

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH
COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY
OCTOBER 13TH. 2009 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

1. Four members of the public were present and raised concerns about certain aspects of the path adjacent to the new BMX Track. Chairman told them that the BMX Track was being discussed as an agenda item and that their concerns would be addressed then. The members were invited to stay but declined the offer.. Chairman told them that the Clerk would write to them giving details of any proposed action.

2. Mrs. Porter from the Community Council outlined her role in promoting collaborative projects and offered to help should the Parish identify one they would like to develop. Any selected project had to involve various organisations within a community working together. Members agree to bring ideas to the next meeting for discussion.

Present:

Mrs. J. Manley (Vice Chairman)

Mr. S. Dodd

Mr. D. Baldwin

Mrs. F. Medley

Mr. J. Kennedy

Mr. R. Bailey

Mr. A. Brown

Mr. D. Roberts.

Mr. R. Pinches

In the absence of the Mr. Jones, Mrs. Manley chaired the meeting.

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk

Ms. M. Turner (Youth Officer)

Mrs. G. Porter (Community Council of Shropshire)

09/97 Apologies.

Mr. S. Jones

Mrs. S. Dove

Sqdn Ldr. D. Lewis (RAF Shawbury)

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

09/98 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests:

Mr. Bailey declared an interest in Items 4(5), 6 and 9(3) of the Agenda.

09/99 Minutes of the Meeting held on September 8th. 2009

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

09/100 Matters Arising:**1. Footpaths to Play Area and Youth Pod.**

Mr. Brown and the Clerk reported that there had been no response from officers at Shropshire Council, who had been approached for advice. Clerk to contact them again and stress the urgency of getting the work done.

2. BMX Track:

Members were full of praise for the new track and Mr. Bailey was congratulated and thanked for the effort he had taken, together with the volunteer support. The track was proving very popular with the young people and parents too. It was an asset to the community.

Members considered the issues raised in the public session and in two letters sent to the Clerk. Mr. Bailey said that he had already improved the safety measures but would look at the possibility of providing a further barrier to prevent cycling on the path. He agreed that there had been changes to the path but the actual gradient remained the same. The material used would 'bed down' and soon provide a firm surface. Members agreed to consider improving the lighting in the area.

It was agreed to monitor the developments at the next meeting.

Clerk confirmed that there were sufficient funds in the budget head to purchase the necessary signs and provide another seat.

Clerk to go ahead with designing and ordering the signs.

3. Village Security – Provision of CCTV coverage for the area surrounding the Village Hall, Car Park and Recreation Ground.

The Chairman opened the discussion by reminding Members that this item had been deferred from the previous meeting, when concerns had been raised about the quoted price of the scheme and the fact that it could not be linked into the main control centre in Shrewsbury. The Clerk had, as asked, obtained additional quotations and these had been forwarded to Members for detailed consideration.

Before considering the quotations, she felt it was necessary to confirm that the Council wished to proceed with the scheme. Mr. Bailey reminded Members that in the Parish Plan, the community had placed Law and Order as a priority. Police presence had increased but was not sufficient to deal with all the aspects of anti-social behaviour. He felt that CCTV in this area would be an aid to the Council and assure the parishioners that the Council was taking action to tackle the problems. The system would be valuable in dealing with vandalism, anti-social activity, littering and dog fouling issues. Some Members felt that there had been a decrease in the problems and were not sure how valuable the cameras would be as they could not be linked to the County system. It was also felt by some that the money could be used for other activities. There was a general feeling that no one was completely sure of all the legal aspects of using this system and the recorded data..

Mr. Bailey proposed that *'This Council agrees in principle to purchase and use a CCTV system ,after the legal position is clarified''* This was seconded by Mr. Pinches.

Mr. Bailey said that he felt so strongly about this proposal that he would like the names recorded of those voting for and against it.

The Chairman called for a vote and the motion was carried by seven votes to two. Those voting for – Mrs. Medley and Messrs Bailey, Pinches, Brown, Dodd, Roberts and Kennedy. Against – Mrs. Manley and Mr. Baldwin.

The Clerk was asked to approach Mr. Roberts (Shropshire Council) for advice on the legal aspects, which would be discussed at the next meeting.

Members then considered the quotations and it was unanimously agreed to offer the contract to O.R.P. based in Welshpool. Clerk to advise them that they were the preferred contractor but that confirmation of the contract would only be confirmed when all the outstanding legal aspects had been resolved.

4. Councillor Surgeries:

Mrs. Dove had sent in a written report stating that two people had attended and raised issues about anti-social behaviour at the Youth Pod and Highways problems on Poynton Road.

Mrs. Dove had responded to the queries but it was agreed that the Clerk would write to each person confirming that their concerns had been brought to the attention of Members and appropriate action would be taken.

5. Floral Gateways:

Members approved the design and purchase of sponsorship signs and it was agreed that the sponsorship figure should be set at £100.00 per annum for each planter. Mr. Bailey confirmed the offer of sponsorship for one of the planters and that he had also been offered donations by two parishioners. Clerk to check possible regulations with Highways re. size, position, height etc.

6. New Road Signs:

It was noted that the new signs had been delivered but had been erected in the wrong place by the contractors. Clerk to advise Ms. Ashmore of the error and ask for it to be rectified and to also provide a new sign for Church Close where the new signs had inadvertently been erected.

7. Annual Bonfire/Firework Display:

Mr. Bailey updated Members on the plans for the event and confirmed that everything was in place. A small fairground had been booked and this would be on site on the Friday evening, with 10% of the takings donated towards the cost of the firework display.

There had been some concerns raised that the event would clash with Halloween Night activities but Mr. Bailey explained that this was the only date the Firework Company could offer. He had arranged a fancy dress competition for children and hoped that the evening would cater for the needs of everyone..

He thanked Mr. Baldwin for arranging a Quiz Event which had raised £95.00 for the firework evening.

8. Fly Tipping in River Roden:

The problem had been rectified by Shropshire Council's environmental department.

09/101 Correspondence

The following correspondence was brought to the attention of Members:

1. Veolia es Shropshire Ltd. – dates of excess household waste collection service.
2. Telford and Wrekin Council – Central Area Action Plan – submission.
3. P. Eccleston – complaint about dog fouling, loose dogs and speeding traffic. Clerk to respond.
4. Shropshire Council – ‘Pathways’.
5. S.A.L.C. – details and date of AGM.
6. Pauls Transport - asking for Council support with an application for grant aid to purchase a rubble crusher. Members felt that this would need a planning approval and they would consider it at the appropriate time.

09/102 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (October)	£332.22	=
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses	£139.53	
Inland Revenue	Income tax (October)	£83.00	
Mr. R. Bailey	Erdington Close play area maintenance	£100.00	
	Materials for BMX Track	£28.59	
Mr. T. Creber	Village Work (October)	£437.00	
Mr. A.Houlihan	Provision of toilet facilities (October)	£50.00	
Scottish Power	Electricity supply (October)	£166.35	
Nobridge Ltd.	Grass cutting (Aug 17 th . & 27 th .)	£271.40	
N.W. P Electrical	Maintenance	£222.73	
Mark Ebrey	Design and Building of BMX Track	£480.00	
Lewis Plant Services	Equipment hire for constructing BMX Track	£782.00	
Loosemores	Materials for BMX Track	£1,058.00	
Reprographix	Printing newsletter	£233.20	
Mazars	External annual audit	£460.00	

09/103 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

09/104 External Audit report:

The external auditors’ report was tabled, indicating that they had no concerns over the management of the Council and that the financial records were accurate.

09/105 Parish Matters:

1. Request from Junior Football Club to move goalposts.

Deferred until next meeting.

2. Anti-Social Behaviour in Moat Area:

There had been no complaints received in the past month and the problem seemed to have decreased. However it was understood by Members that the police were organising a multi-agency meeting and membership would include the Parish Council Chairman.

3. RoSPA Play Area reports:

Mr. Bailey said that the report for the Erdington Close Play Area indicated that there were some areas that needed remedial work. The Clerk agreed to meet him on site to agree what action needed to be taken.

4. Access Report:

Mrs. Medley distributed a report she had compiled, regarding access to commercial properties and 'dropped kerbs'. There were some places where it was difficult for disabled people to access and better road crossing points were needed.

Members noted her comments and asked if she would do a more extensive report on the dropped kerb problems.

5. Council Christmas Tree:

There was unanimous approval for making a grant of £50.00 towards the purchase and decoration of a Village Christmas tree, which would be sited outside the Elephant & Castle Public House.

6. CSO's Powers to Issue on the spot fines for littering and dog fouling:

Mr. Bailey requested that information be obtained as to whether CSO's were licensed to give on the spot fines for littering and dog fouling. Clerk to investigate.

7. Poynton Road – gap in hedge:

Continued concern was expressed about young people exiting the Recreation Ground by this method and going onto a main road. The Highways Department and Diocese had been approached with suggestions for solving the problem but had rejected the proposals.

Clerk was asked to arrange a site meeting to try and resolve the problem and invite the Road Safety Officer, and representatives of the Police, the Diocese and the Highways Department.

09/106 Exchange of Information:

(a) For Members to raise issues for inclusion on the next agenda:

None, other than those under matters arising.

(b) For Members to raise issues needing urgent attention:

i. Highways:

Footpath in the Glebelands leading to the BMX Track in very poor state of repair.

Clerk to inform the Highways Department.

ii Other:

(a) River Gardens street sign damaged.

Clerk to report to Shropshire Council.

(b) Pavements and roads through Shawbury Village not being cleaned.

Clerk to report the situation to Shropshire Council and ask for action and details of the policy for this type of work.

09/107 Reports from:**(a) Police:**

A written report had been received indicating that in the period since the last meeting the following offences had been recorded:

Public Order Offence -1; Assault -1; Theft -1 and Cultivation of Cannabis – 1.

(b) Youth:

Ms. Turner gave a detailed report on the activities planned for the various age groups throughout the autumn and winter period. She was trying to diversify the programme for older members by adding other activities, including providing food at some meetings.

She reported that she had pulled out of some of the sessions for the junior club and this seemed to have resulted in a drop off in the number of volunteers.

There was a need for a Management Committee for the Junior Club to oversee the activities and give support. The duty was not onerous and she wondered if any of the Youth Action Committee would be prepared to take on the task. Mr. Dodd agreed to join the committee.

In conclusion she informed Members that the service was now known as ‘Shropshire Youth’.

(c) RAF Shawbury:

A written report had been received from Sqdn Ldr. Lewis indicating that:

- (1) A Navy 100 Day was being held on October 23rd. when 30/40 military and civil aircraft would be attending.
- (2) The new Commanding Officer will be attending the next Council meeting.

Mr. Brown asked the Clerk to report three instances of low flying helicopters.

(d) Shropshire Council:

No report tabled.

09/108 Planning applications:

A. Members considered the following applications received from Shropshire Council:

1. 44, Church Close, Shawbury – remedial work on a mature oak tree covered by a tree preservation order. No Objections.
2. 2, River Gardens, Shawbury – remedial work on an ash tree covered by a tree preservation order. No objections.

B. The following applications have been approved by Shropshire Council:

1. 17, Birch Drive, Shawbury – replacement front porch.
2. 111/11A Church Street, Shawbury – change of use of part ground floor and erection of a conservatory.

09/109 Committee Reports:**(a) Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee:**

Mr. Dodd reported that it had been mainly a meeting and greeting event with the election of a Chairman and Vice Chairman and an outline of the committee’s mandate.

(b) Moat:

Mr. Brown outlined the developments that had and were taking place. These included:

1. 1,146 volunteer hours had now been recorded. However it was the same people attending and numbers had dropped off.
2. The Group are concerned with the state of the black poplar tree by the River Roden Bridge, which had been severely pruned earlier in the year.
3. There would be a meeting with English Heritage and the Environment Agency on November 16th. to discuss ponds within the Moat ditch. Looks likely that both agencies will give financial support to the project.
4. The English Heritage representative had asked the group to produce a schedule of maintenance costs, with a view to the grant being increased.

(c) Parish Plan:

Mr. Bailey reported that the plan was complete and was just awaiting a final proof read before going to the printers.

09/110 Recreation Ground and Car Park Leases.

Members considered a letter from Balfours Ltd. outlining suggested increases in the rent for all the areas leased by the Council from the Diocese. After discussion it was decided that the increases were too high and Mr. Brown offered to calculate a figure based on the price index.

09/111 Clerk's Salary:

Members unanimously agreed to raise the Clerk's salary by 1.2% in line with the National Agreement.

09/112 Press Matters:

No matters to report

09/113 Date and Time of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on November 10th.at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed _____ **Date:** _____
Chairman