

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>. 2015 at 7.00pm.**

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**Public Session:**

There were no members of the public present and no issues were raised.

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**Present:**

Mr. D. Roberts (Chairman).

Ms. S. McIntosh

Mrs. J. Manley

Mrs. M. Clark

Mr. J. Kennedy

Mrs. G. Matthews

Miss R. Wall

Mrs T. Howells

**In Attendance:**

The Parish Clerk.

Lt. M. McArdle R.N. (RAF Shawbury).

**Apologies:**

Apologies were presented and accepted from Councillors: Mrs. F. Medley, Mr. P. Sharp, Mr. R. Pinches and Mr. A.G. Foster.

**15/34 Minutes of Meeting held on May 5<sup>th</sup>. 2015:**

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

**15/35 Matters Arising:**

**(a)Highways:**

It was noted that the improvements to the access from the A53 to White Lodge Park had been completed and that dropped kerbs were in the process of being put in place.

Members were pleased to see that the 30mph limit signs had been erected on Wem Road but there was a good deal of concern expressed about the 'speed cushions' that had been installed, as there had been no request for these. Complaints had already been received and it was noted that the Council had been informed at various times that this type of speed restriction was no longer an option.

The Clerk was asked to raise the Council's concerns with Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones and the Highways Officer responsible for the development.

**(b) Litter Collection (15/31):**

The Chairman reported that he had arranged for a weekly collection of the rubbish from Mr. Creber's house but Mr. Kennedy stated that Mr. Creber had told him that this was not happening. The Chairman agreed to make sure that this was undertaken and would speak to Veolia management and Mr. Creber.

**(c) Fun Day (15/23 (f)):**

Mrs. Howells confirmed that everything was going ahead smoothly and the Clerk confirmed that a request had been received to sponsor the Exotic Animal display. This would cost £179.25, which was within the budget agreed at the last meeting. This was approved by Members.

**(d) Group Award (15/23(c)):**

Members adopted the policy document prepared by the Clerk and this would be placed on file.

**(e) Dogs on the Playing Field (15/31):**

Mrs. Matthews reported that she had made some early visits to the area but there did not seem to be a major problem and a report from Mr. Creber indicated that the amount of dog waste on the field had decreased over the past few weeks.

**15/36 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on May 26<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**15/37 Matters Arising:**(a) Bus Shelters:

There had been no support at the meeting for the suggestion of providing additional bus shelters and only one letter, which supported a shelter by the hairdressers. In view of this lack of support it was decided to take no further action.

The Clerk reported that he had received complaints about the condition and cleanliness of the existing shelters and it was decided to try and find someone who would be prepared to do the necessary work.

(b) Fitness Area:

The general feeling was that this was a positive idea and there was unanimous support for the Vice Chairman and Clerk to undertake some preliminary work in identifying a possible site and the probable cost of the project.

(c) Date of Annual Parish Meetings:

The Clerk pointed out that the meeting was always in the Bank Holiday week, when many people were away, which probably affected the numbers attending. It was decided to move the date forward by one week next year.

**15/38 Correspondence:**

Members considered the following correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting, most of which had already been sent to them:

Shropshire Council – Empty Homes Newsletter.

Sherry Woolgrove – Emergency Planning Meeting.

Police Commissioner – Weekly Newsletter (May 11<sup>th</sup>).

Various – A53 resurfacing.

Natural Environment – Tree protection orders.

Gail Power – Nesscliffe Hills.

Dianne Dorrell – Newsletter (May 15<sup>th</sup>).

Dianne Dorrell – North Shropshire Area Committee meeting.

Mr. D. O’Connell – two letters (a) re. bus shelters and fitness area (b) re. bowling club.

*Clerk confirmed that he had responded to both letters.*

Gail Power – Chairmanship Training.

Shropshire Council – review of Place Plans.

*Clerk asked Members to read through the document and forward any comments to him,*

*He would ensure that Shropshire Council was advised of any amendments before the closing date.*

**15/39 Accounts for Payment:**

It was resolved to pay the following invoices:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (June)	£550.70
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (May)	£102.25
Inland Revenue	Tax (June)	£137.80
	N.I. (June)	£1.72
Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance/Floral Gateways (May)	£551.50
Mr. T. Creber	Village work (May)	£310.00
Mr. M. Sheehy	Internal Audit	£275.00
EON	Streetlight repair Hazeldine Crescent	£37.20
Paper Write	Certificates & AGM Printing	£16.50
Mrs. A. James	Fun Day Grant (Exotic Animals)	£179.25
Shropshire Trophy Centre	Plaques for Community Service	£37.50
Nobridge	Ground maintenance (May)	£388.10

**15/40 Financial Statement:**

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

**15/41****(a) Income/Expenditure Statement 2014 – 2015**

The statement was considered and adopted.

**(b) Supporting Statement:**

The statement was considered and adopted.

**(c) Internal Auditors Report.**

The Internal Auditors report was considered and approved after it was noted that no concerns had been raised.

**(d) External Audit Return**

Members agreed to the completion of all sections of the document.

Clerk to forward the completed document, plus supporting papers to Mazars – the external auditor.

**15/42 Exchange of Information:**

(a) Agenda Item for the next meeting:

1. Possible projects.
2. Fishing Stands.
3. Bus shelter maintenance.

(b) The following items were reported:

**(i) Highways:**

1. There were a number of un-cut verges in the area causing possible traffic hazards.
2. Tree overhanging the traffic lights and obstructing motorists view.
3. Concern about the state of the small area by the traffic lights/Carradine Flats, which is overgrown again with several small saplings in it. Request for the area to be cleared and a hard surface covering put in place to ensure that the area is kept tidy.

Clerk to pass details to Shropshire Highways Department.

**(ii) Street Lighting:**

Mrs. Manley raised concerns about a safety problem of pedestrian access from the A53 into White Lodge Park when the street lights went off in the late evening, leaving the area in total darkness. This was dangerous and some form of pavement lighting was needed. This was supported by several other Members and the Clerk was asked to discuss the problem with Councillor Simon Jones.

**(iii) Other:**

(a) The Chairman reported that the car park litter bin had been set on fire. The CCTV camera recording showed that this had been done at 22.49 one evening, by a young man wearing a hood and carrying a duffle bag. Details had been passed to the police.

(b) Mr. Kennedy reported that he had placed a title plate on the Council notice board. He was thanked for carrying out the work

**15/43 Reports from:****(a) Police:**

No report tabled.

**(b) RAF Shawbury:**

Lt. McArdle reported that there would be a lot of additional aircraft using the base as part of the Cosford Air Show on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Families Day was planned for July 24<sup>th</sup>, when there was likely to be increased activity and noise.

The annual motor cycle event was being held on August 15<sup>th</sup>. & 16<sup>th</sup>.

**(c) Shropshire Council:**

No report tabled.

**15/44 Planning:****A. The following application had been received:**

Land off Mytton Lane, Shawbury –outline application for the construction of one dwelling.

*Objected to: It was outside designated development boundary; access was by a bridleway; likely damage to a number of trees with TPOs.*

**B. Planning Enforcement:**

*It was noted that a complaint had been raised with the planning department, who were investigating the progress of the development at Jayroc Stables.*

**C. The following application has been approved by Shropshire Council:**

*Painsbrook Farm, Painsbrook Lane – change of use from agricultural to a non-permanent track for remote controlled cars and temporary car parking.*

**15/45 Committee Reports:****1. SALC Area Committee:**

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had attended the meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

1. The major item on the agenda had been an extended talk on planning, given by Shropshire Councillor Malcolm Price and Shropshire Council's Development Manager, Ian Kilby.

They had highlighted many of the problems faced by Shropshire Council and actions being taken to improve the situation. There had been constant changes in Government regulations and the need to reduce Council expenditure had resulted in the loss of many planning officers, who had taken the offer of redundancy. They explained that a number of recent media reports were not factually correct.

2. During the meeting he had been presented with the new Quality Award Certificate which had been granted to the Parish Council.

3. SALC representative Dianne Dorrell had stated that the SALC Executive Committee were keen to make the Area Committees more meaningful and welcomed suggestions about the way these committees should operate.

**2. LJC Planning Meeting:**

Mr. Kennedy reported that he would be unable to attend the meeting but would be at the full meeting in July, when there was likely to be discussion on the proposals for youth provision.

This generated a good deal of discussion, particularly about providing a Youth Club in Shawbury and how it should operate. Mrs Howells questioned whether local people could go ahead on their own with a project but it was felt that it would be advisable to see what the LJC proposals were and give Parish Council support where appropriate. The major problems would be finding suitable accommodation for a Youth Club and then finding sufficient suitable volunteers.

It was finally decided that the Clerk should write to the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee to see if the Committee was prepared to offer facilities in the Village Hall, for a club to meet on one evening a week during term time.

**15/46 Press Matters:**

No issues to report.

**15/47 Date and Time of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be on July 14<sup>th</sup>. 2015 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

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

**Signed: D. Roberts (Chairman)**

**Date: July 14<sup>th</sup>.2015**