

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>. 2016 at 7.00pm.**

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**Public Session:**

There was one member of the public present, Mr. Horton, who had already emailed the Council complaining about the use of Glyphosate to kill weed growth on the edges of paths in the Moat and Glebe areas.

He presented a batch of documents for the Council to consider but declined an invitation to remain and discuss the issue.

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Prior to the start of the meeting the Chairman, supported by all those present, congratulated Councillor Frances Medley on being awarded the British Empire Medal for service to the Community, an award which was richly deserved.

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**Present:**

Ms. S. McIntosh (Chairman)

Mrs. J. Manley

Mrs. F. Medley

Mr. J. Kennedy

Mr. D. Roberts

Mr. A. G. Foster

Mr. R. Pinches

Mrs. G. Matthews

Mrs. M. Clarke

Mrs. T. Howells,

Mr. B. Lyon

**In Attendance:**

The Parish Clerk.

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones.

Lt. M. McArdle RN (RAF Shawbury).

**Apologies:**

Apologies were presented and accepted from Councillor Mr. P. Sharp.

**16/27 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.**

There were no interests declared.

**16/28 Minutes of Meeting held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2016.**

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

**16/29 Matters Arising:**

**(a)Highways (16/18(a)).**

No report that actions have been taken on issues of concern raised at the last meeting.

**(b) Vehicle Activated Signs (16/18(b)).**

Mr. Garry Johnson from EON had reported that the sign had been on order for some time and once delivered to him, he would make an immediate start on the project.

**(c) Fitness Area (16/18(c)).**

Clerk reported that the company were planning to start on the project on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The grant from Tesco had been confirmed and the Clerk expressed thanks for all the work Councillor Sharp had carried out to secure this grant.

(d) Glebe Paths (16/18(e)).

Mr. Allmark's quotation of £4,255 (+VAT) for the renewal of the paths and some drainage work had been accepted and he had been asked to carry out the work at the earliest opportunity. Clerk had continued to put pressure on him to get the work completed.

**16/30 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting.**

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

**16/31 Matters Arising from the Meeting.**

The following issues were considered:

- (a) Complaints about the unpleasant odours in the Parish, with a suggestion that these were emanating from the digester at Park House.

*Members noted that this problem had been raised previously and had been reported to the Environment Agency, who had made several visits to the Parish but had not detected any problems with the digester.*

- (b) Safety measures by the crossing and the Elephant and Castle car park exit.

*Clerk reported that the Area Safety Officer had advised him that the promised additional sign was on order and the contractors had been advised of the need to get it installed quickly.*

- (c) Additional VAS sign.

*Various suggestions had been made about the possible location of a sign on the A53, travelling from the direction of Market Drayton. However, after consideration it was decided to monitor the success of the sign by the Farm Shop, before deciding on the location of a second one.*

**16/32 Smartwater Community Scheme.**

Members felt that this was a scheme that would benefit the Community and the Clerk was asked to discuss it with Gary Higgins and seek the support of the police. Once this was established it was decided that there was a need for further publicity and then a public meeting called to assess public interest.

**16/33 Correspondence:**

Members considered the correspondence received since the last meeting and noted the following:

(a) Inappropriate use of an air rifle – referred to the police who had dealt with the problem.

(b) Mr. David Greaves who had sought permission to fish in the part of the river running through the Moat and Glebe areas.

(c) RAF Shawbury – details of the Motorcycle Trackdays.

(d) Mr. Horton – complaint about weed control by spraying with glyphosate.

*Members noted Mr. Horton's email and the documents he had brought to the meeting. It was decided to stop using the substance in the Parish until a full review was carried out. Clerk to advise Mr. Bailey and Nobridge Ltd. of the decision. Mr. Horton was informed of the action taken.*

(d) Car Park litter bin

*Various reports had been received about it being too small for the amount of rubbish being deposited. The Highways Department had arranged to have it emptied more frequently but the solution might be the installation of an additional bin, which the Parish Council would have to pay for. It was agreed that the Chairman could make a decision on this if the need arose.*

**16/34 Accounts for Payment:**

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (June)	£550.90
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (May)	£68.00
Inland Revenue	Tax/NI (June)	£139.32
Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance (May)	£460.00
Mr. R. Bailey	Expenses	£47.00
Mr. T. Creber	Village Work (May)	£300.00
Severn Business Solutions	Computer Repairs £67.20	
	3 year security system £31.50	£98.70

Shropshire Trophy Centre	Presentation plaques (9)	£50.63
Mr. M. Sheehy	Annual Internal audit	£290.00
Nobridge Ltd.	Ground Maintenance (28/04; 06/05; 20/05)	£582.16

### **16/35 Financial Statement:**

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

### **16/36 Annual Governance Scheme.**

The Governance Scheme details were confirmed and the document was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk. Notices of the exercise of electors' rights were placed on the web site and notice boards.

### **16/37 External Audit:**

The following documents had been circulated, were considered in detail and approved.

Accounting Statement 2015/16; Internal Auditor's Reports; Receipts and Payments document and the Bank Reconciliation.

### **16/38 Exchange of Information:**

(a) Agenda Items for the next meeting:

Bus shelters – need for painting.

(b) The following Items of concern were reported:

(i) Highways:

Clerk to report the following problems to the Highways Department:

- \* Large pot hole at entrance to White Lodge Park from the A53.
- \* Copper beech tree overhanging and obstructing view of traffic lights at junction of A53 and Wem Road.
- \* Overgrown hedge and footpath on near side of A53 travelling from Market Drayton direction and Stretching from the Mytton Estate to junction with Wytheford Road.
- \* Overgrown weed area on the nearside verge of the A53 travelling towards Market Drayton, between Wytheford Road junction and Mytton Estate, close to road sign indicating 'Newcastle'.
- \* Fly Tipping at the usual location on the road behind RAPRA
- \* Extensive problems with flooding/blocked drains at various locations. Water running off the A53 into White Lodge Park and then into garages. (Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones is aware of the various locations and issues and agreed to discuss it with the Highways Department).

(ii) Street Lighting:

No issues raised.

(iii) Other:

1. Loose manhole cover.

2. Burial Ground:

Councillor Mrs. Frances outlined two issues of concern:

(a) Leaning Headstone:

As no relatives could be identified or located, Mr. Roberts agreed to carry out the remedial action required.

(b) In inappropriate Memorial Plaque:

The new Vicar had inadvertently agreed to the placement of a plaque which did not accord with the regulations governing the burial ground. After discussion, Councillor Medley offered to meet with the Vicar and relatives in an effort to resolve the problem.

3. Inappropriate Parking:

A report was received that employees of Charlton Cleaning Services were leaving vehicles at various locations in the Glebelands causing obstruction and possible danger.

**16/39 Annual Firework Display:**

Clerk reported that publicity given to this had not resulted in anyone declaring an interest in taking responsibility for the event when Richard Bailey finished. Reluctantly it was decided that there was no prospect of the Council continuing with the event and that this year's would be the final one.

**16/40 National Salary Award for Clerks.**

Members approved the award which would raise the Clerk's salary by £82.46 from April 1<sup>st</sup>. 2016 and a further £83.16 from April 2017

**16/41 Reports From:****(a)Police**

The following incidents were reported to the police in March

Mytton Lane – Anti-Social Behaviour -1.

Hazeldine Crescent – Anti Social Behaviour – 2.

Poynton Road – Violence -1 (under investigation).

Glebelands – Anti Social Behaviour 1; Violence – 2 (one under investigation one unable to prosecute).

Church Close – Anti Social Behaviour – 5; Theft – 1 (under investigation).

Painsbrook Lane – Criminal Damage – 1 (no suspect identified).

Bridgeway – Burglary -1 (under investigation).

A53 – Anti Social Behaviour – 2.

A53 - Possession of weapon -1; Violence -2 (all under investigation).

P.C. Dave Carpenter attended for part of the meeting and explained that some of the anti-social reports were from the same people and many were for very minor incidents. Overall the crime rate was low but they were monitoring the behaviour of some young people and their activities in the Moat/Glebe areas.

**(b)RAF Shawbury.-p**

Lt. McArdle reported that the:

Family Day would be on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Motorcycle Track Event was taking place on August 13<sup>th</sup>. & 14<sup>th</sup>.

Grass verges by the base had not been cut because of a contract dispute.

Building development taking place could cause some disruption to traffic in the Village but every attempt was being made to keep this to a minimum.

With regard to the Firework Event, Martin stated that he would see if anyone at the RAF Station was interested in holding an event at the base.

**(c)Shropshire Council.**

Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones reported on:

1. Shawbury Library:

Only four responses had been received from the community regarding the possible closure of the Library, with three of them suggesting that the library should be closed.

2. Cuts to Services:

Discussions were on-going to develop ways in which Parish and Town Councils could work together to find ways in which threatened services could continue with alternative methods of management or finance. Various suggestions had been made as to how Parish Councils could work together. Because of budget demands decisions had to be in place by September.

Clerk reported that he was meeting Wem Town Clerk to discuss possible areas of interest.

**16/42 Planning:**

The following application had been approved by Shropshire Council:

Eirianfa, Edgebolton – erection of extensions.

**16/43 Committee Reports:**

No reports tabled.

**16/44 Press Matters:**

No issues to report.

**16/45 Date and time of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be on July 12<sup>th</sup>. 2016 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

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

**Signed: S. Mc Intosh (Chairman)**      **Date: July 5<sup>th</sup>. 2016**