

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12TH.
2013 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

There were two members of the public present – Mr. & Mrs. Morgan - who explained that they were intending to put in a planning application for an exceptional site development at the Coppice, Shawbury Wood and wished to explain the reasons why they were doing this. They gave an outline of what they had already done on site, their future plans and problems they were facing in caring for livestock.

The Chairman thanked them for the information and explained that although Members were sympathetic to their plans, they could not take any further action until a planning application was sent to the Council for consideration and comment.

Present:

Mrs. J. Manley (Chairman)

Mr. J. Kennedy

Mrs. F. Medley

Mr. D. Baldwin

Mrs. G. Mathews

Mr. R. Rathbone

Mr. D. Roberts

Mr. R. Bailey

Mr. J. Davies

Mrs. T. Howells

Mr. R. Pinches.

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk.

Mr. S. Jones (Shropshire Councillor)

Mrs. G. Moore (Community Officer RAF Shawbury).

Two members of the public.

12/173 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Mrs. S. Dove and Flt. Lt. N. Byne (RAF Shawbury).

12/174 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

Mr. Bailey declared an interest in Agenda Item.6.

12/175 Minutes of Meeting held on January 15th. 2013:

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

12/176 Matters Arising:(a) CCTV (12/161(a))

(1) Malfunction:

Mr. Bailey reported that he had met representatives of ORP on site and they had accessed the camera and cleaned the lens. If this did not resolve the problem there would be a need to send the camera back for repairs to the company who had supplied it. This would take about two weeks. They also felt that the streetlight to which the camera was attached was causing a problem with the recordings. They suggested that he light should be turned through 90 degrees which should alleviate the problem. Clerk was asked to contact NWP and ask for an engineer to meet with Mr. Bailey to discuss what was needed.

(2) Broadband:

Members considered an estimate from ORP for connecting the recording equipment to broadband and after due consideration decided not to proceed with this as the overall cost outweighed the benefits.

(b) Basic Life Support Course (12/161(d))

Mr. Bailey gave an update on the planned course. Nineteen people had registered which was the maximum for the course. Members of other Parishes that had shown an interest had not contacted him. Mr. Phil Keyse had contacted him about installing a defibrillator and he had given him details of what was happening.

It was noted that two more people in the Parish were completing their training as First Responders making three in total.

(c) Glebe Area (12/161(e))

(1) Right of Way.

Clerk reported that Shropshire Council had confirmed that the access road belonged to them and that no 'Rights of Way' had been granted.

(2) Grass cutting

Mr. Pinches had agreed to flail cut the area before the bird nesting season, if and when weather conditions were suitable.

(3) Debris

Mr. Bailey offered to clear and dispose of some of the debris that had collected on the site and Members accepted his offer.

(d) Tree Inspection (12/167)

Clerk reported that Mr. Merchant had agreed to get the inspection of the trees completed in the current financial year and had already done most of the work. Arrangements would be needed to get some work done before the bird nesting season started. Clerk was authorised, after consultation with the Chairman, to discuss this with Mr. Jamie and as some trees were in the Moat area, to involve Mr. Brown in the process.

(e) Estates Committee (12/166)

Clerk had, as requested, produced a detailed paper outlining a possible constitution for the proposed Estates Sub Committee. A copy had been sent to all Members and he had discussed this with Mr. Brown in relation to the effect it would have on the Moat Committee. He had requested responses and had received two - one from Mr. Bailey and one from Mrs. Medley. Mrs. Medley had felt that it may not be possible to get sufficient people to serve on the advisory committees and Mr. Bailey felt that the creation of this type of committee was unnecessary as it would be time consuming and probably delay activities.

. The Chairman explained the reasoning behind the suggested committee and proposed that it should be created. This was seconded by Mr. Roberts and put to the vote where it was defeated by five votes to four with two abstentions. A proposal to have three advisory committees was approved.

(f) Meeting with Meres and Mosses (12/165 (iiib))

Mr. Bailey reported that he had met a representative from Meres and Mosses in an attempt to determine the boundary between the new area of the Glebe and the land owned by Meres and Mosses. It had been a positive meeting and it had been agreed that a post and wire fence should be erected, after the Meres and Mosses legal team had identified the exact location of the boundary.

(g) Dog Fouling (12/168(c))

Members continued to receive complaints about the amount of dog fouling around the village and Mr. Jones promised to get members of the environment team to carry out covert observations at various times and locations and impose fines on those who were identified to be causing a problem.

Mr. Creber had offered to clear some of the waste from the playing field if he was provided with the right equipment. Mrs. Moore (RAF Community Officer) offered to provide some help.

(h) Meeting re. help in the Moat Area (12/138(2))

Clerk reported that a meeting with representatives from Stoke Heath Prison had been very positive and they were prepared to arrange for a group of prisoners to attend on a regular basis and undertake maintenance work in the Moat or on other Parish sites. There was a need to be able to access washing and toilet facilities and it was hoped that an agreement could be reached with the Village Hall Committee. Mrs. Medley agreed to raise the issue at the next Village Hall Committee meeting.

12/177 Correspondence:

Members considered the following correspondence which had been received by the Clerk:

1. Councillor Simon Jones:

(a) Speed restrictions on A53

Members welcomed the report that Shropshire Council had agreed to extend the 30mph limit on the A53 to the start of the current 40mph limit and noted that this was subject to the granting of a new Traffic Regulation Order.

(b) Path Gritting:

It was decided that the Council were not in a position to carry out this type of activity.

2. Miriam Turner - Youth Account.

Members considered the request for a Member to become a signatory on the local youth account. The Chairman had asked for some additional information and suggested that no decision should be made until after the forthcoming election. This was approved by Members.

3. Shropshire Council – Election information.

4. Helen Biggs amended road closure plans (Edgebolton).

5. Tony Harrison – Local bus service tenders

6. Shropshire Council

– Consultation on SAMDev Plan – agenda item for meeting in March.

– Consultation on Housing Renewal Assistance – agenda item for meeting in March.

12/178 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following invoices:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (Feb.)	£507.76
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Jan.)	£69.51
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (Feb.)	£126.94
Mr. T. Creber	Village work (Feb)	£417.00
NWP Electrical	Maintenance (Jan.)	£414.22
Mrs. J. Manley	Glebe – Land Registry search	£18.00
Scottish Power	Electricity costs (January)	£267.90
Interactive Information	Hosting/ web; email and data base/Log me in (March 2013 –March 2014)	£229.20
Staples	Analysis Account Book	£35.60
R. Bailey	Compost and ties for tree & hedging	£10.98
Buckingham Nurseries	Jubilee Tree and Burial Ground Hedging	£61.90

12/179 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

12/180 Exchange of Information:(a) Agenda Items for the next meeting:

No further items raised.

(b) Issues needing urgent attention:(i) Highways:

No problems identified other than continued problems with pot holes.

(ii) Streetlights:

1. Some lights in Millbrook on all day.
2. Problem with lights on Wytheford Road still not rectified.

(iii) Other:

- (a) It was agreed to allow Shropshire Cat Rescue to hold car boot sales on the playing field on March 30th. and May 4th.
- (b) Members considered a complaint received from Mrs. Fryer about leaf fall from the oak tree on the Bridgeway Open Space area, adjacent to her property. Mrs. Matthews agreed to carry out a site visit to determine the problem. It was noted that it was a protected tree and as such no action could be taken without the approval of Shropshire Council's tree officer. Clerk to advise Mrs. Fryer of the Council's decision.
- (c) Mrs. Manley was given permission to hold a Craft Fair on the afternoon before the Firework Evening on November. 2nd.
- (d) It was noted that BT had still not removed the telephone box at Church Close. Clerk to email Lois Dale at Shropshire Council and ask her to contact BT and ask them to take action.

12/181 Applications for Grants:

After consideration a grant of £70.00 was made to each of the following:

Shawbury Scout and Guide Committee; Hope House; North Shropshire Safety Scene; Severn Hospice; MacMillan Nursing; Marie Curie Cancer Care; West Shropshire Talking Newspaper; Citizens Advice Bureau.

12/182 Reports from:**(a) Police:**

A written report had been received which indicated that in January the following offence had been recorded;

Burglary -1.

(b) RAF Shawbury:

.Mrs. Moore reported:

- (i) On the poor state of Dawson's Rough car park and the tennis courts. There was an indication that there would be no action to improve the tennis courts as other courts were available.
- (ii) A decision had been made to re-surface the road from Dawson's Rough to the Village.
- (iii) That the Station Commander was keen to find out what was happening to St. Mary's School. Apparently Shropshire Council was now claiming ownership of the land and the buildings and it seemed likely that it would be put up for sale.
- (iv) That five hundred Shropshire school children were taking part in a week's programme of sports activity on the base.
- (v) That action was underway to resolve the flooding problem on the lay-by and footpath leading to the Officers Mess.

(c) Shropshire Council:

Mr. Jones reported:

That as there had been no objections to the proposed alterations/developments to the road system traffic lights etc. work was planned to start almost immediately. There would be a delay with the re-positioning of the 30mph speed limit whilst the necessary approval was obtained.

Planning Applications:**A. The following application had been considered with no objections raised:**

The Garage, Edgbolton – workshop extension to form wheel alignment bay.

B. The following application had been approved by Shropshire Council:

- 1. Wytheford Grange – work to facilitate rendering of external walls.
- 2. Land at Drayton Road – siting of a static caravan.
- 3. 14, Wem Road – erection of a balcony.

12/183 Committee Reports:**. (a) Moat Committee:**

- (i) Minutes of the committee meeting held on January 22nd. had already been circulated. No issues were raised.
- (ii) Chairman had agreed to the purchase of an updated First Aid Box and a heavy duty strimmer. (This could be used in other areas of the Parish)
- (iii) Mr. Brown had completed the application for a Heritage Grant and had sent a copy to the Clerk for consideration. After discussions with the Chairman it had been agreed that, as Members had seen the original version and there were only minor amendments, the application should be sent to the allocating committee. Clerk offered to send a copy to any Member who wished to see it.

(iv) Following discussions with Mr. Brown, the Clerk had sent a letter to English Heritage reminding them that the current agreement would end in June and asking for a meeting to review the level of finance for the next agreement. The Clerk had also asked for a contribution towards the cost of the current tree inspections and any subsequent work needed.

(b) ALC Area Committee:

The Chairman had attended the meeting and her report had been forwarded to Members.

(c) Local Joint Committee

Mr. Kennedy reported that at the LJC Committee meeting it had been reported that a number of Parishes had decided not to go ahead with installing defibrillators

He reminded Members that the full committee would be meeting in Shawbury Village Hall on Tuesday 19th. February at 7.00pm.

12/184 Unresolved Issues

Members considered and amended the list of unresolved issues in the Parish noting that most had been resolved.

12/185 Press Matters:

No matters to report.

12/186 Date and Time of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on March 12th. 2013 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed; J. Manley (Chairman)

Date: 12th. March 2013