

SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON JUNE 14TH. 2022 at 7.00pm.

Public Session:

Mr. Richard Bailey was present and raised issues regarding the Floral Gateways, pointing out they had been in place for twelve years and were beginning to show signs that substantial repairs would soon be needed. He also stated that the cost of plants and compost was continuing to rise, which meant that the sponsorship charge no longer covered the full cost of the annual planting.

The owner of Oakgate Nursery, which supplied all the plants and compost, was prepared to offer a discount if he was permitted to place an A5 size sign in each of the Gateways indicating that the plants were purchased from the Nursery. This would limit the need to increase the sponsorship fee.

The suggestion was agreed by Members and the Clerk was asked to liaise with the sponsors.

Present:

Mr. B. Lyon (Chairman)

Mr. R. Pinches.

Mr. A. Foster.

Mr. M. Roberts.

Mr. C. Kennedy

Mrs. J. Herbert.

Mr. A. Brown.

Mr. P. Sharp.

Mr. C. Kirkup.

Mr. K. Pickering.

Mr. J. Vernon.

In Attendance:

F/S. M. Lingham (RAF Shawbury).

The Parish Clerk.

22/31 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Shropshire Councillor S. Jones and Councillor Ms. S. McIntosh.

22/32 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

No interests were declared.

22/33 Minutes of Meeting held on May 10th. 2022.

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

22/34 Matters Arising.

(a) Street Lights (22/21(a)).

The Clerk confirmed that he had written a 'private & confidential' letter to the Senior Manager at Scottish Power requesting that he should make contact to discuss the issues which had previously been raised, but there had been no reply. It was agreed to take no further action at present but to wait until the next invoice was due for payment.

(b) Burial Ground (22/21(e)).

Councillor K. Pickering said that because of unforeseen difficulties he had not been able to get a quotation for the materials needed to carry out repairs to the paths. It was confirmed that the use of domestic weed killer was permitted.

(c) Road Name Plates (22/24(a)).

No further problems had been identified and Cllr. P Sharp was asked to arrange the replacement of the four signs that had previously been reported.

(d) Playing Field. Fencing Posts (22/24(iii)).

Councillor P. Sharp confirmed that ten posts needed to be replaced and he had arranged for Mr. John Tait to carry out the work. The price of the posts had not increased and he was hopeful that the project would not cost more than £1,000.00.

(e) Number plate recognition cameras:

Following correspondence received from the Safer Road Partnership, it was apparent that there was a need to provide evidence of speeding traffic from a Community Speed Watch project before seeking financial support for number plate recognition cameras. It was noted that the recent attempt to set up a scheme had failed because of insufficient volunteers but it was felt that this could have been because of insufficient publicity. Councillor M. Roberts had produced an excellent notice advertising the scheme and it was agreed to have fifty copies printed and placed at sites around the Parish. Councillor J. Vernon agreed to arrange to get the notices printed.

22/35 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting having been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record following an amendment to the received apologies.

22/36 Correspondence.

Members considered the attached list of correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting and forwarded to Members, noting that where necessary appropriate actions had been taken or responses made.

22/37 Accounts for Payment and Financial Statement.(a) Payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (June)	£622.87
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (May)	£59.31
Inland Revenue	PAYE (June)	£155.60
Mr. M. Varndell	Collection & disposal of litter (April)	£450.00
E.ON	Streetlight –addition of time photocells	£4,324.22
Mr. M. Sheehy	Internal Audit	£375.00

(b) The financial statement for June was tabled and approved.**22/38 Internal Audit.**

Reports from the Internal Auditor and documents for the External Audit were considered and approved.

22/39 Councillors Responsibilities.

Members considered and where necessary amended the current range of voluntary duties undertaken by Members regarding the oversight of various Council activities.

22/40 Bank Signatories.

Councillors B. Lyon and A. Foster agreed to become signatories and the Clerk stated that he would proceed with the applications.

22/41 Exchange of Information.(a) Agenda Items for next meeting.

To carry out a full review of the outstanding Highways projects.

(b) Issues Needing Attention:i Highways:

There was still considerable concern about traffic ‘running’ the red lights at the junction of the A53 and Wem Road and after detailed consideration it was felt that much of the problem was caused by the lack of appropriate road marking at the site. It was agreed to ask Shropshire Council to repaint the white lines and also ask for the installation some yellow boxes. It was also noted that the white lines at the pedestrian crossing by the shops needed repainting.

Clerk to report the issues on ‘Fix my Street’.

ii. Streetlights:

No further issues raised.

iii. Other Reports(a) The Co-op:

The Chairman reported that the Co-op had purchased the adjacent car park and there were indications that they would be proceeding with the agreed development plans for the business.

(b) Councillor P. Sharp reported that:

1. There were six seats in the Moat area facing the river which needed regular attention to trim back grass and weed growth. He had been undertaking this work but was no longer able to use the strimmer for health reasons and suggested that Nobridge be asked to include this in their work schedule unless a volunteer came forward. This was agreed by Members.

2. There was an urgent need to recruit volunteers to help with the maintenance of the many footpaths and bridleways in the Parish, particularly those paths which were not regularly used and soon became overgrown. He had prepared an article for the Parish Magazine asking for volunteers.

Councillor J. Vernon offered to give some help with the strimming.

3. He had raised concerns with the Environment Agency regarding the state of the small pond in the Moat which fed water into the river and was at times showing signs of contamination.

22/42 Shropshire Council's report on House Allocation.

A copy of the report had been sent to Members and the contents were noted.

22/43 Reports from:**(a) Police:**Incidents recoded in March:

Violence – 6 (A53 (4); Leasowes Park (1); Glebelands (1)).

Other Theft – 3 (A53 (2); Leasowes Park).

Public Order – 2 (A53; Hazeldine Crescent).

Anti-Social Behaviour -1 (Willow Place).

Criminal Damage -1 (Leasowes Park).

Incidents recorded in April:

Violence -10 (Wytheford Road -3; Erdington Close; Mytton Lane; A53; Glebelands (2); Hazeldine Crescent; Poynton Road).

Public Order -3 (Church Close; Poynton Road – 2).

Burglary – 1 (White Lodge Park).

Anti-Social Behaviour -1 (A53).

Shop Lifting -1 (A53)

It was agreed that the Police should be asked if it was possible to distinguish the various types of violence which were reported.

(b) RAF Shawbury:F/S Matt Lingham reported that:

(a) The current programme of Night Flying would cease on July 7th.

(b) The base had successfully housed many of the aircraft including the Red Arrows which had been involved with the Cosford Air Display.

(c) Shawbury had been asked to fly the Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton from Shropshire to Birmingham on July 18th. and he was honoured to be the person selected to carry the baton.

(c) Shropshire Council

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones was unable to attend the meeting but had forwarded the following report which was considered by Members:

Refugees:

Ukrainian refugees to date we are expecting 667 refugees and 249 sponsors, 330 have arrived in the UK so a further 337 are due to arrive. We have 1 in Shawbury Division with a further 1 still expected.

These figures are the Homes for Ukrainians Foundry System they do not include any Ukrainians who have come in under the Friends and Family scheme.

The Home Office is also now looking at rolling out asylum dispersal across the country, prioritising places that have not done it previously.

We already have a meeting scheduled with the Home Office where they want to discuss how we are going to take people on. There are approximately 37,000 destitute migrants who are currently being accommodated in hotels – costing the taxpayer, when including those on resettlement schemes in hotels, £4.7 million every day.

Highways:

Since April 2021 we have filled over 30,000 potholes countywide, with 94% of repairs now being permanent, first-time fixes. We now have a full complement of 16 highways technicians for the first time in many years and every area in the county now has their own dedicated highways technician. FixMyStreet is now operational and can be utilised for reporting a whole range of highways, environmental and other issues by website and App. The Kier contract continues to give Shropshire Council access to some of the most advanced highways maintenance equipment and techniques including TexPatching and the Multevo MultiHog. Six in house ‘Find & Fix’ teams are hitting rural roads around the county repairing any minor potholes they come across even if they haven’t been reported, and doing other essential work like cutting back hedges around signs, they’ve carried out more than half of all highway repairs in the last year. I am still pushing for the outstanding repair work than needs doing on the A53.

Health:

We are still seeing new cases of Covid-19 in Shropshire, at the 5th June 2022 the 7 day total was standing at 198 new cases, this is a 4.3% reduction from the previous week. Remember that you can still book a spring booster for people aged 75 and over, people who live in a care home for older people or for people aged 12 and over who have a weakened immune system.

There are at present 2 confirmed cases of Avian Flu in Shropshire both in the South of the county, one case at Wooferton affecting one house of 40,000 turkeys and one at Whitton affecting 9,400 birds in one house.

22/43 Planning Applications:

A. The following applications had been received and were considered:

1. White Cottage, Church Street – crown reduction by up to 2.5m on protected Pine tree (22/02325/TPO). *Application objected to.*

2. Moat Area – crown reduction by up to 2m on protected Hornbeam tree (22/02326/TPO). *Application supported.*

3. 10, White Lodge Park – erection of a part single and part two storey side extension and alterations (22/02249/FUL).

No objections raised.

4. 2, Muckleton Lane, Edgebolton – erection of an agricultural building for storage and maintenance of plant and machinery (22/02334/FUL).

No objections raised.

B. The following applications had been withdrawn:

1. Jayroc – Temporary siting of a dwelling in connection with Rural Enterprise (20/04603/FUL).

2. Erection of sponsorship notices on the A53/Aries Drive roundabout (22/01668/ADV).

22/44 Committee and Other Reports.

SALC Executive Committee:

Councillor P. Sharp gave a brief report on the meeting which had included reports from the four area committees and details of the way in which the Queen’s Jubilee had been celebrated. Ongoing concerns were expressed about the effect of the recent and proposed increases in fuel costs.

22/45 Press Matters.

Clerk to produce a brief report.

22/46 Date of Next Council Meeting:

Tuesday, July 12th. 2022.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: B Lyon (Chairman) **Date:** July 12th. 2022

Correspondence received since the last meeting:

Correspondence received since the May meeting.

Victoria Penton – Police up-date.*

Dianne Dorrell – May bulletin.*

Dianne Dorrell – Library Consultation.*

Gail Power – Chairmanship skills training.*

Wendy Harris – Speed checks.*

NALC – CEO’s Bulletin.*

Resident – pothole damage to car.

Shawbury Parish Newsletter.*

Cllr. A. Brown – Police incidents report.*

Anfield 100 – Parking on field.

NALC – CEO’s Bulletin.*

Resident – complaint about trading.

Amanda Roberts – NSAC minutes of meeting’*.

Fiona Duncan – Oswestry – Gabowen rail link.*

Gail Power – Fire Safety Leaflet.*

Jill Manley – Abandoned car.

NALC – CEO’s Bulletin.*

Michael Crawshaw – Youth Conference.*

Alison Knott – Parkinson’s UK Walk.*

D. Dorrell – Legal Up-date.*

Cllr. A. Brown - Police incident details.*

Dianne Dorrell – Special Information Bulletin.*

Cllr. P. Sharp – Fencing posts.*

Cllr. Lesley Picton – Shropshire Council up-date.*

Shropshire Cllr. S. Jones – apologies for meeting.*

Cllr. A. Brown – ‘Running the red light’*.

Elliot Roberts – Vaccine Bus.*