

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>. 2016 at 7.00pm.**

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**Public Session:**

There were two members of the public present:

Mr. R. Bailey stated that he wished to congratulate the Vice Chairman on the quality of the Moat sign she had organised for erection at the entrance from the A53. Many people had spoken highly of the work.

He had also spoken to several people about the proposed VAS signs and the majority, like him, seemed to favour signs that indicated the speed restriction rather than stating 'SLOW DOWN'

Mr. Brian Lyon stated that he was interested in applying for the vacant position on the Council and had attended as he wished to see what would be involved.

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**Present:**

Mr. D. Roberts (Chairman)

Ms. S. McIntosh

Mrs. J. Manley

Mrs. F. Medley

Mr. J. Kennedy

Mr. A. G. Foster

Mr. R. Pinches

Mrs. G. Matthews

Mr. P. Sharp

Mrs. M. Clarke

**In Attendance:**

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones.

The Parish Clerk.

Lt. M. McArdle RN (RAF Shawbury).

One member of the public.

**Apologies:**

Apologies were presented and accepted from. Councillor Mrs. Howells

**16/01 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.**

There were no interests declared:

**16/02 Minutes of Meeting held on March 8<sup>th</sup>. 2016**

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

**16/03 Matters Arising:**

**(a)Highways (15/169(a))**

There was no evidence of work being carried out on issues which had been raised over the past few months.

**(b) Moat Sign (15/169(c))**

Members congratulated the Vice -Chairman on the standard of the excellent sign she had arranged to have erected.

**(c) Council vacancy (15/169(d)).**

Clerk reported that Mrs. Sheila Pallant had declared an interest and hoped to be able to sit in at the next meeting to see what was involved.

(d) Vehicle Activated Signs (15/169(e)).

It was unanimously agreed to:

1. Delay a decision on the location of a sign at Edgebolton, based on the difficulty in finding a suitable location and a report from the Safer Road Partnership stating that the majority of vehicles were observing the limit. Response from the public at the Annual Parish Meeting would be considered.
2. To accept a quotation from EON to erect a 30mph sign on the streetlight close to the Farm Shop. The cost would be £3,220.00 (+VAT). Clerk to liaise with Mr. Jason Hughes and Mr. David Gradwell (Shropshire Council) and Mr Garry Johnson (EON).

(e) Fitness Area (15/169(f))

Councillor P. Sharp reported that the Council had secured a grant of £8,000 from Tesco and the Clerk stated that a grant of £5,000 had been promised by the Hilton-Jones Charitable Trust. The total cost of the proposed project was £18,000 but the VAT could be re-claimed leaving the Council to provide about £2,000, which had been budgeted for from events that had taken place at various times.

It was agreed to go ahead with the development and meet with the contractor to finalise the plans.

(f) Group Awards (16/169(h)).

Recipients of the award had been informed and invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to receive their plaques. It was agreed that the Chairman should make the presentations.

(g) Community Service Awards (15/169(j)).

Members considered a list of nominations that had been made and agreed to make awards to the following people:

Mrs. D. Gregory; Mrs. P. Kynaston; Mrs. T. Howells; Mrs. J. Richards; Mrs. O. Turner; Mr. D. Turner; Mr. M. Giles; Mr. H. Rothwell and Mrs. D. Rothwell.

**16/04 Correspondence:**

Members considered the correspondence received since the last meeting and noted the following: Shropshire Council had dealt with the footpath problem at Edgebolton.

The Environment Agency had attended to the blocked sewer by the bridge.

A request for dropped kerbs in Park Avenue had been forwarded to Shropshire Council.

A request from the W. I. for the Council to purchase some additional litter pickers for the 'Clean for the Queen' project was approved.

Clerk to respond to an email from Mrs. Gilchrist complaining about the state of the Glebe.

The report of a small error on the Moat sign was noted but it was agreed no action would be taken.

**16/05 Accounts for Payment:**

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (April)		£550.90
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (March)		£68.50
Inland Revenue	Tax (April)	£137.60	
	N.I. (April)	£1.72	£139.32
Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance, replacement flowers, Fence preserver, seat fixing		£563.87
Mr. T. Creber	Village Work (March)		£300.00
Balfours	Rent Glebe, playing field, car park		£1,225.00
Shelly Signs	Design, supply and erection of Moat map		£942.00
NALC	Monthly magazine		£13.50
Shropshire Trophies	Group Plaques		£123.00
Paperwrite	Photocopier cartridges		£275.40
Mrs. Diane Malley	Payroll services		£58.00
SALC	Membership (2016-2017)		£847.68
Nobridge Ltd.	Ground maintenance (March)		£194.05

**16/06 Financial Statement**

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

**16/07 Exchange of Information:**(a) Agenda Items for the next meeting:

No items raised.

(b) The following Items of concern were reported:(i) Highways:

1. A number of large potholes in Bridgeway and Millbrook.
2. Concerns about the extent of flooding by the traffic lights, bus stop and surrounding area which has been reported on numerous occasions.

(ii) Street Lighting:

No concerns raised.

(iii) Other:

A request from Tracie Howells to use the playing field for football presentations on 5<sup>th</sup>. June was approved.

**16/08 The Burial Ground**

Councillor Mrs. Medley gave an excellent report on the planned lay out of the extended burial ground and pointed out that there were still several spaces in the original ground. There were sufficient spaces to provide for burials over many years.

Members approved the document and she was thanked for her efforts.

She also pointed out that there was several areas of remedial work needed and the Chairman agreed to discuss this with Richard Bailey and ask him to carry out the work.

**16/09 Reports From:****(a) Police**

No report tabled.

**(b) RAF Shawbury.**Lt. McArdle reported that:

60 Sqn Anniversary was being celebrated on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Land Owners Day was on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Building was now under way for the new development and did not appear to be causing too many problems.

**(c) Shropshire Council.**Shropshire Councillor Jones reported that:

1. Repairs to the Millbrook/Bridgeway roads was not in this year's funding programme.
2. Resurfacing and drainage problems by the traffic light area were planned to take place this year.
3. Contrary to press reports there were no major cuts planned to bus services.
4. The Government had provided extra finance to deal with the County's pot hole problems.

Councillor Sharp questioned Councillor Smith over details of Shropshire Council's funding plans that had been presented at a recent SALC Committee meeting. It appeared that a whole range of services could be withdrawn if agreement could not be reached by September for Parish and Town Councils to take responsibility for them. It seemed to include items such as highway maintenance.

In response Councillor Jones stated that Shropshire Council were looking at different ways in which services could be delivered and would be discussing these with town and parish councils. There was a need for Shropshire Council to have overall responsibility for statutory services but other service might have to be withdrawn if alternative providers could not be identified.

**16/09 Planning:****A. The following applications had been received and were considered:**

1. Wytheford House, Wytheford- installation of 165KW combined heating power unit to replace gas powered system. *Application supported.*
2. Bridgeway – erection of a single storey outbuilding for use as a garage and home gym area. *Application supported but planners asked to check the distance between the new build and the boundaries.*
3. ‘Cauldersytch Cottage’ Butlers Bank – erection of a detached dormer bungalow annexed to existing dwelling. *Application supported.*
4. Four Winds, The Green, Shawbury – replacement dwelling. *Application supported.*

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

74, Bridgeway – 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension, garage conversion, extension to rear.

**C. Other:**

Development alongside the A53.

Chairman reported that he had been asked to sign a paper agreeing to the proposal that part of the cost of providing a roundabout on the A53 for the new housing development should be charged against the CIL money. It was expected that final plans would be published in the near future.

**16/10 Committee Reports:**

No reports tabled.

**16/11 Press Matters:**

Details of the Annual Parish Meeting to be published.

**16/12 Date and time of next meeting the AGM:**

The next meeting will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2016 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

**Approved as a true record of the Meeting.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Chairman)**      **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_