

**MINUTES OF THE SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SHAWBURY
VILLAGE HALL ON FEBRUARY 8TH. 2022 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

There were no members of the public present.

Present:

Mr. C. Kennedy (Chairman).

Mr. B. Lyon.

Mr. R. Pinches.

Mr. A. Foster.

Mr. P. Sharp.

Mr. J. Vernon.

Mr. M. Roberts.

Mrs. J. Herbert.

Mr. A. Brown.

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk.

21/140 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Ms. S. McIntosh; Mr. K. Pickering; Mr. C. Kirkup; Shropshire Councillor S. Jones and Lt. M. Peters (RAF Shawbury).

21/141 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

No interests were declared.

21/142 Minutes of Meeting held on January 11th. 2022.

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

21/143 Matters Arising.

(a) Replacement of playing field fencing posts (21/138(a)).

Following detailed consideration of the various options that had been suggested at the previous meeting, it was unanimously decided that when any of the current posts became rotten and needed to be removed they will be replaced by the same type of posts which can be sourced locally.

(b) Litter Collection (21/138(b)).

It was reported that Mr. Varndell had been contracted to undertake the collection and disposal of litter from the Playing Field, the Cycle Track, The Council Car Park and the Moat and Glebe areas at an annual fee of £5,400.00.

(c) Community Speed Watch (21/129(c)).

Details of the scheme with requests for volunteers had been published on the Council web site and in the Shawbury Newsletter but there had been no public response. However, a number of Councillors agreed to volunteer and the Chairman stated that he would place an article on the Community Facebook web site.

(d) Purchase of allotment (21/115(a)).

The solicitors representing the Council had reported that in spite of numerous requests they had still not received any documents from the Housing Association's solicitor.

(e) Street lights Bridgeway and Millbrook (21/115(e)).

It was noted that E.ON were still having difficulty with staffing levels and were heavily involved in trying to catch up with a wide range of projects that had been curtailed by the varied Covid regulations.

(f) Damaged fencing by allotment (Correspondence).

The Legal & Commercial Surveyor for Connexus had confirmed that the details had been sent to their works department and promised to see what was causing the delay in carrying out repairs.

(g) Damaged highway signs (21/133(b)).

Clerk stated that these had been reported and transferred to Shropshire Council's 'Fix my Street' portal and he had been notified that they were being investigated.

21/144 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 been taken or responses made.

21/145 Accounts for Payment and Financial Statements.

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

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (February)		£611.61
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (January)		£53.18
Inland Revenue	PAYE (February)	£153.00	
	N.I. (February)	£3.81	£156.81
Mr. M. Varndell	Collection & disposal of litter (January)		£450.00
Scottish Power	Electricity charges (30/09/21 -31/12/21)		£847.81
E.ON Energy	Annual contract 2021-2022 (50%)		£699.49
E.ON Energy	Streetlight repair (Church Close)		£89.56
Nobridge	Ground maintenance		£867.22

b) The financial statement for January was tabled and approved.

21/146 Localism Act 2011 - Code of Conduct 2021:

Members considered and adopted the 'Single National Code of Conduct' which included the need to declare 'Other Registrable Interests' if these were appropriate. None of the Members declared any further interests.

21/147 Section 137 Grants.

Three applications had been received and were considered but it was decided to defer a decision until the next meeting to see if any other applications were received.

21/148 Exchange of Information.

(a) Agenda Items for next meeting:

Section 137 Grants; Streetlights; Community speed watch.

(b) Other Issues:

i. Highways:

(a) Concern was expressed about the two incidents that had occurred on the crossing by the shops and it was decided to ask Shropshire Council to re-paint the white warning lines which could help motorists to be more aware of the crossing,

(b) The warning sign approaching the roundabout had become detached.

(c) The speed control sign by Baker House in Church Street and been turned round.

The Clerk would report all issues to the Highways Department.

ii. Streetlights:

It was noted that Scottish Power were proposing to increase the cost of providing electricity for streetlights from 12p/KWh to 47p/KWh, which, if confirmed, would increase the annual cost of powering the streetlights to approx £11,300 per year. It was agreed not to take action until the actual figure was confirmed but to investigate:

(a) Joining Shropshire Council's streetlight consortium.

(b) The cost of ensuring that all the lights were converted to LED units and

(c) The cost of converting all the lights from 'all night' to 'dusk to midnight' lighting.

iii. Other Reports:

No issues tabled.

21/149 Reports from:**(a) Police:****Incidents recorded in December:**

Violence -3 (Wytheford Road -1 Leasowes Park -2).

Anti-Social Behaviour - 2 (Hazeldine Crescent -1 Wytheford Road – 1)

(b) RAF Shawbury:

Lt. Peters had sent an email indicating that he was unable to attend the meeting and would be leaving Shawbury towards the end of the month. He wished to thank everyone for their kindness and support and wished the Council future good fortune. The new representative would be FS Matt Lingham.

(c) Shropshire Council:

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones had sent an email explaining that he was unable to attend the meeting but had forwarded a detailed written report of Shropshire Council's activities and this was distributed to Members.

The report covered a range of topics including Economic Development; Children's Services; Resources and Staffing; Climate Change and Adult Services.

21/150 Planning Applications:**The following application had been received:**

2, Muckleton Lane, Edgebolton – steel framed agricultural building (Information only).

The following application had been approved by Shropshire Council:

The Farm Shop, Shrewsbury Road, Shawbury – creation of a coffee shop with outdoor seating, etc. (21/05359/FUL).

The following applications had been refused:

1. 15, Park Avenue – Approval of reserved matters (21/05476/REM)

2. Poultry Buildings, Muckleton Road, Edgebolton – siting of a mobile home (20/03923/FUL).

21/151 Church Street/ Poynton Road Streetlights:

Members considered a two part report submitted by Councillor Adrian Brown outlining a review of the street lighting in Church Street and part of Poynton Road, which indicated a need to re-position and upgrade a number of lights in order to provide an improved coverage. He pointed out that improvements would be difficult because of the current location of some of the lights and there would be a need to discuss this with a representative from E.ON, the Council's streetlight contractor.

The Chairman thanked Adrian for the report, which was commended by Members and the Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Garry Johnson at E.ON, asking him to meet up with Councillor Brown to give advice on how some aspects of it could be carried out. There would then be a need to get quotations for each of the two sections of the report.

21/152 Committee and Other Reports.**1. North Shropshire Area Committee:**

Cllr. P. Sharp had already forwarded details of the meeting to Members and no issues were raised.

2. Village Hall Committee:

Cllr. A. Foster reported on the AGM which had been held in January, when the current officers had all been re-elected and two residents had been co-opted onto the Committee. At the meeting it had been decided to purchase a commercial dishwasher which would be a help to all the groups that used the Village Hall for meetings and the Committee had secured a contractor to change all the lights to Led units which would give a considerable reduction in fuel costs.

3. Zoom meeting of Council Chairs

The Chairman informed Members that SALC had organised regular meeting for people Chairing Parish and Town Councils, including those from Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Councils.

At the last meeting there had been very interesting contributions from Shropshire Cllrs. Cecelia Motley and Tracy Dark.

Cecelia had spoken about the internal boundary review, which did not affect Shawbury and given an update of the Budget, pointing out that the Council were disappointed that the Government's grant

allocation was for one year and not the three which had been expected, which made future planning difficult. There was disappointment too about the delay in addressing social care where in Shropshire 79% of the total budget was spent in dealing with this area of work, which only deals with about 3% of the population. Most of that money was spent on adult social care although the numbers of children in care had risen from 240 to 600 during the pandemic.

Tracy had given an interesting and informative insight into the Enforcement element of planning, pointing out that it should not be seen as a negative action but was designed to ensure that all planning was within the overall policy for the County.

She mentioned that residents could report issues of concern and that under Section 215 of the Enforcement regulations buildings and gardens could be reported if they had gone into disrepair.

21/153 Press Matters.

Clerk to produce a brief report.

21/154 Date of Next Council Meeting:

Tuesday, March 8th. at 7.00pm.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: C. J. Kenndy (Chairman) **Date:** March 8th. 2022

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE JANUARY MEETING:

Lorraine Pratt – help with pavement clearance.

Dianne Dorrell – Code of Conduct.

Claire Greenaway-Evans – Safer Neighbourhood Team news.

Shelly Davies – Helicopter Night Flying information.

Shropshire Council – latest Coronavirus information.

NALC – CEO’s Bulletin.

Resident – graffiti on picnic bench.

Shawbury Parish Newsletter.

Jenny Jarvis - acceptance of Garden Party invitation.

Cllr. A. Brown – Church Street/Poynton Road streetlights.

Nicole Beddall – Allotment.

Emma Williams – Storm damaged fencing and Allotment.

Jamie Robinson – Mobile police surgery.

NALC – Newsletter.

Amanda Roberts – Draft Minutes of Area Meeting.

Shelly Davies – Low flying area video.

Resident – Complaint about speed retarders in Wem Road.

Cllr. P. Sharp – NSAC report.

Shropshire Council – Latest coronavirus news.

NALC – CEO’s Newsletter.

Cllr. P. Sharp – Mole problem.

Shawbury Village Hall – lighting up-grade.

Sarah Manning – Vaccination ‘bus.

Resident – Faulty streetlight at Edgebolton.

Dianne Dorrell – Information Bulletin.

Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.

Russ Currie – election litter in Wytheford Road.

Michael Crawshaw (S&T NHS Trust) – public consultation.

Dianne Dorrell – NALC Election report.

Dianne Dorrell – NALC CEO’s bulletin.
Shropshire Council – Latest coronavirus news.
Resident – Incident at pedestrian crossing.
Cllr. A. Brown – Police incident figures.
Scottish Power – Increase in tariff from March 1st.
Shropshire Council – election fees.
Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.
Dianne Dorrell – Community Governance Review.
R.B. Legion - planting a tree + plaque.
Resident – Community Speed Watch etc.
NALC – CEO’s Bulletin.
Shropshire Council – Latest Coronavirus news.