

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 9TH. 2014 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

There were three members of the public present, including Mr. Zielinski who had written to the Council prior to the meeting. They all wished to express concern about the speed of traffic using White Lodge Park and asked for support to get additional 20mph signs at the entrance to the estate from Poynton Road and to have speed retarders placed on the roads.

Members supported their concerns and it was agreed to take up the issue with Shropshire Council's Highways Department and they were all advised to write in support of the Council's action.

Present:

Mr. D. Roberts (Chairman).

Ms. S. McIntosh

Mrs. J. Manley

Mr. R. Pinches

Mr. P. Sharp

Mr. A. Foster

Mrs. M. Clark

Miss R. Wall

Mr. J. Kennedy

Mrs. G. Matthews

In Attendance:

Mr. S. Jones (Shropshire Councillor).

The Parish Clerk.

Flt. Lt. J. Hobkirk and Lt. M. McArdle RN (RAF Shawbury).

Apologies:

Apologies were presented and accepted from Councillors Mrs. T. Howells and Mrs. F. Medley.

14/113 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

There were no declarations.

14/114 Minutes of Meeting held on November 11th. 2014:

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

14/115 Matters Arising:

(a) Highways (14/100(a))

There were reports of little progress being made on issues which had been reported to Shropshire Council.

(b) Speed Watch Project (14/100(d)):

Clerk reported that there had been no further volunteers from the public but that Councillor John Kennedy had agreed to take part. It was decided to give further publicity to the scheme in the New Year but it was noted that across the region there had been a substantial response and that equipment and training personnel were at a premium.

(c) Shawbury Library/Village Hall (14/98):

It was reported that Shropshire had agreed a non-negotiable 35 year lease on the library area with an annual rent of £1.00 payable. There was an agreement for a variable payment of on-costs, currently set at £3,695.00 per annum.

Clerk stated that he had advised the library service that the Parish Council was not in a position to take financial responsibility for the library but were interested to see if it would be possible to keep and manage the computers located there. To date there had been no response.

(d) A53 Development (14/75(3)).

Members had been asked to respond to Shropshire Council's request to change some aspects of the planning application and following the replies received, the Chairman and the Clerk had compiled a response, details of which had been sent to Members. It had stressed the need for a full roundabout on the A53 at the entrance to the new estate and agreed with the proposal to create a new pathway from the site to Poynton Road and to dispense with the proposed bus parking/turning area. This proposal was subject to improvements being made with children accessing the Junior School.

A detailed response had been received and circulated, outlining the actions being taken and it was agreed to monitor the progress.

e) Relocation of bus stop (14/105)

It was confirmed that Shropshire Council had moved the bus stop from outside Shawbury House to a location by the pedestrian entrance to Carradine Close.

(f) Moat – Maintenance (November – public session).

Mr. Pinches was thanked for carrying out the grass cutting and other maintenance work.

14/116 Correspondence:

Members considered the following correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting:

SALC – Information bulletin (November 12th).

Mrs. Crowl – re. November Council meeting.

Mr. Bob Compton – concerns about outfall drift from the Shrewsbury incinerator.

Clerk to make an appropriate response.

SALC – Code of Conduct training event.

Clare Evans - further request for a footpath and speed limit on road from Edgebolton and Moreton Mill.

This had been reported to the Highways Department and a reply had been received stating that there were no funds available to pay for a path and that any change in the speed limit would have to be requested by the Parish Council as part of the response to the Safer Roads policy. The response was noted but it was felt that there was little chance of any change being made to the speed limit.

Richard Bailey – various (sale of scrap metal; bin fire; mole catching; overflowing bins).

Richard Ayton – safety work on B5063 (Wem Road).

Sue Thomas – SAMDev Inspection (Wem Area).

Citizens Advice Bureau – Annual report.

Shropshire Council – Health and Well-being.

SALC – Newsletter November 24th.

Shropshire and Telford Hospitals – Women and Children's Services.

Sue Thomas – consultation on the planned removal of BT telephone in the Shawbury.

It was reported that in the past twelve months the 'phone had only been used five times and it was decided not to object to the plans.

Wem Judo Club – suggestions re. membership.

Advised to place an article in the Parish Magazine.

SALC – Newsletter December 1st.

Mr. M. Zielinski – complaint about the speed of traffic using White Lodge Park and requesting additional signs at the entrance from Poynton Road and speed restriction methods throughout the area.

14/117 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following invoices:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (December)	£539.06
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Nov.)	£84.25
Inland Revenue	Tax/N.I (December)	£134.60
Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance (November)	£430.45
	Firework event expenses	£151.00

Mr. T. Creber	Village work (November)	£300.00
Shawbury Village Hall	Housing CCTV Equipment (12 months)	£200.00
Shawbury Village Hall	Room rent 2014	£102.95
Ms. S. McIntosh	Approved travelling expenses	£10.80
St. John Ambulance	Cover at Firework event	£68.64
Paper Write	Colour cartridges	£266.40

14/118 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

14/119 Dogs on the playing field.

(a)Control:

Members noted that many complaints had been received about loose dogs on the playing field, which was used extensively by children going to and from school or using the play areas. Clerk reported that he had discussed this with Richard Bailey, who had made the following suggestions:

1. The playing field should be identified as an area where dogs must be kept on leads at all times.
2. A specific area should be created on part of the Glebe Field where the grass would be cut shorter so that dogs could be off leads but under control, which would allow the dogs a good run.
3. The best access for the machine and minimal disruption to wild life would be the field adjacent to the Moat and directly below the playing field and separated by a fence.
4. This to be flail cut in April, mid-May, July and September.
5. Dogs would be allowed off leads in the Moat area.

Members were in general support of these proposals but felt that in the first instance there was a need to:

- (a) Look at Shropshire Council's Dog Control Policy and
- (b) Carry out a public consultation exercise.

(b)Faeces

With regard to dog faeces, it was noted that irresponsible owners were increasingly failing to 'pick-up' and use the bins provided. Mr. Cooper who works as a volunteer in emptying the dog bins for the Council, had reported that on one day over the weekend he had collected thirteen lots of waste from the field and seven from the pathways.

It was decided to discuss possible action with the dog warden and to try and raise public awareness but in the long run it would need prosecutions to create a real improvement.

14/120 Youth Provision:

Clerk had forwarded a paper to Members outlining proposals to provide a comprehensive approach by organising group activities for young people. The paper was adopted, as was a proposal that Rachel Wall should join with Tracie Howells in overseeing Youth Provision and look into the possibility of creating a Youth Council.

Rachel explained that she was keen to meet and talk with young people in the Community and she was given full backing by Council Members to start this project.

Any developments would depend on grant funding from the LJC.

14/121 Litter Collection Contract:

Mr. Kennedy reported on the complaints he had received from members of the public regarding litter by the shops and in areas which were not the responsibility of Shropshire Council and had been removed from Mr. Creber's contract. He had spoken to the Clerk and the Chairman and the Chairman had agreed to increase Mr. Creber's contract to three sessions per week to enable these areas to be kept clean.

Members supported the decision which would continue on into next year.

Some Members felt that an approach should be made to the local retailers to make a contribution to the cost of doing this.

14/122 Councillor's Expenses

A proposal that a budget of £500 should be created which would allow Councillors to claim out of pocket expenses for printing documents and using their own cars on Council business was adopted.

14/123 Budget and Precept Setting 2015 -2016

Members had been issued with a copy of the proposed budget for the next financial year which indicated that there was no need to increase the precept currently set at £46,300.00 plus the rate support grant.

The budget was unanimously approved and details of the budget would be posted on the notice board and placed on the Council's web site and in the library.

14/124 Exchange of Information:(a) Items for inclusion on the next agenda:

Plans for a possible outdoor fitness area.

(b) The following concerns were reported:(i) Highways:

(a) Potholes developing again in White Lodge Park.

(b) It was noted that the hedge at the entrance to White Lodge Park had been cut back but this did not solve the problem. There was a need to completely remove part of the hedge.

Clerk to report issues to Victoria Doran.

(c) There was a report of branches of shrubs overhanging pavements on Mytton Estate and at other locations.

Clerk to place an article in the Parish Magazine, reminding householders that it was their responsibility to cut back these branches.

(ii) Streetlights:

No issues raised.

(iii) Other:

1. Members approved the time table for next year's meetings and the Clerk stated that these had been confirmed with the Village Hall's new booking officer.
2. Councillor Sharp suggested that a copy of major planning applications should be sent to the local Doctor to enable him to make a response. This was agreed and the Clerk would action it.
3. Councillor Kennedy raised concerns about the number of vehicles 'jumping' red lights.

14/125 Reports from:**(a) Police:**

The following offences had been reported for October and recorded on the police web site:

Anti-social behaviour one in each of the following locations – Corbet Avenue; McKinley Way; A53; Near River Gardens; Beech Grove and Church Close; Criminal Damage – 2 (Poynton Road);

Violent behaviour -1 (Leasowes Park); Shop Lifting – 1 (Near River Gardens).

(b) RAF Shawbury:

Flt. Lt. Hobkirk informed the meeting that work commitments away from the camp were restricting his attendance and introduced Lt. M. McArdle RN, who was replacing him as the representative from RAF Shawbury.

He confirmed that the Christmas Lunch for Senior Citizens would be taking place on Tuesday 16th.

December and in response to a question from Councillor Kennedy, said he would find out how eligible parishioners were identified.

(c) Shropshire Council:

Councillor Simon Jones reported that:

- (a) There was a suggestion that Shropshire Council may not be passing on the rate support grants to the Parishes.

(b) A sum of £12,400.00 had been made available to the LJC for supporting youth activity and a working party had been created to look at the most effective way of spending the money.

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14/126 Planning:

The following application was considered and supported.

No 4, Muckleton – two storey side extension.

14/127 Committee/Other Reports:

LJC Meeting:

Mr. Kennedy confirmed the report made by Councillor Simon Jones regarding the project related to Youth provision and stated that a report by the Health Service on ‘Future Fit’ had been interesting and challenging.

The police had confirmed that CSO Liam Heathcote had left to join the police force as a serving officer and was being replaced by Dave Bryant who had previously served in this area.

14/128 Press Matters:

No reports suggested but agreed that an article should be placed in the Parish Magazine.

14/129 Date and Time of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on January 13th. 2015 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: D. Roberts (Chairman) Date: January 13th.2015