

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup>. OCTOBER 2019 at 7.00pm.**

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**Public Session**

There were no members of the public present.

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**Present:**

Mr. A. G. Foster (Chairman)

Mr. C. Kennedy

Mr. B. Lyon

Mr. R. Pinches

Mrs. J. Herbert

Mr. P. Sharp

Mr. A. Brown

Mr. J. Vernon

Mrs. J. Manley

Ms. S. McIntosh

**In Attendance:**

The Parish Clerk.

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones.

Flt.Lt. M. McArdle (RAF Shawbury).

**19/95 Apologies:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Mr. D. Roberts and Mr. C. Kirkup.

**19/96 Personal or Prejudicial Interests.**

There were no interests declared.

**19/97 Minutes of Meeting held on September 10<sup>th</sup>. 2019.**

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

**19/98 Matters Arising.**

**(a) Road Sign repairs (19/55(a)).**

The Chairman reported that there had been no further developments and he had been unable to contact the contractor to discuss progress.

**(b) Highways Issues (19/55(b))**

There had been no further responses from Shropshire Council regarding many of the issues raised at previous meetings. It was noted that re-lining on the roads had taken place but had been carried out at some locations before the road repairs had been undertaken.

**(c) VAS Signals (19/55(c)).**

Clerk reported that the order for the signals had been placed and it appeared that a start had been made on the work. Mr. G. Johnson who was responsible for the oversight of the work was currently on holiday but it was anticipated that the work would be undertaken in the near future.

**(d) Playing Field security (19/87).**

The Vice Chairman reported that he had purchased and fitted a high security lock on the field gate and keys had been issued to those who required regular access. It was unanimously agreed that no further keys should be issued and alternative arrangements would need to be put in place for those who needed casual access to carry out essential work.

Members considered if a heavy-duty barrier gate for added security should be installed costing in the region of £3,000.00. Detailed discussion took place and it was noted that this was the first time the field had been accessed by Travellers and that the new safety lock would be a deterrent to future attempts. Councillor Mr. R. Pinches proposed that the Council should not proceed with installing a gate but keep details on file and purchase one if there were any future problems. This proposal was seconded and approved by seven votes to three.

It was also decided not to proceed with the installation of a CCTV camera at the far side of the field which would cost £4,000.00 but to seek a quotation for one to cover the Poynton Road and Church Close areas.

(e) Parking restrictions by the Co-op shop (19/38(a))

Councillor B. Lyon was thanked for the effort he had taken to persuade Senior Managers at the Co-op to improve the parking problems alongside the shop. The new system was working well and appeared to be well supported by members of the public.

**19/99 Correspondence.**

Members considered the correspondence which had been received by the Clerk since the last meeting and necessary responses were made.

**19/100 Accounts for Payment.**

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (October)		£595.60
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (September)		£66.27
Inland Revenue	PAYE (October)	£148.80	
	N.I. (October)	£ 3.50	£152.30
Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance (September)		£250.00
Mr. T. Creber	Litter collection (September)		£330.00
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit		£360.00
Nobridge Ltd.	Ground maintenance April 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Sept.4 <sup>th</sup> .		£3,720.47
Shawbury Village Hall	Room rent for Council meetings (12 months)		£156.00

**19/101 Financial Statement:**

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

**19/102 External Audit report.**

The audit report which indicated that no concerns had been raised, was tabled, considered and adopted.

**19/103 Exchange of Information.**

(a) Agenda Items for next meeting:

Projects for 2020 -2021

Use and maintenance of the Telephone kiosk

(b) The following items of concern were recorded:

(i) Highways:

The Clerk was asked to report the following items to the local Highways Team:

(a) The water leak on Poynton Road, close to the school, which had been a problem for several months and still not resolved.

(b) Increased concern about the state of the drainage system which was causing considerable problems on many roads including damage to drain and sewer covers which were becoming loose.

(ii) Street Lighting:

No issues raised.

(iii) Oher:

No issues raised.

**19/104 Reports from:**

**(a)Police**

1. Incidents recorded in August:

Anti- Social Behaviour – 6:

Coppice Close: 2; Leasowes Park: 2; Car Park: 1; A53: 1:

Violence – 5:

Mytton Lane: 1(Under investigation).

Open Space Area towards High Ercall: 1 (Unable to prosecute).

Millbrook Drive: 1 (Action to be taken by another organisation).

Playing field: 1 (Under investigation).

Oak Drive: 1 (Unable to prosecute).

Theft:

Car Park: 1 (Under investigation).

Criminal Damage:

Poynton Road: 1 (Unable to prosecute).

Vehicle Crime:

Erdington Close: 1(No suspect identified).

Burglary

B5063: 1(No suspect identified).

2. Vehicle Crimes in Church Close/Poynton Road:

Public concerns had been raised about the police response to the spike of vehicle crimes that had occurred on September 11<sup>th</sup>. An effort had been made to get a police officer to attend the meeting but unfortunately because of shift patterns, rest days and previously arranged commitments no-one was available. A written response had been received from Inspector Tracy Ryan which indicated that because of the volume and nature of the incidents it was now being handled by the CID. Investigations were on-going and all concerns would be addressed but anyone with additional information was urged to call 101 and report the details.

**(b) RAF Shawbury:**

Flt. Lt. McArdle reported that:

(a) An event was taking place at the base on November 14<sup>th</sup>. which could cause some noise for about an hour late in the evening and

(b) A volunteer group of trainees would be undertaking maintenance work in the Church Grounds.

Councillor Mr. P. Sharp thanked Martin for arranging for a group of eleven trainees to help him with footpath clearance on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**(c) Shropshire Council:**

Shropshire Councillor Mr. S. Jones:

(a) Urged Members to respond to a Library Consultation document issued by Shropshire Council.

(b) Stated that he would discuss the amendments to the Safer Road project on Poynton Road with representatives of the Highways Department

(c) Reported that there had been a successful appeal against a planning directive to remove the path from the field adjacent to Erdington Close.

**19/105 Poynton Road Housing Development Grant:**School parking restrictions:

Members noted the response from Shropshire Council stating that as two objections had been raised it was necessary to review the project. This could result in a delay in producing a solution to the current problem.

**19/106 Review of Streetlights in Church Close and Park Avenue.**

It was reported that considerable concern had been raised by some members of the public about the lack of lighting in some parts of this area and Councillor Mr. J. Vernon requested urgent action be taken to resolve the problem. A resident had now agreed that Scottish Power could access his property to determine why the light in his garden was not working to see if a solution could be found.

Clerk was asked to discuss this with EON and ask them to arrange for Scottish Power to carry out an inspection. Once this had been completed a full assessment of the lighting would be undertaken.

**19/107 Village Hall Car Park – Mirror.**

The Chairman proposed that a mirror should be fixed to the telephone post opposite the car park entrance which would enable drivers leaving the car park to get an improved view of vehicles travelling down Church Street.

The proposal was considered but failed to get a seconder.

**19/108 Church policy for graves in the grave yard.**

Members considered a letter from the Rev. R. Cresswell outlining new Diocese regulations covering graves in the Church Yard.

It was decided that the changes were not appropriate for the Council's burial ground and that the current regulations should be retained.

**19/109 Planning:**A. The following applications had been received:

1. Storage Hangar, Wem Road, Shawbury – Installation of a solid biomass combined heat and power system including ancillary buildings and associated works to replace application (15/02839/FUL).

*Objected to on the grounds of a considerable increase in traffic on the A53 and Wem Road*

2. Woodland Farm, Wytheford Road – erection of a pig rearing and finishing unit (19/04168/FUL).

*After due consideration it was decided by a majority decision to make a 'No comment' response.*

3. Bank Farm, Muckleton – barn conversion, with change from agricultural to residential use. (19/04264PMBPA).

*Application supported.*

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

Ivy House, Shrewsbury Road – felling of a Laburnum Tree.

C. Appeals:

Appeals have been made against Shropshire Council's refusal to grant planning approval for the following:

1. Land by Brickyard Farm – erection of one detached two storey dwelling (1900833/FUL).

2. Jayroc – lighting; lighting poles and amendment to Ménage (19/04168/FUL).

**19/110 Committee and Other Reports.**Medical Centre – Patients Participation Committee:

Councillor A. Brown reported that the group had discussed the possible closure of the High Ercall Surgery.

Food Bank:

It was noted that a Mini Food Bank had been created in the rear of the Church.

**19/111 Public Telephone (Drayton Road).**

It was noted that there had been a unanimous decision at the last meeting to allow B.T. to remove the telephone but after detailed discussion it was decided on a majority vote to ask for the kiosk to be left and sold to the Parish Council for an alternative use. Members of the public would be asked to suggest suitable projects and assist with the on-going maintenance.

**19/112 Press Matters.**

Additional security for the playing field.

Police response to recent incidents.

Delay to the proposed scheme for improving safety at Shawbury School.

Action regarding the telephone and kiosk.

**19/113 Date and time of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be on November 12th. 2019 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

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

**Signed:** A. G. Foster (Chairman)      **Date:** November 12<sup>th</sup>. 2019

**Correspondence received since September meeting:**

Dianne Dorrell – September Newsletter.

Dianne Dorrell – Suicide prevention.

D. Wise – Visit to West Midland Ambulance Service.

Richard Bailey – drainage problem.

Dianne Dorrell – Youth Support Consultation.

Dianne Dorrell – Shropshire Council Directory.

Dianne Dorrell – NALC Audit Code.

Gail Power – CIL update.

Dianne Dorrell – Drug & Alcohol Action Plan – newsletter.

Dianne Dorrell – Community Led Housing.

Shropshire Council – Monday briefing – Traffic Calming.

Shropshire Council – consultation on pay-phone removal.

Simon Jones – Poynton Road Safety Scheme.

Street Works Team – temporary road closure Poynton Grange, Little Wytheford 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – 6<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Gail Power – Water user's license.

Gail Power Shropshire Care closer to Home.

Gail Power – NHS Circular.

Frances Medley – rotten post opposite Church Close.

Martin Sutton – Urban Tree Challenge Fund.

Adrian Brown – Shawbury Crime Statistics up-date.

SALC – 70th. Celebration raffle.

