

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONLINE ON  
TUESDAY 9th. FEBRUARY 2021 at 7.00pm.**

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The Chairman welcomed Group Captain Wadlow, the recently appointed Commanding Officer at RAF Shawbury, who stated that he was pleased to meet up with Council Members although he would have preferred it to be in person and not online because of the current regulations.

He indicated that he was delighted to be back at Shawbury having last been in service here in 1999 and had happy memories of the Base and Shropshire in general and was looking forward to showing his wife and family around the County when the regulations permitted it. He had been at the Base now for several months, having undertaken a refresher course before taking up his post on December 14<sup>th</sup>. and his work since then had been dominated by dealing with Covid and the latest lockdown. It had been decided that it was necessary to keep the training programmes running as they could not stop for three months or longer but strict controls were being observed and where possible staff were working from home.

He commented on a number of projects that were underway, details of which had already been made public. One of these was the Gliding programme which had only been operational for two weeks due to the current restrictions and when flying began again it would only take place on Sundays. He was pleased to report that construction of the new youth facility was underway and should be completed by late summer; when open there would be access to the facilities for up to 30% of non-military personnel. He then commented on some constraints on dog walking in and near married quarters which had increased considerably and like most areas was suffering from the actions of some irresponsible owners with incidents of dog fouling.

In conclusion he said that all the service personnel were looking forward to the easing of the current restrictions which would enable them to mix freely with the local population and become involved in the numerous organised projects that they supported.

On behalf of all the Members, the Chairman thanked him for attending and looked forward to him attending a normal meeting in the future.

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**Public Session:**

No members of the public accessed the meeting and no issues had been raised.

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**Present:**

Mr. C. Kennedy (Chairman)

Mr. B. Lyon

Mr. A. G. Foster

Mr. A. Brown

Mr. P. Sharp

Mr. D. Roberts

Mr. J. Vernon

Mr. D. Roberts

Mrs. J. Herbert

**In Attendance:**

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones.

Lt. M. Peters (RAF Shawbury).

The Parish Clerk.

**20/133 Apologies:**

Apologies had been received from Councillors Mr. R. Pinches and Ms. S. McIntosh.

**20/134 Personal or Prejudicial Interests.**

No interests were declared.

## **20/135 Minutes of Meeting held on January 12<sup>th</sup>. 2021**

The minutes of the meeting having been circulated were approved and at an appropriate time would be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

### **20/136 Matters Arising.**

#### (a) Road Name repairs (20/122(a)).

It was confirmed that JTS Services had completed the replacements and refurbishment work to a high standard and within the budget provided for the project and thanks were extended to Mr. Tait.

#### (b) Community Environment Project (20/126 (iii) (b)).

It was noted that there was still money available in the budget and it was agreed that JTS Services should be asked to clear the footpath leading from the village down to Wytheford Road. The Vice Chairman was asked to discuss this project with Mr. Tait.

#### (c) Erdington Play area fencing (20/122(c)).

Members considered quotations which had been received for the removal of the current timber fencing and replacing it with galvanised bow topped fencing. It was unanimously agreed to accept the quote from Ray Parry Playgrounds and ask for the fencing to be installed at the same time as he was upgrading the play area equipment.

#### (d) Allotment – sale of land (20/122 (d)).

Clerk reported that he had not received any further information from the Housing Association.

#### (e) Replacement of vandalised seat (20/1227e)).

Repairs had not yet been undertaken.

#### (f) Carradine streetlight (20/122 (f)).

Clerk reported that Scottish Power had still not provided EON with a date for connecting the lights on Millbrook and Bridgeway and as a result Garry Johnson had not visited the Parish.

#### (g) Up-date on tasks previously undertaken by Mr. Richard Bailey:

##### 1. Spraying:

Nobridge have been contacted and are willing to undertake the work and will provide a quote as soon as they are able to assess the amount of work involved. The Chairman had agreed to meet up with a representative from the company and invited Councillor P. Sharp to join them when a date was confirmed.

##### 2. Mowing Inner Moat and path verges in Moat & Glebe:

The Clerk reported that Mr. Pinches had indicated an interest in doing the work but there were some concerns over the possibility of a flail cutter damaging the paths. He would visit the site and provide a quotation.

The Chairman would also discuss the work with the representative from Nobridge.

##### 3. Tree work.

Access2Trees have been contacted and are happy to accept responsibility for any work.

##### 4. Mole catching.

Shropshire Mole Catchers had been contracted for work in the Burial Ground where they trapped three moles. The basic fee is £70.00 for dealing with a defined area and trapping up to two moles, with a £10.00 fee for each additional mole removed.

It was agreed to ask for trapping to be carried out in the Moat area and Councillor P. Sharp offered to meet up with Mr. Dawson to indicate the areas of concern. *Clerk to arrange.*

##### 5. Weekly checks to include litter collection, path clearance, etc.

Councillor P. Sharp reported that a number of volunteers under the guidance of Mr. Eric Cooper were regularly collecting litter and dog faeces from the Moat and Glebe areas and Mr. Cooper was providing dog waste bags for dog owners. It was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to him and that money should be made available for various small notices and the purchase of additional bags.

The success of the volunteer scheme would be monitored and minor repair work carried out on a self-help basis when the need arises.

## 6. Drain clearance.

It was decided that this could be a 'self-help' project.

### (h) Highways

#### 1. A53 Roundabout:

The Chairman and Councillor A. Brown reported that they had held a site meeting with Mr. Mark Wootton (Developing Highways Manager at Shropshire Council), when a range of issues were discussed about the suitability of the roundabout and the need to publish a revised TRO to accommodate the changes to the A53 speed limits. A detailed report outlining Mark's responses had been produced by Councillor Brown and circulated to Members indicating that he agreed with their concerns and would forward a report to the local traffic engineer and the development would not be approved until a future assessment was undertaken.

A later message from Shropshire Council indicated that the TRO for the speed limit changes on the A53 was being published.

#### 2. A53 resurfacing:

It was noted that the road had been partially re-surfaced between Edgebolton and the Mytton Estate and that part of the footpath had been cleared and repaired at the same time. *Clerk was asked to check when the remainder of the footpath clearance was planned.*

### (i) Environment Issues:

#### 1. Fly Tipping (20/140(2))

The Chairman reported that the road behind RAPRA had been cleared of all the rubbish which had been left there.

#### 2. Dog Waste (20/140 (b))

This had been dealt with under Minute 20/136 (g)

### **20/137 Correspondence.**

Members considered the attached list of correspondence which had been received by the Clerk since the last meeting and noted that where necessary, appropriate actions had already been taken or responses made on many items.

### **20/138 Accounts for Payment and Financial Statement.**

(a) It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

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| Mr. J. Wilson     | Salary (February)                      |         | £611.80 |
| Mr. J. Wilson     | Expenses (January)                     |         | £31.67  |
| Inland Revenue    | PAYE (February)                        | £153.00 |         |
|                   | N.I. (February)                        | £4.50   | £157.50 |
| Mr. T. Creber     | Litter collection (January)            |         | £340.00 |
| Scottish Power    | Electricity charges (30/09-31/12/20)   |         | £164.93 |
| Nobridge Ltd.     | Ground Maintenance (12/08/20-05/11/20) |         | £970.26 |
| Mr. P. Sharp      | Rubble bags                            |         | £21.94  |
| JTS Services      | Community Environment work             |         | £960.00 |
| Mr. A. Dawson     | Mole control (Burial Ground)           |         | £80.00  |
| Mr. A. P. Sharp   | Postcrete & jubilee clips              |         | £22.08  |
| Mr. C. J. Kennedy | Zoom payment                           |         | £14.39  |

### (b) Financial Statement:

The February statement was considered and approved.

### **20/139 Revised Budget.**

Following a number of new developments agreed by Members at the last two meetings, the Clerk had prepared an amended annual budget for 2021-2022 which was considered and approved.

Details of the new budget would be placed on the Council's web site.

### **20/140 Exchange of Information.**

(a) Agenda Items for next meeting:

No new items raised.

(b) Other Issues:i. Highways:

Continued concern was again raised about the dreadful state of the drainage system throughout Shawbury leading to major pot holes and the break-up of road surfaces.

ii Streetlights.

No issues raised

iii. Other Reports:Flooding:

The Vice-Chairman raised concerns about a property in Poynton Road that had been in danger of being flooded again. This had happened in the past and it appeared that Severn Trent and Shropshire Council had not been very helpful. Shropshire Councillor S. Jones agreed to contact appropriate representatives of both organisations to see if action could be undertaken to prevent a re-occurrence of the problem.

Burial Ground:

Councillor Mrs. J. Herbert raised concerns about some of the grave stones that appeared to be leaning and the state of some of the graves which were sinking. The Chairman reported that he and Councillor Ms. S. McIntosh had visited the site and the grave stones were not loose and did not currently pose a safety problem, however, they would continue to monitor the site and plans were in hand to carry out remedial work later in the spring when the weather improved.

RAF Notice re. dog walking:

The Chairman reported that he had placed the information for dog walkers on the local Facebook page but it obviously had not been studied in detail as it had led to some unsavoury comments. He had later withdrawn the article and in future any future articles he placed would not allow comments.

**20/141 Reports from:****(a) Police:**1. Incidents recorded in December:

Violence – 2 (Mytton Lane & Muckleton Moss).

2. Crime Incident Statistics:

Councillor A. Brown was thanked for providing a detailed analysis of the crimes which had been committed in Shawbury Parish and RAF Shawbury in the period from January 1<sup>st</sup>. 2013 to December 31<sup>st</sup>. 2020.

**(b) RAF Shawbury.**

Lt. Matt Peters reported that all the items for consideration had been outlined by Group Captain Wadlow at the start of the meeting.

**(c) Shropshire Council.**

Councillor S. Jones indicated that there were no major issues to report but confirmed that he would follow up items regarding problems with highways and drainage.

In response to a question from Councillor A. Brown he confirmed that the planning application for the Shrewsbury North West Relief Road would be published on February 19<sup>th</sup>. There was concern raised that the new road would be classified as an extension of the A53 which could lead to increased traffic through Shawbury.

**20/142 Planning.**A. The following application was considered:

Land adjacent to Coppice Close, RAF Shawbury – change of use of redundant play area to provide car parking area for surrounding dwellings. (21/00411/FUL).

B. The following application had been approved by Shropshire Council:

Barn Farm, Muckleton – barn conversion.

**20/143 Committee and Other Reports.**

No reports tabled.

**20/144 Section 137 Grants**

Applications had been received from Shawbury Air Scouts; Severn Hospice and Hope House and it was unanimously agreed to donate £250.00 to each organisation and hold in reserve the remaining budget of £250.00.

**20/145 Press Matters.**

Information regarding the revised budget; details of grants; volunteers clearing up waste in Moat and Glebe areas.

**20/146 Date of Next Meeting:**

Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup>. 2021. at 7.00pm.

**Approved as a true record of the Meeting.**

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**Signed:** C. J. Kennedy (Chairman)      **Date:** March 11<sup>th</sup>.2021

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE January meeting:**

Mark Wooton – site meeting re roundabout.

Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.\*

Ms. C. Price – Council vacancy.

Shropshire Council – Coronavirus up-date.\*

NALC – Bulletin’\*’

Dianne Dorrell – Community Governance review.\*

Vice Chairman – Poynton Road resident’s flooding.\*

Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.\*

Gail Power Covid 19 Grant funding.\*

Traffic Engineering – Wem Road and Speed controls on A53.\*

Dianne Dorrell – Overcoming adversity.\*

Andy Begley – New Civic Centre in Shrewsbury.\*

Police Commissioner – Newsletter.\*

Phil Moore – Advice on planning.\*

Gail Power – extension of representation period for Shropshire Local Plan.\*

Gail Power – New limit for Section 137 grants.\*

Post Office – Information.\*

Cllr. A. Brown – site meeting report.\*

Gail Power – Shropshire Council community reassurance.\*

NALC – CEO’s News Bulletin.\*

Dianne Dorrell – Changes to carer support provision.\*

John Harris – Walking in Shropshire.\*

HS2 Enquiries.\*

Chairman - A53 footpath clearance.\*

Cllr. P. Sharp & resident – streetlight not working.

HS2 Enquiries – consultation.\*

Gail Power – Out of hours palliative care.\*

Dianne Dorrell – Message from High Sheriff.\*

Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.\*

Cllr. A. Brown – Crime incident reports.

Richard Bailey – Floral Gateways.\*

NALC – Coronavirus Up-date.\*

W.O C. Williams – Shawbury RAF Station up-date.\*

Cllr. J. Herbert – Leaning gravestones.

Gail Power – Special News Bulletin.\*

NALC – CEO’s Bulletin.\*

Gail Power – Highways winter maintenance.\*

Shropshire Council – Vaccination centres opening.\*

Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief (08/02/21).\*

Dianne Dorrell – Postponement of the Lord Lieutenants Garden Party.\*