

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9TH. 2016 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

There were four Members of the public present and the following issues were raised:

1. Mrs. Gregory stated that she was upset and disappointed about the way Shropshire Council's Committee handled the petition regarding the speed cushions in Wem Road that she had presented and was still convinced that proper consultation did not take place before they were installed.
 2. Mr. Bailey reported that RAF Shawbury had agreed to provide a working party to paint the fences around Erdington Close and the Cycle Track with wood preserver. The date planned was April 4th. and he asked Members to oversee the work.
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Present:

Mr. D. Roberts (Chairman)
 Ms. S. McIntosh
 Mrs. J. Manley
 Mrs. F. Medley
 Mr. J. Kennedy
 Mr. A. G. Foster
 Mr. R. Pinches
 Mrs. M. Clark

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones.

The Parish Clerk.

Two members of the public for part of the meeting.

Apologies:

Apologies were presented and accepted from Councillors Mrs. G. Matthews; Mr. P. Sharp; Mrs. T. Howells and Lt. M. McArdle RN (RAF Shawbury).

15/149 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

There were no interests declared.

15/150 Minutes of Meeting held on January 12th. 2016:

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

15/151 Matters Arising:

(a)Highways (15/137(b))

Highways Department had stated that they would attempt to clear the drains where flooding had been reported. It was noted that no work had been carried out.

(b) Bonfire/Fireworks – response to publicity (15/138).

Clerk reported that there had been no response to the articles published in the Newsletter and on the Web site, seeking help with any future firework event. It was agreed to monitor the situation for a few more weeks.

(c) Moat Sign (15/133(d))

Vice Chairman reported that she hoped to have the work completed in the next couple of weeks and would arrange the placement of the sign with the Chairman.

(d) Council vacancy.

As there had been no request for an election, the Council could now co-opt a replacement. Details had been advertised.

(e) Meeting re. Vehicle Activated Signs (15/133(g)).

Chairman and Clerk reported that they had met with representatives from Shropshire Council and EON to look at possible sites for signs. It had been agreed that EON could carry out the work with the

approval of Shropshire Council and sites were identified for Lamp Post No.2 on the A53 entering Shawbury from the direction of Shrewsbury and at the start of the 40mph restriction zone, travelling from the direction of Market Drayton. Signs would say SLOW DOWN. It was agreed that there was a need for public consultation and a report would be placed in the Newsletter and on the Web site.

(f) Fitness area – grant application (15/120(c))

It was noted that Tesco had informed Councillor P. Sharp that they were now prepared to consider the application. Clerk was awaiting further information from Councillor Sharp.

(g) Glebe/Moat – drainage work.

Councillor R. Pinches stated that the work had proved to be a bigger project than was originally envisaged. Much of it had been completed and there was a definite improvement in the drainage but the work was on-going.

(h) Application to open a pharmacy in Shawbury (15/144).

A detailed and complex response had been received from the NHS but it was decided that the Council could not add further to the original statement that had been made.

15/152 Correspondence:

Members considered the correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting, most of which had already been sent to them and dealt with, A detailed response was made to the concerns raised by Mrs. Cleobury.

15/153 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (February)		£550.90
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (January)		£76.23
Inland Revenue	Tax (January)	£137.60	
	N.I. (January)	£1.72	£139.32
Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance (January)		£507.76
Sign and Poster	Erdington Play Area signs		£34.80
Mr. T. Creber	Village Work (January)		£300.00
Scottish Power	Electricity charges (30/09 – 31/12/15)		£735.30
R. A. Allmark Ltd.	9.5 ton of path dressing (Moat/Glebe)		£360.00
Interactive Information	Installing Windows 10 + site visit		£53.00
Outdoor Restore	Cleaning both bus shelters		£90.00

15/154 Financial Statement

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

15/155 Exchange of Information:

(a) Agenda Items for the next meeting:

No items raised.

(b) The following Items of Concern were reported:

(i) Highways:

The Clerk was asked to clarify the regulations/policy regarding notice boards being placed on pavements outside business premises. It was noted that one had blown onto the A53 during the recent storms.

(ii) Street Lighting:

- (a) Clerk stated that he had asked EON to check out the light on the car park – they had been called to it twice but it was still not working.
- (b) Vice Chairman reported there was a problem with the timing programme for Shropshire Council's lights and Shropshire Councillor S. Jones said he would get it investigated.

(iii) Other:

- (a) Members approved the use of the playing field for a Fun Day organised by Shawbury Football Club planned for July 10th.

- (b) Clerk reported that an oak tree on the Glebe had been felled and removed, apparently by the Housing Association. The tree was on land leased by the Council and had been inspected recently and had been showing signs of growth. He had raised concerns with the Housing Association but had yet to receive a response.

15/156 Council Group Community Service Awards.

It was agreed make awards to the Scouts and Guides, RAF Shawbury and the Volunteers who ran the Junior Football activities. Clerk to arrange the purchase of suitable plaques and certificates.

15/157 Small Grant Awards.

Members considered the only three applications that had been received and unanimously approved a grant of £200 to Shawbury Cubs, The Hospice and Hope House.

15/158 Reports from:

(a)Police:

1. The following incidents were recorded in December:

Near B5063 – Violence 1 (under investigation); Mytton Lane – Theft 1 (Under investigation); ‘Open Space’ – Burglary 1 (No suspect); Harcourt Close – Anti Social Behaviour 1; Erdington Close – Anti Social Behaviour 1; Bridgeway – Violence 1 (Unable to prosecute); Leasowes Park – Burglary 1; Violence 1;Criminal Damage 1 (all under investigation). Glebelands – Anti Social Behaviour 1; Millbrook Drive – Anti Social Behaviour 1; Hazeldine Crescent – Violence 1 (under investigation); Anti-Social Behaviour 3.

2. A report from P.C. D. Carpenter was considered.

(b)RAF Shawbury:

No report tabled.

(c) Shropshire Council:

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones reported that Shropshire Council were hopeful of receiving some additional Government funding which, because the current budget had been set, would help to offset some of the cuts in services in 2017 - 2018

15/159 Planning:

The following applications were considered and no objections were raised to any of them:

11, Park Avenue – erection of a single storey extension to rear of property.

7, Leasowes Park – remedial work to seven protected oak trees.

‘Chessington’, Wem Road, Shawbury – two storey extensions to side and rear.

Amended Application:

The application for the construction of a property on land adjacent to the A53 was re-considered.

It was pointed out that objections based purely on a contemporary design, was not a reason for refusal and after consideration the original objection was withdrawn.

15/160 Committee Reports:

LJC Planning Committee:

Councillor J. Kennedy stated that the agenda for the meeting to be held on February 23rd. would include: Big Consultation Up-date; Shrewsbury University Centre and a Public Health Grant for Wem.

15/161 Community Service Awards 2016.

Clerk was asked to begin to publish details of this year’s awards. Presentations to be made at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 17th. Details to be confirmed with RAF Shawbury who had been asked to continue to sponsor the event.

15/162 Press Matters:

Drainage work in the Glebe and Moat

Council Awards.

Consultation over the proposed Vehicle Activated Signs on the A53.

15/163 Date and time of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on March 8th. 2016 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: *D. Roberts* (Chairman) **Date: *March 8th. 2016***