

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 10TH. 2017 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

There were no members of the public present.

Present:

Ms. S. McIntosh (Chairman)

Mr. A. G. Foster

Mr. A. Brown

Mr. B. Lyon

Mr. D. Roberts

Mr. R. Pinches

Mr. C. Kirkup

Mr. P. Sharp

Mr. J. Vernon

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk.

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones.

17/103 Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Mr. J. Kennedy & Mrs. J. Manley & Lt. M. McArdle RN (RAF Shawbury).

17/104 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

There were no interests declared.

17/105 Shawbury Football Club

Mr. Phil Moore, representing Shawbury Football Club, gave an interesting and informative report on the proposed football complex alongside the A53. It had now been confirmed that the provision of the land for this was not linked to the housing development which had now been approved. This was contrary to the information which had been given when the planning application was first proposed. It appeared that there were legal issues which prevented the two sites being linked.

The Football Club were having difficulty in securing the promised lease of the land and could not move forward with obtaining grants until a lease was secured. Interest and help had been given by the RAF and Sue Thomas but at present everything was stalled.

It had been decided to move away from the area being simply for football but to be a complex that would serve a variety of needs and ages.

Council Members re-stated their support for this development and the Clerk was asked to write to the land owner stating that they hoped that outstanding issues could be quickly resolved and assuring him that the Council fully supported the development.

17/106 Minutes of Meeting held on September 5th. 2017.

The minutes of the meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record following the removal of Item (17/96 b3).

17/107 Matters Arising.

(a)Highways.

Wytheford Road (17/96(iiib)) :

Clerk reported that David Gradwell has listed this road as a Community Safety Concern and promised to look at erecting signs indicating 'Hidden Dip'.

The Safer Road Partnership had been asked to carry out speed checks on the road.

Police Cars- Erratic Driving (17/96iiiie):

Sgt. Claire Greenaway asked if people who had raised concerns about the actions of police cars could give more details of dates and times but there had been no response to this request.

Mytton Estate 17/74(a):

Councillor P. Sharp reported that the trip hazard had been repaired.

(b) Community Led Plan (17/89(e)).

Delegates who had attended the recent meeting at Shirehall stated that they had been advised that Parish Plans were no longer relevant with regard to planning and if over five year's old not seen as important. Revised Place Plans were in the process of being completed by Shropshire Council and would be circulated soon for Members to consider.

Proposed areas for development over the next twenty years had been formulated and agreed by Shropshire Council's cabinet but there was an embargo on publicity at present, although the plan should be available shortly. Once these were published there would be a need for the Council to consider the effect this could have on the Parish and if there was a need to formulate a Neighbourhood Plan.

In the meantime, Councillor P. Sharp agreed to start to collect and file items which Members felt should form part of any future plans.

(c) Street light repairs (17/94):

Clerk confirmed that an order had been placed with EON for the repairs which had been agreed at the previous meeting and the total cost would be £4,827.00 (+VAT)

(d) Smartwater (17/95):

The planned meeting between the police and RAF Shawbury had been postponed until October 4th. and to date no report had been received. Until the outcome of that meeting and the response from the police regarding grant aid was known, progress could not be made.

(e) The Green, Hazeldine Crescent (17/55(c)).

It was agreed that Members would continue to monitor whether vehicles were still being parked on The Green before deciding future action.

(f) Moat working party.

Currently there was no need for this and Councillor R. Pinches confirmed that he was going to flail cut the area very soon. Clerk suggested that Members should let him know if they were prepared to help later in the year and he would pass on their names to Richard Bailey.

(g) Street furniture. (17/79)

No progress to date.

(h) World War I graves (17/96(iii)) :

It had been identified that these were private graves but maintenance work could be carried out if deemed necessary. Photographs of the graves had been requested and Councillor J. Manley was going to send them.

(i) Children's play area equipment repair.

Clerk reported that an order had been placed for the repair to the Ability Whirl at a cost of £627.50 (+VAT) and reminded Members that the play area had been constructed over ten years ago and was likely to suffer from wear and tear.

(j) Moat Gate 17/89(c):

The Vice Chairman reported that the gate had been repaired and repainted and that an excellent job had been carried out. A new chain and padlock were being fitted.

17/108 Correspondence

Members considered and where appropriate responded to correspondence received since the last meeting and special note and was made to the following items:

Mrs. Holland – proposing to provide a Christmas Lunch for people who would be alone on the day.

Mr. R. Bailey – work by War Graves Commission in the burial ground; damaged tree and mole catching.

17/109 Accounts for Payment.

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (October)		£561.90
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (September)		£56.20
Inland Revenue	PAYE (October)	£140.40	
	N.I. (October)	£3.08	£143.48
Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance (Sept.)		£250.00
Mr. T. Creber	Litter collection (Sept.)		£310.00
Mr. L. Wilson	Play Area grass cutting etc. (Sept.)		£167.00
Nobridge Ltd.	Ground maintenance (18/08 & 01/09)		£388.10
Shawbury Village Hall	Rent for meetings (4/10/16 – 5/9/17)		£140.75

17/110 Financial Statement.

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

17/111 Youth Budget.

It was noted that there was a total of £2,000 in this budget as Shropshire Council had donated an additional grant of £1,000. Clerk reported that the Youth Club may need help with paying the Village Hall rent and were trying to access facilities at the RAF Sports Centre. This had stalled when the officer dealing with the request had been transferred.

A request had been made for some lighting on the car park, which would illuminate part of the playing field allowing access during winter evenings in suitable weather conditions *The Clerk was asked to discuss this with a representative from EON.*

It was agreed that bids from other providers of youth activity would be considered.

17/112 Environmental Maintenance Grant.

The Clerk reminded Members that there was £300.00 available for the Council to spend on voluntary projects in the Parish.

Councillors D. Roberts, A. Brown and A. Foster offered to clear the weed growth from the footpath from Shawbury to Edgebolton providing the Highways Department were prepared to then remove the bags of rubbish. *Clerk to confirm with Victoria Doran.*

17/113 Exchange of Information:

(a) Agenda Items for next meeting:

No items suggested.

(b) The following items of concern were reported:

(i) Highways:

Parking at the School entrance:

Members considered an email which had been received, outlining problems at the approach to the school because of inconsiderate and dangerous parking. It was confirmed that the police had been asked to take enforcement action and where necessary prosecute offending drivers and Shropshire Councillor S. Jones had reminded the Highways Department of the need to complete the various projects that had been promised.

Councillor P. Sharp felt that Shropshire Council's decision not to go ahead with the parking area as part of the new development on the A53 was a retrograde step but it was noted that parking was available at the Village Hall location and that Shropshire Council had funded a footpath from the car park to the school to enable children and parents to walk that part of the route.

Clerk stated that the new Head Teacher at the school was hoping to attend the Council meeting in November when the problems and possible solutions could be discussed with him.

White Lodge Park:

Complaints had been received from a number of residents about HGVs and an articulated lorry using White Lodge Park to access the company based in Poynton Road. This road was totally unsuited for this form of traffic but it was noted that using Church Street and Poynton Road was also a major problem. Clerk was asked to write to the Company, pointing out the danger to residents and damage to the road and suggesting that the lorries accessed the site via Wytheford Road and Poynton Green. It was noted too that a recent repair to a large potholed area had already disintegrated.

Mytton Estate:

Councillor D. Roberts stated that the Leylandii Tree which had already been reported was now growing into the telephone cables.

Clerk to inform the Highways Department.

(ii) Street Lighting:

Clerk confirmed that EON were waiting for Scottish Power to restore power to light No. 4 in Church Close.

(iii) Oher:

No issues raised.

17/114 Reports From:**(a) Police:**Incidents recorded in July:

Coppice Close – Anti-Social-Behaviour -1.

McKinley Way – Violence -1 (Under investigation).

Millbrook Drive – Anti-Social-Behaviour -1.

River Gardens – Shop lifting – 1 (Under investigation).

A53 – Shop lifting -1 (Under investigation).

White Lodge Park – Violence – 1 (Offender cautioned).

Church Close – Anti-Social-Behaviour – 1; Violence – 1 (Under investigation).

Leasowes – Criminal Damage -1 (No suspect identified); Vehicle Crime – 1 (Awaiting Court outcome)

Incidents recorded in August:

Hazeldine Crescent – Criminal Damage – 1 (No suspect identified).

Erdington Close – Anti-Social Behaviour – 1

Carradine Close – Burglary – 1 (No suspect identified).

A53 – Anti-Social Behaviour -1

Petrol Station – Theft -1 (Unable to prosecute offender).

Wytheford Road – Theft -1 (No suspect identified).

Councillor P. Sharp questioned why reported incidents at the Bowling Club, including breaking and entering, did not appear on the listed incidents.

Clerk agreed to raise this with Sgt. Greenaway.

Councillor A. Brown stated that he was still awaiting one outstanding report from 2016 to enable him to complete his detailed survey of crime incidents.

(b) RAF Shawbury.

No report tabled.

(c) Shropshire Council.

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones reminded Members of the need for responses to the consultation documents on Car Parking and the Library Service. It appeared that there would be no change in the mobile library provision for Shawbury Parish.

He also stated that following representation to the company, the water leak by the school had been fully repaired.

17/115 Planning.

A. The following applications had been received:

1. Mr. D. Davies, Wytheford House, Wytheford

Erection of a free range chicken building, egg store feed bins and associated work. *No objections raised.*

2. Amended application for the construction of the new Co-op shop.

Clerk reported that the architect from the company responsible for the plans had notified him that he was unable to attend because of a prior engagement but Members had been provided with a copy of the amendments for consideration.

Councillor A. Brown stated that he had previously raised certain issues and that he was still unhappy with aspects of the plan especially the loss of parking on the 'pull in' by the shops. Other Members were happy to support the plan.

After debate, the Chairman called for a vote and on a majority verdict it was agreed to support the amended plan.

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

Merlwood Farm – alterations and extensions.

Building East of Bing's Heath – erection of a building for animal housing.

Construction of 50 houses on land east of the A53.

17/116 Committee/Meeting Reports.

Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee:

Councillor B. Lyon reported that it had been a very well attended meeting but there were no issues raised affecting the Parish.

17/117 Press Matters.

No issues proposed.

17/118 Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on November 14th. 2017 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: S. McIntosh (Chairman) Date: October 14th. 2017

Correspondence received since the last meeting: (September).

Claire Greenaway – Wytheford Road and Police Vehicles.

Gail Power - Shropshire Council 5 year land supply.

Dianne Dorrell SALC AGM Conference details + agenda.

Gail Power – Local Plan Review.

Dianne Dorrell – September Information Bulletin.

Mary Hardy – Health and Well Being event in Hodnet.

Sue Thomas – Shropshire Economic Growth Strategy.

Dianne Dorrell – SALC AGM details.

Meres & Mosses – verification of applicants applying for housing.

Dianne Dorrell – Data Protection Regulations.

E. Ashton – road safety concerns.

Grinshill Animal Rescue letter of thanks.

Mr. C. Humphries – problems related to Street light No.4 in Church Close.

Karen Townend – Co-op development.

Various – Full bins

Dianne Dorrell – Newsletter.

Shropshire Council – N.W. Relief Road –consultation.

Dianne Dorrell – Planning for the right homes in the right places.

Dianne Dorrell – October Newsletter.

Richard Bailey – War Graves Commission/Moles