

SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN SHAWBURY VILLAGE HALL

ON WEDNESDAY MAY 27TH. 2009 at 8.00pm.

Present:

Councillor S. Jones (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs. F. Medley, C. Kennedy, R. Bailey, A. Brown, D. Roberts and D. Baldwin

Mrs. C. Mason (United Charities)

Sqdn Ldr. D. Lewis (RAF Shawbury)

Parish Clerk

Two members of the public.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs. S. Dove, Mrs. J. Manley, R. Pinches, S. Dodd, and

G. Humphries

Group Captain D. Prowse

Police Representatives

2. Minutes of Meeting held on May 28th. 2008

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

3. Matters Arising;

There were no matters raised.

4. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman gave a detailed report of the Council's activities during the past year stating that it had been a particularly busy time, with Members being very proactive in their desire to see developments throughout the Parish. Two new members had joined the Council – Mr. Dave Roberts and Mr. George Humphries, both of whom were proving to be valuable additions.

The Council had decided to work towards becoming a Quality Parish Council and was seeking to gain the 'Power of Well Being'.

He went on to outline the developments that have taken place or are planned for the coming year. These included the new fence round the burial grounds, the new Youth Pod, the Children's Play Area, planned security improvements, completion of Wem Road lighting project, etc.

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5. The Parish Plan:

Councillor R. Bailey gave an update on the development of the Parish Plan which had seen a 65% return on the 1100 questionnaires delivered throughout the Parish. The collected data was collated into an action plan with the help of volunteers. The plan was presented to the Parish at a public meeting and to a meeting of the Parish Council who accepted all the development items suggested. The final document was currently being produced and he anticipated this would prove to be a very professional publication.

Mr. Bailey went on to highlight the development items that had been raised which included better security measures, a firework evening, the formation of walking groups, a dirt BMX Track, improved seating, the introduction of floral gateways to Shawbury, etc.

6. The Moat Project:

Councillor A. Brown reported that with the long awaited agreement for the extension of the lease, he was hoping to put together the application for grant aid for planned developments. Recent work had centred on the pond area, and advice had been obtained to ensure that any action taken would improve the quality of the pond and encourage wildlife.

In the three years of the regeneration project 1,000 volunteer hours had been given by a range of people including Shawbury 1st. Cub Scouts and an award had been made to ten year old James Minns who had completed 25 volunteer hours.

With the help of grants from the United Charities two seats had been installed and it was hoped that two more would be in place in the next few weeks.

A tree safety survey had been carried out and as a result remedial safety work would be undertaken after the birds had finished nesting.

7. Village Fun Day:

Councillor Mrs. J. Manley had forwarded a written report stating that the idea of a Fun Day had been formed to celebrate the opening of the new Children's Play Area. The Play Area had been financed by grants raised by a Youth Action Group which she had attended as a Parish Council representative. The stalwart members of the action group, Alan Ambrose, Julie Denton and Karen Compton had given positive support to the creation of the Fun Day and the event had been a success thanks to the contributions of a number of individuals and Parish Organisations. It had been resolved to repeat the event next year.

8. United Charities Report:

Mrs. Mason gave a brief report on the work of the Committee and the grants made during the year. The constitution had been updated and this had resulted in using some of the funds that had been held on deposit for many years.

A financial report was tabled which indicated a balance of £3,519.58

9. Parish Matters:

Mr. Aldhous expressed concern that there was no representative from the police at the meeting and felt they were letting the Parish down. His comments were noted and supported by some Members and it was agreed that the Clerk should advise Inspector Wagstaff of the concerns raised.

He went on to thank the members of the Parish Plan Committee and the Moat Area working parties for the excellent work they were doing for the Parish.

The Chairman reported that he had been approached by residents in the Millbrook asking for a post box to be erected in the area. Agreed that the Clerk should pass the request to the Post office Authorities

10. Any other business:

There were no further items raised.

11. Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman closed the meeting by thanking everyone for making the effort to attend and especially those who had given reports.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: S. Jones Chairman

June 9th. 2009