

**SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 12TH. 2023 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

There were no members of the public present.

Present:

Mr. B. Lyon (Chairman)

Mr. P. Sharp

Mr. J. Vernon

Mr. A. Foster

Mr. M. Roberts

Mr. K. Pickering

Mr. R. Pinches

In Attendance:

Flt/Lt. J. Jones (RAF Shawbury).

The Parish Clerk.

23/112 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr. C. Forshaw; Mrs. J. Herbert; Mr. C. Kirkup and Mr. A. Brown and Shropshire Councillor Mr. S. Jones.

23/113 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

No interests were declared.

23/114 Minutes of Meeting held on November 14th. at 7.00pm.

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

23/115 Matters Arising.

(a) Allotment (23/100(a)).

The Clerk confirmed that he had been able to get the plans for the new shed drawn up and had submitted a revised planning application, which had been accepted and forwarded to a planning officer and were now on the planning portal.

(b) Playing Field Fencing (23/100(b)).

It was decided that there was a need to find a suitable more permanent solution to the fencing round the playing field and it was decided to seek quotes from at least three companies early in the New Year. It was noted that a sizable grant had been offered by a local resident if the Council opted to plant trees along the boundary. Although this was a splendid suggestion it could not be accepted for two main reasons - the fencing needed to be substantial to prevent unwanted vehicle access on to the field and unfortunately there was a history of trees planted at various locations in the past few years being vandalised or pulled up.

(c) Burial Ground Seat (23/108).

The donated seat had been ordered and would be delivered to Mr. Richard Bailey who had agreed to transport it to the site and help Councillor K. Pickering install it.

23/116 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 or were being taken and responses made.

23/117 National Salary Award for Parish Clerks.

It was noted that a National Salary Agreement had confirmed an increase in Parish Clerk's salaries of £1.00 per contract hour.

23/118 Accounts for Payment and Financial Statement.(a) Payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (December + back pay	£1,084.77
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Nov.)	£48.00
Inland Revenue	PAYE + N.I (December)	£353.72
Mr. M. Varndell	Collection & disposal of litter (Nov.)	£450.00
Mr. S. Drummond	Planning application plans for allotment shed	£150.00
Mr. R. Bailey	Materials at cost for Floral Gateway repair	£169.98
Shropshire Council	Planning application (Replacement shed)	£117.00
JST Services	Footpath Clearance	£850.00
Shropshire Council	Energy Charges (Oct-Dec)	£1,297.40

(b) The Financial Statement was approved.**23/119 Proposed Budget (2024-2025).**

Details of the proposed budget had already been sent to Members and after due consideration they were approved with the precept set at the same level for a further year. This means that the Parish Council element of the Council Tax should not be increased for residents living within the Shawbury Parish boundary.

23/120 Exchange of Information.(a) Items for inclusion on the next Agenda.

No additional items raised.

(b) Issues Needing Urgent Attention:(i) Highways:

A number of complaints had been received about cars parking on pavements causing problems for pedestrians, wheelchair users and people with pushchairs.

Clerk to raise the problem with the local police.

(ii) Streetlights:

No issues raised.

(iii) Other:(a) War Memorial:

A detailed report on the history of the Shawbury War Memorial had been completed by Ms. Natasha Leigh Willets and had been offered to the Parish Council on payment of £20.00 to defray some of the cost. Members were so impressed by the report that it was decided to contribute £50.00 and pass the report to the Church, which would enable local people to view it.

(b) Tree Problem:

A report had been received from a Shropshire Council Tree Officer pointing out that a problem had been raised about three trees (two oak and one sycamore) growing at the junction of the A53 and Wytheford Road. It was felt that the sycamore needed to be removed to allow the oak trees to develop properly but was unsure if there was any history regarding the trees being planted. It was agreed by Members to publicise the proposal.

23/121 Reports from:(a) Police:Incidents recorded in October:

Other Crime -2 (McKinley Way).

Public Order -1 (Wem Road).

Violence/Sexual -4 (Muckleton; Mytton Lane (2); Poynton Road.

Burglary – 1 (Mytton Lane).

Anti-Social Behaviour – 2 (A53; Poynton Road.

Shoplifting - 1 (A53).

Criminal Damage -1 (Poynton Road)

(b) RAF Shawbury:

Flt/Lt. Jones reported

(a) Staff Changes:

That there were a changes taking place at Senior Officer level and Group Captain Baron had been posted. More details of the changes would be available in the New Year.

(b) Carol Service:

He hoped some Members had been able to join and enjoy the well-attended RAF Shawbury Carol Concert held in Saint Chads Church in Shrewsbury.

In conclusion and on behalf of everyone at the base he extended good wishes to Council Members and residents for Christmas and the New Year.

(c) Shropshire Council:

No report tabled.

23/122 Planning Applications:

A. The following applications had been received and were considered with no objections being raised.

1. Application to fell one protected ash tree located at 2, River Gardens, Shawbury (23/04950/TPO).
2. The Hollies, Butlers Bank, Shawbury – Conversion of three out-buildings, including links between two of the buildings into two open market dwellings (23/04999/FUL).
3. Replacement shed on Council allotment (23/05116/FUL).
4. Pool House, Edgebolton – Change of use from agriculture by barn conversion to form two residential housing units (23/05235PMBPA).
5. Springfield Mount, Edgebolton – erection of a machinery store associated with pig rearing unit (23/05197/FUL).
6. Springfield Mount, Edgebolton - erection of a general purpose agricultural building (23/05196/FUL).

B. The following application had been approved:

9, Pinewood Road – erection of a single storey wrap around extension following the demolition of an existing garage (23/04550/FUL).

23/123 Committee and Other Reports.

No reports tabled.

23/124 Press Matters.

Clerk to provide a report for the Parish Newsletter and Facebook.

23/125 Date of Next Council Meeting:

Tuesday January 9th 2024 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: *B. Lyon* (Chairman) Date: *January 9th, 2024*

CORRESPONDENCE:

Details of correspondence received since the November meeting.

Gail Power – Crowd Fund Shropshire.

Craig Pennard – Wytheford Road closure (12-14th. Feb).

John Blessington – problem with trees at A53/Wytheford Road junction.

Richard Bailey – Sycamore Tree.

Lois Dale – Removal of pay phone.
ALC - HAF winter programme.
Tony Emmerson – Seat.
Scott Drummond – allotment plans.
John Campion – Newsletter.
Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital Trust – Newsletter.
Megan Bilson - Grant.
Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital Trust – Newsletter.
Dianne Dorrell – Coronation Community Orchard.
Richard Bailey – Gateway re-build.
OPCC – Road Safety Fund.
Vice Chairman – Crime Statistics.
Shropshire Council – Register of Electors.
Dianne Dorrell – December Bulletin.
Helen Morgan – Newsletter.
Natasha Leigh-Willetts – War Memorial Folder.
Cllr. K. Pickering – Burial Ground Maintenance.
Adrian Vine (RAF Shawbury) – Hedge Cutting.
OPCC – Road Safety Grants.