

SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 14TH. 2023 at 7.00pm.

Public Session:

There were no members of the public present.

Present:

Mr. B. Lyon Chairman)

Mrs. J. Herbert

Mr. P. Sharp

Mr. J. Vernon

Mr. A. Foster

Mr. C. Forshaw

Mr. M. Roberts

Mr. K. Pickering

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor Mr. S. Jones.

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

The Parish Clerk.

23/97 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr. A. Brown; Ms. S. McIntosh; Mr. C. Kirkup and Mr. R. Pinches.

23/98 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

No interests were declared.

23/99 Minutes of Meeting held on October 10th. at 7.00pm.

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

23/100 Matters Arising.

(a) Allotment (23/87(d)).

The Clerk reported that he had still not received any plans for inclusion with a planning application for a new shed and it was agreed that he should seek a quotation for preparing and submitting an application.

(b) Playing Field Fencing (23/91):

Councillor P. Sharp outlined proposals for new fencing round the playing field and he asked Members to consider a document he had prepared before further details were brought to the next Council meeting.

(c) Streetlight Up-grade:

Clerk reported that following Council approval, the Vice Chairman had obtained quotations from E.On for the improvement of the streetlights in Church Street and an additional light in Carradine Road but with the change in contractors there was a need to seek a new quotation for the work. It was agreed to go ahead but any action should be delayed until early in the New Year to enable the Vice Chairman to meet on site with Highline Electrical representatives.

23/101 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.

The Clerk was asked to make a suitable response to an email from Amanda Cheeseman regarding a Health and Well Being project being carried out by Shropshire Council.

23/102 Accounts for Payment and Financial Statement.

(a) Payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (November)	£669.02
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Oct.)	£67.73
Inland Revenue	PAYE + N.I (November)	£177.99
Mr. M. Varndell	Collection & disposal of litter (Oct)	£450.00
Mr. D. Wood	Housing the Parish Defibrillator	£30.00
JST Services	Fabricating repairs to waste bin (Glebe)	£70.00
Shawbury Village Hall	Room Hire rent (Oct. '22 – Sept. '23)	£200.25
Telford Site Services	New access gate to The Moat	£1,328.88
Wem Town Council	Training Course Fee (Cllr. J. Vernon)	£30.00
Interactive Info. Services	IT support from 01/08/23- 01/08/24)	£120.00
JST Services	Footpath Clearance (12 th .-19 th . Oct.)	£1,000.00
JST Services	Footpath Clearance (23 rd . – 26 th . Oct.)	£680.00
Highline Electrical	Repairs Millbrook; Princess Court Poynton Road and Church Close	£2,342.76
Information Commissioner	Annual Fee	£35.00

(b) The financial statement was tabled and approved.

23/103 Draft Budget (2024-2025).

The Clerk stated that he would be discussing the 2024 – 2025 budget proposals with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and suggestions and comments would be welcome. A draft version would be sent with the next Agenda for them to consider, before being adopted at the next meeting. It was unanimously agreed that there should be no increase in the precept, which would mean that the Parish Council element of the Council Tax would remain the same for another year.

23/104 Exchange of Information.

(a) Items for inclusion on the next Agenda.

The proposed budget for 2024-2025.

Playing Field fencing.

(b) Issues Needing Urgent Attention:

(i) Highways:

It was reported that following the recent heavy rainfall a number of drains around Poynton Road and Church Close appeared to be blocked, leading to localised road flooding. Members agreed to report these on 'Fix My Street' which appears to be the most effective way of getting action.

(ii) Streetlights:

No issues raised.

(iii) Other:

Burial Ground Hedge:

Councillor K. Pickering felt that the hedge had been cut too low this year and it was agreed to bring this to the attention of the contractors before it was cut again next season.

23/105 Reports from:

(a) Police:

Incidents recorded in September:

Violence – 6 (Poynton Road; Glebelands (2); Wessex Close; Wytheford Road; Coppice Close).

Public Order -1 (Glebelands).

Robbery -1 (Glebelands).

PCSO Elizabeth Walmsley joined the meeting to discuss any major issues being raised within the Parish. She reported that complaints had been received about anti-social behaviour on the playing field and patrols were being carried out more frequently and action was planned to take action against speeding traffic on the A53 through the village. Members confirmed that this was a major concern. A new police constable had joined the team, replacing Liam Heathcote who had been promoted and a new PCSO had been appointed replacing PCSO Jamie Robinson, who had moved to Whitchurch.

(b) RAF Shawbury:

Flt. Lt. Jamie Jones reported that:

- (a) The current programme of night flying would end on November 30th.
- (b) Additional supplies of Hi-Viz clothing had been obtained.
- (c) The latest edition of the Aries Magazine was available on line.
- (d) They were still seeking applications from community groups for help with approved projects.

(c) Shropshire Council:

Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones reported that:

- (a) The partnership with Herefordshire, Monmouthshire and Powys had been ratified and signed off and had gained the support of both the English and Welsh Governments, which would be monitoring its progress. Already the joint approach had secured a substantial additional grant.
- (b) 'Crowdfunding Shropshire' had been launched with a budget of £150,000, which would allow voluntary groups to apply for grants for approved projects. A leaflet outlining the scheme was given to Members.
- (c) Although the North West Relief Road had been given planning approval there was much more work needed before the plans could be activated.
- (d) The Council had been unable to secure additional funding to support bus routes but were continuing to seek ways in which the service could be improved.

23/106 Planning Applications:

The following applications had been received:

- (a) 9, Pinewood Road, Shawbury – erection of single storey wrapped around extension following the demolition of the existing garage (23/04550/FUL). *No objections raised.*
- (b) Land forming part of Wytheford House, Shawbury – change of use of land to house a mobile home to provide accommodation for essential agricultural worker (23/04674/FUL). *A 'No Comment' response.*

23/107 Committee and Other Reports.

No reports tabled.

23/108 Request for a seat in the Burial Ground.

A local resident had requested permission to have a seat placed in the burial ground in remembrance of his wife and following discussions with Councillor Pickering a suitable site had been identified. The gentleman had agreed to pay for the seat and a suitable plaque. Members agreed to the request and the Clerk would make the necessary arrangements and would liaise with Councillor Pickering regarding delivery and placement on site.

23/109 Meeting dates for 2024.

A copy of the proposed dates was considered and adopted.

23/110 Press Matters.

It was agreed that there was insufficient news to warrant a report this month.

23/111 Date of Next Council Meeting:

Tuesday December 12th. 2023 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: B. Lyon (Chairman) Date: December 12th. 2023

CORRESPONDENCE:

Details of correspondence received since the October meeting.

Cllr. S. Jones – Wytheford Road problem.
Gail Power – SALC AGM now a remote meeting.
Claire Crackett – Shropshire Lieutenancy Newsletter.
Dianne Dorrell – Latest News.
Dianne Dorrell – Carbon Literacy Training.
Laura Howells – Street Scene Up-date.
Shawbury Newsletter.
Richard Bailey – Car Park Floral Gateway.
Post Office – Drop and Collect.
Cllr. S. Jones – Post Office news.
Dianne Dorrell – Smithfield Riverside, Shrewsbury.
Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital – report.
Dianne Dorrell – Nature Recovery Event.
NALC CEO's Bulletin.
Dianne Dorrell Storm Babet Impact.
Dianne Dorrell – Planning Event.
Dianne Dorrell – SALC AGM
Jamie Jones – Carol Service.
John Campion – Newsletter.
Lois Dale – Telephone Box.
Paul Cawthorne – future traffic problems.
Gail Power – SALC AGM Reports.
Jamie Jones – RAF Shawbury Carol Service.
Dan Morris – NW Relief Road.
Dianne Dorrell – Smithfield Riverside.
Vice Chairman – Crime figures (Sept.)
PCSO Stephen Robinson – Newsletter.
Amanda Cheeseman – Place based Health and Well Being.
Andrea McWilliams – Place Plans
Brian Rapson – Press release
ACC - Local Government salary awards.
Gigabit - Up-date meeting.