

**SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY JANUARY 9TH. 2024 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

There were no members of the public present.

Present:

Mr. B. Lyon (Chairman)

Mr. A. Brown

Mr. J. Vernon

Mr. A. Foster

Mr. M. Roberts

Mr. K. Pickering

Mr. R. Pinches

Mr. C. Forshaw

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor Mr. S. Jones.

The Parish Clerk.

23/126 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr. P. Sharp and Mrs. J. Herbert and Flt/Lt. J. Jones (RAF Shawbury).

23/127 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

No interests were declared.

23/128 Minutes of Meeting held on December 12th. at 7.00pm.

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

23/129 Matters Arising.

(a) Allotment (23/115(a)).

The Clerk reported that approval of the plans had yet to be confirmed but there did not appear to be any objections and the Planning Officer had been very supportive.

(b) Playing Field Fencing (23/115(b)).

In the absence of Councillor P. Sharp, who was overseeing the project, discussion was deferred to the February meeting.

(d) Trees at junction of A53 & Wytheford Road.

Details of the problem had been included in the report in the Newsletter, on the local Facebook and the draft minutes of the last meeting had been published on the web site. No responses had been received and it was agreed that Mr. Blessington should be advised that there had been no objections to the sycamore tree being removed and the oak trees being properly managed.

23/130 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.

23/131 Accounts for Payment and Financial Statement.

(a) Payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (January)	£715.17
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Dec.)	£46.50
Inland Revenue	PAYE + N.I (January)	£197.56
Mr. M. Varndell	Collection & disposal of litter (Dec.)	£450.00
Ms. N. Leigh Willets	History of Shawbury War Memorial	£50.00

(b)The financial statement was tabled and approved.

23/132 Exchange of Information.

(a) Items for inclusion on the next Agenda.

No additional items raised.

(b) Issues Needing Urgent Attention:

(i) Highways:

Councillor M. Roberts reported that there had been three accidents in the past three months on the straight section of Wytheford Road and there was need for this road to be carefully monitored.

(ii) Streetlights:

It was noted that the streetlight outside 68, Church Close had been repaired.

(iii) Other:

No issues raised.

23/133 Reports from:

(a) Police:

The following incidents were recorded in November:

Violence – 6 (Millbrook Drive, Mytton Lane, Petrol Station, Glebelands, Chantry Close (2)).

Anti-Social Behaviour – 1 (Shawbury Outdoor Gym).

Other – 1 (Chantry Close).

(b) RAF Shawbury:

Flt/Lt. Jones was unable to attend the meeting but had sent in the following report:

(a) Change of Command:

At RAF Shawbury the Station Commander is now Wing Commander Alan Jones, whereas the main station output from No1 Flying Training School and the Defence College of Air and Space Operations is under the Commandant, Group Captain Baron.

(b) Night Flying:

This will commence on Monday 15th. January and continue until Thursday 29th. February.

(c) Hi-Viz for horse riders:

Stocktaking is underway and advice on availability will be published through the social media channels.

(d) Aries Magazine:

The winter 2023 Edition 4 is available on line at the link - <https://www.rafmags.co.uk/>.

(e) Drones:

Anyone flying a drone is recommended to study the Drone Code, which is available on the CAA website.

(c) Shropshire Council:

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones gave the following report:

Currently the Council is very busy with the budget for 23/24 and the £51m savings that we are having to make in the current financial year ending 31 March 2024. So far through transforming the way the council works and renegotiating contracts and working smarter we have identified over £41m of savings of which C£32m has been banked already and with the possible use of some of our reserves we are on target to balance our budget by 31 March 2024.

With the increased pressures on our revenue budget e.g. Inflation, the proposed increase in the minimum wage etc. there is an anticipated £30m savings required for the 24/25 budget plus the expected £20m additional pressure on Adult and Children's Social Care services that are a statutory requirement for the council to provide.

To date the savings have been made by transforming the way services are provided and managed with little effect on the residents of Shropshire. 24/25 will inevitably result in hard decisions having to be made with regards to discretionary services and fees and charges as we address to C£50m savings required for 24/25.

As an example of the revenue budget we receive, for every £5 revenue we spend £4 that is 80% goes directly to providing statutory social care services for our adults and children. Of the £1 left, 50p goes

directly to dealing with waste. The final 50p is for everything else the council provides from highways maintenance and public health to library services, leisure services and trading standards etc, etc.

23/134 Planning Applications:

A. The following applications had been received:

1. Proposed conversion of former Methodist Chapel and Sunday School, Moreton Mill, into a dwelling with annexe and construction of detached garage. *No objections raised.*
2. The Orchard, Shawbury – erection of a single storey side extension, new dormer roof and renovations (23/05372/FUL). *No objections raised.*
3. Land adjacent to 11, White Lodge Park, Shawbury – erection of a new dwelling (23/05422/FUL).
It was noted that this was the second application for development at this site and although the size of the property had been reduced, the original objections were again recorded

B. The following application has been approved in part by Shropshire Council:

- 2, River Gardens, Shawbury - application to fell an ash tree with a TPO (23/03135/FUL)

23/125 Committee and Other Reports.

No reports tabled.

23/136 Press Matters.

It was agreed that no report should be made this month.

23/137 Date of Next Council Meeting:

Tuesday February 13th 2024 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: B. Lyon (Chairman) Date: February 13th 2024

CORRESPONDENCE:

Details of correspondence received since the December meeting.

Natasha Leigh Willets – Thank you response.
 Adrian Vine – Night Flying programme.
 Dianne Dorrell – Martyn’s Law.
 Dianne Dorrell – Winter Support Service.
 Graham White – Boundary review.
 ALC – Ash dieback grants.
 John Blessington – Sycamore Tree.
 Cllr. P. Sharp – RoSPA play area reports.
 PCSO Oliver Morris – Introductory message.
 Dianne Dorrell – Boundary Review.
 Jisc – Transfer of domain regulations for web site.
 Gail Power – Training Programme 2024.
 Dianne Dorrell – Shropshire Council budget consultation.
 Claire Crackett – Lord Lieutenants Newsletter.
 Dianne Dorrell – High Sheriffs Outstanding Young Citizens Awards.
 Russ Currie – Thank you letter.
 Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Hospital Trust – Newsletter.
 Dianne Dorrell – Bug Life (Managing Green Spaces).
 Richard Bailey - Mowing Village Paths.
 NALC – CEO’s Bulletin.
 Laura Howells – Shropshire Street lights.
 John Campion – West Mercia Police Newsletter.

Dianne Dorrell – Bulletin.

Telephone complaint about Motor Cycle Noise (24/12)

Shawbury Parish Newsletter.

Russ Currie – Field fence,

Resident – Street light not working (68, Church Close).

Resident – Mole problem in the Burial Ground.

Dianne Dorrell – Shropshire Council budget consultation (reminder).

Vice Chairman – Police report (November).

Residents – Queries re land adjacent to Wem Road

Elliot Gregory – Clothes bank.