

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY JANUARY 12TH. 2016 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

1. Prior to the start of the meeting, representatives from SALC presented the Chairman with the Local Council Foundation Award Certificate and congratulated Members on the achievement in gaining this National award.
 2. Four members of the public were present – one of whom offered to provide accommodation for a pharmacy if the NHS approved the application for one in Shawbury.
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Present:

Mr. D. Roberts (Chairman)
 Ms. S. McIntosh
 Mr. P. Sharp
 Mrs. G. Matthews
 Mrs. J. Manley
 Mrs. F. Medley
 Mr. J. Kennedy
 Mr. A. G. Foster
 Mr. R. Pinches
 Mrs. T. Howells

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones.
 Lt. M. McArdle RN (RAF Shawbury).
 The Parish Clerk.
 Four members of the public.

Apologies:

Apologies were presented and accepted from Councillor Mrs. M. Clark.
 Clerk reported that Councillor Miss R. Ward had resigned from the Council as she was returning to Leicester University to study for a Ph.D. qualification. He would send a letter congratulating her and thanking her for her service on the Council.
 He had already started the process of recruiting a replacement Councillor.

15/131 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

There were no interests declared.

15/132 Minutes of Meeting held on December 8th. 2015:

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

15/133 Matters Arising:

(a)Highways (15/120(b)):

There were no new issues raised.

(b) Vandalism (public session):

Clerk reported that the police had carried out some pro-active sessions leading up to Christmas and apart from damage to a dog waste bin on the A53, he had not received any reports of other incidents.

(c) Shawbury Library (15/120(f)):

It was noted that the consultation period regarding the future of the Library had ended but no further information had been received.

(d) Shawbury Moat – sign (15/120(g))

Vice-Chairman reported that the construction of the sign was underway and should be ready for erection in the near future.

(e) Councillor's Expenses (15/124)

Clerk confirmed that any standard payment to Members would have to be within a fee structure set by Shropshire Council and that co-opted Members were not eligible. It was agreed not to pursue this but the Clerk confirmed that individual Members could claim for legitimate expenses in relation to printing documents, postage, travel, etc.

(f) Foundation Award (15/120(e))

It was noted that official confirmation of the award had been received with the Council being congratulated on the clarity of the information available on the web site.

(g) Budget (15/124)

Clerk reported that:

1. Because of slight changes made in the calculation of Council Tax payments, setting the precept at the same level for the next financial year had resulted in a small reduction in the Parish Council element of householders' tax bills.
2. Shropshire Youth Association had agreed to organise a further skateboarding event.
3. A meeting had been arranged with representatives from Shropshire Council and EON to discuss suitable locations for the placement of Vehicle Activated Speed Signs (VARs). Entry to the 40mph limits on the A53 were suggested.

(h) Elephant and Castle Public House (15/111)

It was noted that the public house had been registered as an Asset of Community Value.

(I) Bus Shelters

Members accepted a quotation of £90.00 from 'Outdoor Restore' for the annual cleaning of the two shelters. Clerk to confirm with contractor.

(j) Place Plans:

Clerk reported on a meeting called by Shropshire Council to discuss the future of 'Place Plans'. Little progress had been made and further meetings were planned.

15/134 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, Responses were made to the following:

1. *Wrekin Forest Volunteers – permission to visit the Moat on May 4th. to study the flora and fauna of the area.*
2. *Mrs. Hamilton – outlining Parish Council's continued action regarding road safety issues.*
3. *Dr. Clark - informing him the Council's response to the application to open a pharmacy in the village.*

15/135 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (January)		£550.70
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (November)		£51.51
Inland Revenue	Tax (December)		£137.80
	N.I. (December)		£1.72
Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance (December)	£440.00	
	Parish paths work	£29.92	£469.92
Mr. R. Bailey	Replacing safety barriers		£80.00
Mr. T. Creber	Village Work (December)		£300.00
EON	Repairs to car park light		£87.80

15/136 Financial Statement

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

15/137 Exchange of Information:(a) Agenda Items for the next meeting:

1. Group Awards - Members to nominate Community Groups that had provided exceptional service in the Community.

2. Plans for recruiting a replacement Councillor.

(b) The following Items of Concern were reported:(i) Highways:

Problems with blocked drains at various locations. Some areas had already been reported but there was a new area by the Hairdressers on the A53

Road surface in White Lodge Park and Glebelands beginning to 'break up'.

Clerk to report and discuss the issues with the Highways Department.

(ii) Street Lighting:

Still problems with the car park light which was supposed to have been repaired.

(iii) Other:

Chairman had received a request from the W. I. for the Parish Council to participate in a litter pick on March 4th. – 6th. as part of National 'Clean for the Queen' project. Chairman agreed to seek further information on what help was required.

15/138 Future of the Firework Event:

Members were unable to suggest individuals or groups that might be interested in taking responsibility for organising future events when Richard Bailey retired and the Clerk was asked to place an article in the Village Newsletter seeking volunteers. Councillor Sharp stated that he could probably take responsibility for the administration and Councillor Pinches thought it might be possible to store materials for the fire at his premises but was not sure of the regulations.

Agreed to review again if there was any response to the article in the Newsletter.

15/139 Reports from:**(a) Police:**Reported incidents in November:

Hazeldine Crescent – Anti-Social Behaviour – 4; Criminal Damage – 3 (no suspects identified); Violence -1 (under investigation).

McKinley Way – Anti Social Behaviour – 2.

Playing Field – Anti Social Behaviour – 1; Violence – 1 (no suspect identified).

Church Close – Violent Behaviour – 1 (under investigation).

A53 – Criminal Damage - 1 (no suspect identified).

(b) RAF Shawbury:

Lt. McArdle reported that;

(a) Because of work commitments he would be unable to attend the next two meetings.

(b) There would be a special Centenary event on April 29th. in recognition of the 60th Squadron.

(c) Major extension work starting in March could cause traffic problems but the base were hoping to get permission to re-open the old entrance to the married quarters to help relieve any problems

(c) Shropshire Council:

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones reported that:

(a) Councillor Pate had taken over as leader of the Council and a number of port-folio holders had been Changed.

(b) Council Tax rates would increase by 3.9% in 2016 – 2017 - 2% to cover increased costs of Social Care and 1.9% to protect services (the most it could be increased without holding a referendum).

(c) It was found that many of the names included on the petition regarding the Wem Road speed cushions were not viable and as the total was below the requisite 1,000, the petition had been sent to the Scrutiny Committee rather than Full Council.

15/140 Planning:

A. The following application had been received:

Proposed dwelling to south of Drayton Road – for approval of revised reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline planning permission dated 4th. September.

Unanimous decision not to change the response that had previously been made.

B. Application refused by Shropshire Council:

The Moorings, Mytton Lane, Shawbury – outline application for erection of a detached dwelling.

C. The following application had been approved:

74, Bridgeway – single storey extension and conversion of garage to living accommodation.

15/141 Committee Reports:

No reports were tabled.

15/142 Unresolved Issues:

A paper circulated to Members by the Clerk was considered and up-dated. Efforts to be made to resolve issues which were still outstanding.

15/143 Waste Collection:

Councillor Kennedy reported that he had been informed that Mr. Creber was having to carry out additional work at times, to ensure that the playing field and car park were kept clean and this included clearing quite a lot of broken glass.

Councillor Kennedy was asked to monitor the situation and if he felt there were times when additional pay was justified he should notify the Clerk who would arrange payment.

The Chairman and Councillor Foster stated that they would carry out a thorough clean of the car park.

15/144 Pharmacy:

Members considered the papers which had been forwarded to them regarding an application to open a pharmacy in Shawbury, utilising an unused commercial property. After consideration, there was a unanimous decision to object to the proposals as the local surgery already offered an acceptable service.

15/145 Visit to Youth Club.

Arrangements were made for Members to visit the Youth Club prior to the start of the March meeting.

15/146 Maintenance Contract:

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had suggested that there should be an increase in the payment made to Mr. Bailey for this work but he had indicated that he was not prepared to accept an increase and his wishes were respected.

15/147 Press Matters:

1. Vacancy for a co-opted Member.

2. Information about the need for someone to take responsibility for the Firework Event.

These items to be added to those arising from the December meeting.

15/148 Date and time of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on February 9th. 2016 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: D. Roberts (Chairman)

Date: February 9th. 2016