

**SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE**  
**VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY MAY 22<sup>nd</sup>. 2018 at 7.30pm.**

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**In Attendance:**

Councillor Mr. A. G. Foster (Chairman).

Councillors Ms. S. McIntosh, Mr. J. Kennedy, Mr. D. Roberts, Mr. P. Sharp

Wing Commander Phil Spencer (RAF Shawbury)

The Parish Clerk.

Mrs. M. Clarke (United Charities Treasurer).

Ten members of the public.

**1. Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Shropshire Councillor S. Jones; Councillors Mr. A. Brown; Mrs. J. Manley, Mr. C. Kirkup, Mr. B. Lyon and Mr. R. Pinches and from Mrs. F. Medley and Mrs. Rachael Oakley (Smartwater).

**2. Welcome:**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced himself and the Clerk and asked Councillors to introduce themselves as well.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting held on May 17<sup>th</sup>. 2017:**

The Chairman pointed out that the minutes had been approved by the Parish Council at the Council Meeting held in June 2017 and that a copy was included in the information pack, which had been issued on arrival.

**4. Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

There were no issues arising from the minutes.

**5. Chairman's Report:**

At the start of the meeting a detailed written report on the Council's activities during the past year had been handed out and the Chairman briefly outlined certain aspects of the report including updates on planning, police crime reports, the Smartwater project, street lighting, future projects and problems related to dog fouling and litter.

He extending thanks to his fellow Councillors, the Parish Clerk, Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones and Flt.Lt. Martin McArdle for the help and advice they give throughout the year.

In conclusion he invited questions or comments from those attending but none were raised.

**6. Shropshire Council:**

Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones had sent an apology stating that he was unable to attend because of a prior engagement. He had produced a written report which was included with the documents handed out at the start of the meeting.

**7. Community Service Awards:**

The Chairman introduced Wing Commander Phil Spencer and welcomed him to the meeting, stating that the Council was delighted that RAF Shawbury continued to sponsor the awards, which were again being presented to volunteers highlighting the commitment within the Community.

Wing Commander Phil Spencer then presented awards to Mrs. Margaret Slater; Mr. David Roberts and Mr. Ralph Prince.

Wing Commander Spencer congratulated the award winners and went on to state that RAF Shawbury was pleased to be associated with the awards, which was further evidence of the strong links between the base and the local community, fostered over many years. Recent service reviews had indicated that RAF Shawbury would be operating for at least the next twenty five years, training armed forces personnel to fly and maintain the new range of helicopters.

He pointed out the wide range of services performed by helicopters on the battlefield and in undertaking other essential activities which called for well trained and dedicated personnel, which was the role of RAF Shawbury.

The Chairman thanked him for attending and for his and the base's continued support.

#### **8. United Charities:**

Mrs Miriam Clarke, the Committee Treasurer, gave a brief report on the work of the Committee, explained how money was generated and how grants could be allocated to various organisation or individuals in need.

In the past year financial help had been given to the local school and some families in need with Co-op vouchers being distributed to a number of people at Christmas.

There was a healthy balance in the Charities Accounts.

#### **9. Open Forum:**

No issues were raised.

#### **10. Chairman's Closing Comments**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and encouraged them to raise issues or concerns with the Council. He then reminded them that the Council still needed to recruit an additional Member and that details were being advertised.

In conclusion he gave a special vote of thanks to Mr. Richard Bailey for his dedicated service to the Community which was highly valued by all Council Members.

**Minutes approved as a true record of the meeting.**

**Signed: A. G. Foster Chairman.**

**Date: June 12<sup>th</sup>. 2018**