was issued to all the Members. A copy of the report is attached.

**24/69 Planning Applications:****The following applications had been received:**

1. River Meadows Nursing Home –Variation of landscaping on approved planning application (17/00267/VAR). *Application supported.*
2. Shawbury Sewerage Works Shrewsbury Road – Installation of a transformer; two stay wires and associated cabling to existing 11Kv line. *Application supported.*
3. Springfield, Moreton Mill – erection of a dual purpose workshop/agricultural storage building and associated works (24/03042/FUL). *Application supported.*
4. Mr. Evans, Bings Heath, Astley – Application of change of use of agricultural land to a residential caravan site for one Romany Gypsy Family to include access and drainage (24/03078/FUL).  
*Objected to on the grounds that it was inappropriate use of agricultural land.*

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

1. Former Methodist Chapel and Sunday School, Moreton Mill – conversion to a dwelling with annexe and detached garage (24/02078/FUL).

2. Old Vicarage, Church Street, Shawbury – replacement garage, extensions and internal alterations (24/00993/LBC)

**24/70 Committee and Other Reports.**

The Vice Chairman gave an interesting and informative report on the three Committees which were responsible for overseeing and supporting local Councils and confirmed that he had been elected to serve on the two committees which were open for local participation.

**24/71 Press Matters.**

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

**24/72 Date of Next Council Meeting:**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>. October, 2024 at 7.00pm.17

Report from Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones.

Further to my July report the Council has altered the decision on 1 day closure of the Household Recycling Centres and all 5 will now remain open 7 days a week, the booking system will commence in November. Notices have now gone out inviting residents to opt in to the Green Bin collection, as this will be a permit system it does require making payment of the £56 fee via the MyPermit app, this is the same app that can be used to pay on-line for parking in Shropshire Council carparks. As previously reported there are no concessions available against the charge and this will also apply to Churches, Charities and other organisations, Most places of worship, premises used wholly or mainly for public meetings (such as church halls and community centres) and charity shops are eligible for free household waste collection under the Controlled Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2012. However, garden waste is not defined as household waste and the council have no statutory duty to collect, but if we wish to do so we can charge a fee. There are no exemptions from this and therefore if places of worship and other organisations want the council to collect their garden waste, then the relevant fee of £56 per bin will apply and a maximum of 3 bins from the 1st October 2024.

The resurfacing of the A53 through Shawbury is proceeding well after the initial delay of 1 day and the issue that the Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey confirmed that there were some unknown shallow statutory utilities that required additional measures (trial holes).

Arriva and our contractors, Kier, have been able to ensure that the 64 Bus has been able to continue to run albeit with some occasional delays

Childrens Services had an Ofsted Focused visit at the end of July 2024 which looked at the council's arrangements for looked after children, including unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and young people. Inspectors found that senior leaders have maintained a strong focus on service improvement since the last inspection in February 2022, and that children benefit from stable and caring homes, strong and trusting relationships with their social workers, and effective support for their physical and emotional health needs. The inspectors highlighted the effective partnership working that has helped to develop new services to address the emotional health needs of children looked after and to support foster carers to care for children with complex needs. Inspectors also said that most children are making positive progress at school. The report notes that unaccompanied asylum-seeking children arriving in Shropshire are well supported by committed social workers who are sensitive to their cultural needs and experiences. The inspectors praised the quality of assessments and care plans for children looked after, the timeliness and appropriateness of permanence planning, the support for children's education and learning, and the responsiveness to children's changing needs and circumstances. The report does identify some areas for improvement which Council are already taking steps to address.

Simon P Jones

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

**Signed:** M. Roberts (Chairman)      **Date:** 8<sup>th</sup>. October 2024

Details of correspondence received since the July meeting.

Chairman – Play Area repairs.

Cllr. T. Davies – Moss – Speed Checks (Wytheford Road).

John Campion – PCC newsletter.

Dianne Dorrell – Town and Parish Council Survey.

Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital – Newsletter.

Shropshire Council – Place Plans.

Resident – Failure of Mobile Library to arrive.

Lezley Picton – Highways Issue.

Dianne Dorrell – Monday Briefing.

Resident – Overgrown footpath/blocked drains.

PCSC Jamie Robinson – North Shropshire Safer Neighbourhood Scheme.

ALC - G.P Collective Action.

Jan Bailey – Overgrown Footpath.

Dianne Dorrell – Local Nature Recovery.

PCSO Oliver Morris – Rural Crime.

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones –National Planning Policy.

Sharon McLaughlin – Thanks for Floral Gateways.

Astley Resident – No. 64 Bus Service during roadworks.

Chairman – Broken swing.

Jennifer Collins – Bowling Green and Scouts.

Gigabit Update.

Russ Currie – Need for new kits for defibrillator.

Shropshire enquiries – A53 Road works.

Chairman – vandalised picnic bench.

Nick Claxton – Concern re Moreton Mill traffic during A53 repairs.

Richard Bailey – Damage to two Gateways.

Liam Heathcote – Vandalism.

Gail Power – Vacancy for SALC Senior Officer.

Laura Howells – A53 and Bus Service.

Nick Claxton – A53 repairs – problems for Moreton Mill.

Russ Currie –Route 64 Bus service.

John Campion – Newsletter.

West Midland Police – Fraud Advice.

Chairman – Hornet's Nest in Moat.

Dianne Dorrell – Weekly Briefing.

Cllr Davies Moss – A53 Up-date.

PCSO Jamie Robinson SNT Newsletter,