

SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 10TH. 2023 at 7.00pm.

Public Session:

Three members of the public were in attendance, with two of them stating that they wished to object to the proposal to name the playing field Queen's Park. The Chairman said that the proposal was being considered at Item 4 on the Agenda and assured them that their objections to the proposal would be noted.

The third person confirmed that he had attended the previous meeting and had stated his objections to the plan and wished to see what action was being proposed.

Present:

Mr. B. Lyon Chairman)

Mr. A. Brown

Mrs. J. Herbert

Mr. P. Sharp

Mr. J. Vernon

Mr. C. Kirkup

Mr. R. Pinches

Mr. A. Foster

Mr. C. Forshaw

Mr. M. Roberts

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor Mr. S. Jones.

The Parish Clerk.

Three members of the public for part of the meeting.

23/84 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Ms. S. McIntosh and Mr. K. Pickering and Flt/Lt. J. Jones (RAF Shawbury).

23/85 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

No interests were declared.

23/86 Minutes of Meeting held on September 12th. at 7.00pm.

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

23/87 Matters Arising.

(a) Up-grading VAS Units (23/74(a)):

The Clerk reminded Members that they were unable to spend precept money on this type of project and there was only sufficient money in the CIL budget to pay for one unit and as the current Units are attached to streetlights maintained by Shropshire Council, there would be a need to consult with their Officers. It was also pointed out that the up-graded lights had to be regularly monitored by local volunteers.

As a result it was decided to defer any decision until Shropshire Council published the review they were undertaking but the Clerk was asked to contact the Police Commissioner to see if any grants were available to help to improve road safety.

(b) Proposal to Re-Name the Playing Field (23/74 (b)):

The Chairman stated that in view of the adverse reaction to the suggested plan from local residents, he proposed that the Council should not proceed with any further discussion and that the plan should be abandoned. The proposal was seconded and there was a unanimous vote supporting this.

(c) Street lights (23/74(c)):

It was noted that the £3,795 from Scottish Power for previous over-charging had finally been credited to the Council and thanks to the advice from Jason and Elaine at Shropshire Council, the Parish Council has joined the Shropshire Council Consortium. The future power for street lighting will cost £4,361.00 per annum +VAT (£1,090.25 per quarter +VAT).

The payment for the power from March 2022 to October 2023, which has not been invoiced by Scottish Power has still to be resolved and could cost in the region of £7,500 (+VAT) but £10K has been 'ring fenced' to cover this.

(d) Environmental Maintenance Grant (EMG).

It was agreed to employ JST Services to continue with the programme of path clearance and related activity. The Clerk reported that local residents had reported a number of paths that needed clearing and he would pass on the details to JST.

(d) Allotment (23/74(d)).

Clerk reported that as no plans had been produced it was now necessary to complete a new application for the shed. It was agreed to delay any further action until the next meeting as it appeared that plans were being prepared.

23/88 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.

23/89 Accounts for Payment and Financial Statement.(a) Payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (October)	£669.02
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Sept.)	£60.00
Inland Revenue	PAYE + N.I (October)	£177.99
Mr. M. Varndell	Collection & disposal of litter (Sept.)	£450.00
G.S. & P.A. Reeves	Fencing posts	£384.00
JST Services	Clearing footpaths; replacing playing field posts; clearing land drains; repairing waste bin	£820.00
Access2Trees	Maintenance programme on Moat trees	£7,728.00

(b) The financial statement was tabled and approved.

23/90 Exchange of Information.(a) Items for inclusion on the next Agenda.

No additional items raised.

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

It was noted that the recently replaced surface on Wytheford Road had been damaged when mud was cleared from the road. Shropshire Councillor S. Jones stated that he had reported this to the Council's Highways Department and asked them to investigate and resolve the problem.

(ii) Streetlights:

No issues raised.

(iii) Other:

The following items were raised and approved:

- The purchase of a new waste bin for the Burial Ground as the current bin had been vandalised.
- The annual rent for housing the Parish Defibrillator to be increased from £25.00 to £35.00.
- A donation of £100.00 to be made to the Church funds after the next burial, in acknowledgement of the support being given by the Church Warden.
- As promised and when received, the historical records of the War Memorial to be given to the Church for retention and public display.
- The Council would pay for the repair of the recently damaged Floral Gateway.

23/91 Playing Field Fencing Posts:

Councillor P. Sharp reminded Members that when the original hedge surrounding the playing field had been removed, it had been decided to replace it with the current set of posts, which were designed to prevent access to the field by unwanted vehicles. These posts were all rotting away and being replaced by similar ones which would only have a limited life span. This was an expensive operation and there was a need to consider alternative methods of protecting the field. Two Members agreed to meet with him to consider this in more detail and report back at the next meeting.

23/92 Reports from:**(a) Police:**Incidents recorded in August:

Vehicle Crime -1 (Bings Heath).
 Drugs -1 (Church Street).
 Theft -1 (A53 Petrol Station).
 Other Theft -1 (Church Street).
 Other Crime -1 (A53 Petrol Station).
 Anti-Social Behaviour -1 (Playing Field).
 Violence -1 (Glebelands).
 Burglary -1 (A53 Petrol Station).

(b) RAF Shawbury:Flt. Lt. J. Jones had sent the following written report:Night Flying:

The next programme of night flying would be from Monday 16th October until Thursday 30th November.

Aries Magazine:

The autumn edition is now available online at <https://www.rafmags.co.uk/>.

Community Projects:

A number of requests have been received for trainees to assist with developing projects but future applications will still be welcome.

Hi-Viz for horse riders:

Most of the people on the reserve list have been issued with a set but a few Quarter-Sheets and hat bands are still available and new stocks are on order – email SHY-BeSeenBeSafer@mod.gov.uk

Drones:

Owners of drones are advised that they need to be aware of the regulations regarding flying a drone near to an airfield.

(c) Shropshire Council:Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones reported that:

1. The Council is making good progress in identifying the savings that need to be made in next year's budget but have been hampered by a decision to house many young immigrants in the Lion Hotel in Shrewsbury. Under current regulations, Shropshire Council will be responsible for financing the needs of the 18- 25 year old residents.
2. Following the cancellation of the planned major rail project, new financial support has been promised by the Government for road development in the County but to date no details have been received.

23/93 Planning Applications:The following applications had been approved by Shropshire Council:

- (a) 36, White Lodge Park – First floor extension plus internal refurbishment (23/03481/FUL).
- (b) 10, White Lodge Park – Erection of part two storey/part 1st. floor extension with porch (23/03132/FUL).

(c) The Lodge, Shrewsbury Road, Shawbury - rear single storey flat roof extension, internal alterations to the separate stable to form a games room and change of use from the hairdressers to a residential dwelling (23/03572/FUL).

(d) Moss Farm – change use of agricultural buildings to storage and distribution (23/03556/PAAFC).

23/94 Committee and Other Reports.

No reports tabled.

Councillor M. Roberts reported that the next SALC Area Committee had been cancelled as the visiting speakers were unable to attend.

23/95 Press Matters.

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

23/96 Date of Next Council Meeting:

Tuesday November 14th. 2023 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: B. Lyon (Chairman) Date: November 14th. 2023

CORRESPONDENCE:

Details of correspondence received since the September meeting.

Resident – Shawbury pavements needing clearance work.

Brian Rapson – Health Watch Shropshire report.

ALC - Raising Unpaid Carers Awareness.

Resident – A ‘thankyou’ email for streetlight work in Bridgeway.

Dianne Dorrell – Restoring Shropshire’s Verges.

Town Clerk, Wem – Market Policy.

Resident – Report of speeding traffic and inappropriate roundabout.

NALC – CEO’s Bulletin.

West Mercia Police – Fraud Advice.

Dianne Dorrell – NALC Newsletter.

Scottish Power – Various.

Elaine O’Rahilly – Various.

NALC CEO’s Bulletin.

Cllr. M. Roberts –report on tree maintenance.

Dianne Dorrell – Crowdfund Shropshire.

John Campion – PCC September Newsletter.

Resident – Street Lights in Millbrook

Dianne Dorrell – Registration (Polling District etc.).

Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS – Latest News.

Dianne Dorrell – Boundary Review (Shropshire).

OPCC – Road Safety grants.

Richard Bailey – Damage to Floral Gateway.

Vice Chairman – August Crime Stats.

Stephen Robinson – Police News Letter.