

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY MARCH 8TH. 2016 at 7.00pm.

Prior to the start of the meeting Council Members visited the recently convened Youth Club operating in the Village Hall. The club is proving to be very successful, is well attended and managed by a very dedicated team of volunteer helpers. Members expressed their thanks and for the effort being put in and congratulated those involved. However it was brought to Member's attention that there is a need for more volunteer support, particularly from men.

Public Session:

There was one member of the public present but no issues were raised.

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. T. Howells

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones.

The Parish Clerk.

Mr. G. Higgins (Smartwater).

One member of the public.

Apologies:

Apologies were presented and accepted from Councillor Mrs. M. Clarke and Lt. M. McArdle RN (RAF Shawbury).

15/164 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

There were no interests declared:

15/165 Minutes of Meeting held on February 9th. 2016

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

15/166 Smartwater

Mr. Gary Higgins from the company Smartwater gave a very interesting and informative talk on the use of a product called Smartwater, as an aid to help reduce instances of crime. This product is available for individuals to purchase but successful projects had been developed in various locations, where the whole community had been involved in creating a 'Smartwater Community'. This type of development was supported by the police with grant aid. Cleobury Mortimer was one of the communities where this had been successfully developed with the aid of the Parish Council; the Police and Local Housing Associations. As a resident of Shawbury, he was keen to see this developed in the Shawbury area. The Chairman thanked Gary for attending and for the interesting information and assured him that Members would give it detailed consideration.

After he left the meeting, further discussion by Members took place and it was decided to invite Garry to attend and speak at the Annual Parish Meeting, to ensure that the public were aware of the product.

Clerk to discuss this with Gary and then take any necessary action to promote the event with other organisations.

15/167 Matters Arising:(a) Highways.

Councillor Mrs. Manley reported that the footpaths round White Lodge Park had been resurfaced.

(c) Moat Sign.

Vice Chairman stated that the sign was ready for erection and the Chairman and the Clerk would be arranging a suitable time for this to be done and it was hoped to involve the press. The site location was agreed.

(d) Council vacancy.

Clerk reported that there had been no response to the advertisement for a new Councillor.

(e) Vehicle Activated Signs.

Clerk reported that Shropshire Council had informed him that the site suggested for a sign in the Edgebolton area was not appropriate. EON were looking for an alternative location but as there was no suitable lamp post available the cost would be considerably higher. In the meantime The Safer Road Partnership had carried out speed checks on that stretch of the road and these indicated that in the main traffic was adhering to the stated speed limit.

At this point the Chairman suspended the meeting to allow a comment from the member of the public in attendance. He suggested that efforts should be made to reduce the speed of HGVs to below 50mph which would solve the problem.

The meeting re-started:(f) Fitness area – grant application.

Members were pleased with the news that Tesco had short listed the project for grant aid and Councillor Sharp confirmed that the Council would receive a minimum of £8,000, which could be increased if sufficient people had voted for it in the Tesco stores in Shrewsbury.

Clerk also confirmed that Sue Thomas had put him in touch with the Hilton-Jones Charitable Trust which had expressed a genuine interest and were considering a response at a meeting later in the month. The Council had earmarked £5,000.00 for this development in next year's budget and the project had been given wide publicity in the community without any adverse comment. The total cost would be £18,000.00 but the VAT could be claimed back

Councillor Sharp stated that Tesco would wish to be seen as the main provider of the project so the development may have to be done in stages. Clerk to discuss options with the preferred contractor.

(g) Glebe/Moat – drainage work.

Chairman and Clerk reported on a site visit they had undertaken in the Glebe and Moat areas. The work carried out had been extensive but there was clear evidence of much improved drainage taking place. There was a good deal of restoration work required but with the improving weather and action by Richard Bailey and his team of volunteers, improvements would soon be seen.

(h) Group Awards.

Clerk reported that he had ordered the plaques and after discussion with the Chairman it had been decided that certificates were not needed. It was agreed that the presentations should take place at the Annual Parish Meeting. Clerk to advise the recipients and invite them to the meeting.

(i) Felled Oak Tree.

Clerk reported that the situation had been resolved and the Housing Association had apologised and donated several young trees for planting on the Glebe site.

(j) Community Service Awards.

Details of the award had been published with an invite for nominations.

(j) Wem Road – Speed Cushions:

Councillor P. Sharp reported that he had been visited by Mrs. Gregory who had brought documents received from the Police, which she felt showed that correct consultation had not taken place. She had also stated that she was unhappy with the way she was treated when she attended the Shropshire Council meeting.

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones re-affirmed that the correct standard legal consultation procedures had been carried out in respect of the proposed development. Adverts had been placed in both local newspapers and sent to the Parish Council and the Library. The officer (now retired) responsible for the oversight had confirmed that notices had been delivered to local shops and fixed to streetlights in Wem Road, with photographic evidence to prove this.

The plans had been included with the proposed development on the A53 which had been responded to. Unfortunately it had taken over two years for the project to be carried out from the time the consultation documents were issued.

With respect to the meeting at Shirehall, Mrs. Gregory had been informed of the standard procedure and of the length of time allocated to present a petition and this had been followed.

Members felt that with any future consultations, where it was possible, efforts would be made to enhance any relevant publicity sent out by Shropshire Council.

The Chairman proposed that this issue was now closed and Members supported his proposal. Councillor Sharp stated that he would report the decision back to Mrs. Gregory.

15/168 Correspondence:

Members considered the correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting, most of which had already been sent to them and dealt with.

A detailed response was made to the concerns raised by Ms. Horton, regarding spraying and work on the Glebe.

It was decided that Shropshire Council's offer to carry out Play Area inspections would not be taken up this year but could be considered in the future.

Details of any Neighbourhood Watch Schemes should be sent to the Clerk for forwarding on to the police.

15/169 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (March)		£550.90
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (February)		£270.99
Inland Revenue	Tax /N.I. (March)		£139.32
Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance (February)		£440.00
Mr. T. Creber	Village Work (February)		£300.00
Hope House	Grant		£200.00
The Hospice	Grant		£200.00
Shawbury Brownies	Grant		£200.00
Meres & Mosses	Allotment rent		£25.00
Mr. R. Pinches	Hedge cutting	£179.56	
	Flail cutting & topping	£496.82	
	Major drainage/ restoration work	£3,991.20	£4,667.58
ORP Surveillance	Maintenance agreement (2016)		£570.00

15/170 Financial Statement

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

15/171 Exchange of Information:

(a) Agenda Items for the next meeting:

Burial Ground.

(b) The following Items of Concern were reported:

(i) Highways:

No additional concerns raised.

(ii) Street Lighting:

No report tabled.

iii) Other:

Councillor Manley reported that a car had been left on the grass verge on the side of the highway. The car had been sold and the new owner had failed to collect it. The previous owner was advised to notify the Highways Department who would take the necessary action to have it removed.

15/172 Reports from:**(a) Police:**

Incidents recorded by the police for January were:

Beech Grove – Burglary 1 (under investigation)

River Gardens – Shop lifting 1 (under investigation).

Church Close – Violence 1 (under investigation).

Leasowes – Vehicle crime 1 (no suspect identified).

Wytheford Road – Burglary 1 (under investigation).

Hazeldine Crescent – Violence 3 (unable to prosecute suspect) Anti-Social Behaviour 1.

Glebelands – Vehicle crime (under investigation.)

(b) RAF Shawbury:

No report tabled.

(c) Shropshire Council:

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones gave an up-date on the financial problems facing Shropshire Council where any increased income would have to be used to fund adult social care. Efforts were continuing nationally to get a better deal from the Government for rural communities.

15/173 Planning:A. The following applications have been received:

74, Bridgeway, Shawbury – erection of single storey extension to side and rear + garage conversion to form additional living accommodation. *No objections raised.*

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

7, Leasowes Park – work to 7 protected oak trees.

Property S of Drayton Road – development of one detached residence.

‘Chessington’, Wem Road, Shawbury – extensions.

15/174 Committee Reports:

No reports tabled.

15/175 Annual Parish Meeting

Agenda to include Smartwater presentation and reports on Council projects. Members to send additional suggestions to the Clerk for consideration at next month’s meeting.

15/176 Press Matters:**15/177 Date and time of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be on April 12th. 2016 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: _____ **(Chairman)** **Date:** _____