

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

Public Session:

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

Present:

Mr. C. Kennedy (Chairman)

Mr. B. Lyon

Mr. A. G. Foster

Mr. A. Brown

Mr. P. Sharp

Mr. D. Roberts

Ms. S. McIntosh

Mr. J. Vernon

Mrs. J. Herbert

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones.

Lt. M. Peters (RAF Shawbury).

The Parish Clerk.

20/147 Apologies:

Apologies had been received from Councillor R. Pinches.

20/148 Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

No interests were declared.

20/149 Minutes of Meeting held on February 9th. 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.

20/150 Matters Arising.

(a) Playing Field path repair

Clerk reported that Paul Butter from Shropshire Council's Countryside team was planning to carry out the work when there was some reasonable weather. Victoria Merrill (Highways Policy and Strategy Manager) had reported that the team who had arranged for the path to be constructed was no longer in existence and staff had left. As a result, there appeared to be no record of the path but she would try and get Shropshire Council to pay for the repairs.

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

It was agreed to purchase the allotment site from Connexus at a cost of £500.00 and it was noted with thanks that Connexus would be paying all their own legal costs. The Clerk reported that Shropshire Council had indicated that they were unable to provide legal support and it was agreed that the Clerk should identify a solicitor willing to work for the Council.

It was further agreed that Councillors C. Kirkup and J. Vernon should retain the tenancy until March 31st. 2022 whilst the Parish Council considered the possibility of alternative use for parts of the land.

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

Repairs had not been undertaken because of the adverse weather conditions.

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

Clerk reported that he had spoken to Garry Johnson at E.ON who had advised him that Scottish Power had sub-contracted the work to Jones Lighting and were under the impression that they had made contact. They had promised to take action.

(e) Up-date on tasks previously undertaken by Mr. Richard Bailey (20/136(g)) :

The Chairman reported that he and Councillor P. Sharp had met with a representative from Nobridge Ltd. to discuss the grass cutting and spraying in the Moat and Glebe areas. It had proved be very positive meeting and Nobridge would be sending quotations to the Clerk. It was agreed that acceptance of the quotes could be dealt with by the Chairman.

(f) A53 Roundabout (20/136(h)):

Clerk had been advised that following a re-organisation any possible amendments to the roundabout were now being handled by the Highways Officer responsible for the north area.

(g) Road Name replacements (20/136(a))

It was noted that the project had now been completed within budget.

(h) Mole trapping in Moat (20/136(g4))

Councillor P. Sharp stated that he had met Mr. Dawson on site who had carried out a few visits and trapped a number of moles and it was agreed that Mr. Dawson should continue to make occasional visits to keep the areas relatively clear.

(i) Moat Signs (20/136iiiB))

The Chairman reported that he had ordered three signs for the area from Shelley Signs, basically asking people to respect and take care of the area.

(j) Poynton Road Flooding (20/139iii))

Please see report from Shropshire Councillor S. Jones – Item 20/154(c)

(k) Application for co-option (20/137)

Clerk reported that having been advised by Councillor A. Brown that because the vacancy had been advertised prior to the six-month notice, co-option was allowed. As a result, he contacted the resident who had responded, however, she stated that having given it more thought she had decided not to apply.

(l) NW Relief Road (20/141(c)).

Councillor A. Brown reported that he had accessed the Shropshire Council meeting when the plans for the new road were discussed and posted the following questions:

- (a) What calculations had been carried out to identify the likely additional traffic on the A53 and A49 and
- (b) Was it intended that the new road would be an extension of the A53.

He expressed concerns that the information he had received appeared to indicate that there would be a considerable increase in traffic passing through Shawbury.

Responding to Councillor Brown, Shropshire Councillor S. Jones stated that he had spoken to Phil Lloyd, the officer overseeing the project, who was of the opinion that there would be very little affect on the amount of traffic through Shawbury or on the A53 and A49 in general.

20/151 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.

20/152 Accounts for Payment and Financial Statement.

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

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (March)		£611.81
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (February)	£33.82	
	Office rent (Sept-March)	£200.00	£233.82
Inland Revenue	PAYE (March)	£152.80	
	N.I. (March)	£	£157.30
Mr. T. Creber	Litter collection (February)		£340.00
Mr. D. Wood	Hosting defibrillator (2021)		£25.00
Interactive Information	Website hosting & domain renewal		£240.00
Hope House	Grant		£250.00
Shawbury Air Scouts	Grant		£250.00

Severn Hospice	Grant	£250.00
Eon	Annual Maint. Contract (01/05/20 -30/04/21)	£1,398.74
JST Services	Repair/replace road name plates	£240.00
Robert Pinches	Hedge & Grass cutting	£459.00

(b) Financial Statement:

The March statement was considered and approved.

20/153 Exchange of Information.

(a) Agenda Items for next meeting:

Maintenance of drains in the Council car park.

State of road surface in Church Close/Park Avenue.

Dogs on the playing field – possible notices

(b) Other Issues:

i. Highways:

Councillor A. Brown reported that:

(a) Little effort had been made to clean the A53 after the recent repair work, with debris left which could cause danger to cyclists and motor cyclists.

(b) He had received complaints about the failure to erect ‘GO SLOW’ notices on School Lane. It appeared that this was not obligatory but Members felt it would be a public spirited act to put them in place.

(c) The Chairman reported that there was evidence action was being taken to keep the road behind RAPRA clear of litter, however, there was a section which was being used as an unofficial lay-by and this was creating a litter problem. Clerk to see if the Highways team can seal off the area.

ii Streetlights.

No issues raised

iii. Other Reports:

Councillor C. Kirkup reported that the Football Club had received a letter from the land owner indicating that as the Club had not met the conditions regarding financing the project, which were part of the break clause in the lease, he had instructed his legal team to withdraw the offer of the lease.

Members were sympathetic to the news but as this was now a legal issue there was little they could do.

20/154 Reports from:

(a)Police:

Incidents recorded in January 2021.

Public Order (1) White Lodge Park

Burglary (1) Coppice Close.

Violence – (1) A53 junction with Church Street.

(b)RAF Shawbury:

Lt. M. Peters reported that Night Flying would be resuming on March 15th. and last for six weeks and that the Aries magazine would again be printed on the web site.

He had been asked to pass on thanks to the community for their continued support of planned activities.

In response to a query from the Vice Chairman he agreed to check if Gliding activities had been changed from Sundays to Saturdays and promised to inform the Chairman or the Clerk.

(c)Shropshire Council:

Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones reported on the following issues:

Out Reach Post Office:

Although the Post Office was closing on March 10th. it was unlikely that the Out Reach Office would be opening until the end of April because there had been a delay in connecting a telephone for the office which was essential, as well as with unforeseen staffing issues. Because of a reduction in a Government grant the new office would only be open on one day each week.

B5063:

Issues with Kier contractors had resulted in the work planned for March 4th. and 5th. being delayed and following an inspection additional repairs had been included in the project. It was planned for action to be undertaken within the next few days.

Poynton Road Flooding:

He had arranged for Mr. John Ellis (Drainage Officer) to inspect the culvert which had been covered with tarmac and would contact Severn Trent and ask for the drain in the local garden to be checked. He would keep the Vice Chairman advised of any planned action.

Waste Bin:

He would speak to Steve Brown to see if arrangements could be made to provide a large bin on the car park.

Roundabout:

There had been a number of staffing changes in the Highways teams and Shawbury had been moved back into the North area which was being headed up by Victoria Doran. He would arrange to discuss the roundabout issues with her to see if changes possibly could be made.

Litter Pick:

He had arranged for a litter pick to be carried out on the A53 through to Shawbury.

20/155 Planning.**A. The following application was considered and no objections were raised:**

1.23, Mytton Lane, Shawbury – erection of a single storey extension to the rear of the property.

Jay Roc – Having received further information on the design of the planned Chalet, it was agreed to remove objections to the plan.

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

Heath Farm House, Painsbrook Lane, Hadnall – erection of one replacement dwelling following the demolition of existing property.

20/156 Committee and Other Reports.

No reports tabled.

20/157 Press Matters.

Clerk to submit a news item to the editor of the Parish Newsletter.

20/158 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday April 13th. 2021. at 7.00pm.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: C. J. Kennedy (Chairman) Date: April 15th. 2021

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE January meeting:

Cllr. A. Brown – Co-option of member.

Dianne Dorrell – HS2 consultation.

Vice Chairman – Playing field paths.

Gail Power – Updated information on PPE for unpaid carers.

Gail Power – Phlebotomy review.

Chairman – Dog & Litter signs.

Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.

Dianne Dorrell – Criminal Exploitation of Children.

Richard Garbett – Highways Maintenance.

NALC – CEO's Newsletter.

Fiona Leighton – Play Area inspections.

Resident – planning complaint.
Chairman – response to complaint.
Resident – further comments re. planning.
Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.
Paul Butter – path repair
Gail Power – Community reassurance.
Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.
Victoria Merrill – School link footpath.
Emma Williams – Land at Shawbury.
Julia Haines-Adams – Nomination Packs etc.
Dianne Dorrell – Community Governance review.
Claire Porter – Legal support.
Richard Bailey missing key to burial ground.
Gail Power – Election Bulletin.
NALC - CEO's Bulletin.
Cllr. A. Brown – N.W. Relief Road –implications for Shawbury.
Gail Power – How Town and Parish Councils can communicate.
NALC Coronavirus up-date.
Cllr. P. Sharp Car park bin.
Amanda Roberts – Matters raised by Councils.
Brian Rapson – Urgent medical care and NHS111.
Cllr. P. Sharp – SALC Working Group meeting.
Gail Power – Census support.
Gail Power – NALC Star Awards.
Nick Williams – car park bin.
Dianne Dorrell – Information Bulletin.
Dianne Dorrell – Climate Energy declaration.
J. Preece – comments about planning application (Jay-Roc).
Cllr S. Jones – Road repairs.