

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 11th. JUNE 2019 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

Four members of the public were present and the following concerns were raised:

1. Speed of traffic and the size of vehicles travelling along the A53 particularly at night, which together with the state of the A53 road close to the traffic lights was causing damage to property.
2. Need for additional traffic signs in Church Street.

Chairman indicated that these issues would be considered as part of Agenda Item 11(b)

3. Shropshire Council's decision to purchase shopping centres whilst making severe cuts to services.
 4. An offer to organise a Vintage Vehicle Show on the playing field. *Councillor C. Kirkup agreed to discuss this as a possible joint venture with the Football Club.*
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Present:

Mr. A. G. Foster (Chairman)

Mr. J. Kennedy

Mrs. J. Herbert

Mr. B. Lyon

Mr. R. Pinches

Mrs. J. Manley

Mr. D. Roberts

Mr. P. Sharp

Ms. S. McIntosh

Mr. A. Brown

Mr. C. Kirkup

Mr. J. Vernon

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk.

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

19/33 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Shropshire Councillor S. Jones.

19/34 Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

There were no interests declared.

19/35 Minutes of Meeting held on May 14th. 2019.

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

19/36 Matters Arising.

(a) Road Sign repairs (19/21(a)).

Chairman reported that Mr. Paul Brown had accepted the contract. He had just returned from holiday and would be starting work in about ten days' time – weather permitting.

(b) Church Close (19/21(b)).

Concern was again raised about a streetlight in the Close which was not working and it was decided that pressure must be put on Scottish Power to use their right to access the property and carry out the necessary repair.

Clerk to discuss this with the EON representative.

(c) VAS Signals (19/21(d)).

Clerk reported that he and the Chairman met Mr. David Gradwell and Mr. Jason Hughes from Shropshire Council who raised no objections to attaching the signs to Shropshire Council lamp posts, however, questioned the value of some suggested sites.

They agreed to look at the proposed locations and notify the Council of those which would be acceptable. They were quite happy for the Council to employ EON to erect the signs.

The cost of the signs was dependent on the message selected. As a guide the solar signs erected recently in Harmer Hill each cost £3,380(+VAT), and the one erected on the A53 two years ago cost £2,350(+VAT) – both costs included the connection fee.

It was agreed to go ahead with three signs; one at the entrance to the village from the direction of Poynton; one at the start of the 40mph speed limit on the A53 travelling from the direction of Market Drayton and one close to the bridge on the A53 travelling towards the village.

It was also decided to discuss with Shropshire Council the possibility of placing one on Wytheford Road. *.Sites to be confirmed with Shropshire Council and then agreed at a site meeting with Eon.*

(d) Review of outstanding highways issues.

Clerk reported that the amended list agreed at the last meeting had been sent to Victoria Doran but there had not been a response. It was decided that the list should be published in the Parish Newsletter.

(e) Waste bin – speed signs (19/25).

Councillor P. Sharp confirmed that he had discussed this with the police, who could arrange to supply signs indicating 20; 30 or SLOW DOWN. Further information would be brought to the next meeting.

19/37 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on May 14th. 2019.

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

19/38 Matters Arising

(a) Parking at the Co-op shop.

Councillor B. Lyon confirmed that as a concerned citizen he had contacted the Head Office of the Co-op about the situation. He had received a reply apologising for the problems, stating that the company were awaiting quotations for a set of re-tractable bollards for placing in front of the pavement area and for painting yellow hatched markings in the area of concern to include a ‘NO PARKING’ notice.

19/39 Correspondence.

Details of the correspondence received since the last meeting had been forwarded to Members and these were considered and where necessary appropriate responses were noted or made. Details of the correspondence are attached and the following responses were made:

1. Agreement for the W.I. to plant saplings in the Moat area.
2. Agreement for the use of the playing field for junior football functions on June 23rd. and August 10th. .

19/40 Accounts for Payment.

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (June)		£595.60
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (April)		£82.72
Inland Revenue	PAYE (June)	£148.50	
	N.I. (June)	£ 3.50	£152.00
Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance (May), spraying paths and replanting floral gateways		£493.00
Mr. R. Bailey	Parish paths expenses to 31/12/2018		£60.00
Mr. T. Creber	Litter collection (May)		£340.00
Shawbury Football Club	Fun Day Grant		£500.00
Yellow Shield	Black waste bin for burial ground		£52.72
B.H.I.B.	Annual Insurance 2019-20)		£1,980.57
Mr. R. Pinches	Autumn tidy up of Moat & Glebe		£427.66
Paperwrite	Photocopier colour cartridges		£149.50
SALC	Training fee (Vice Chairman)		£27.00

19/41 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

19/42 Internal Audit.

Members considered and adopted

- (a) The internal audit report provided by Mr. Sheehy which indicated that there were no concerns about the management of Council business or its finances.
- (b) The various documents which had to be sent to the external auditor.

19/43 Exchange of Information.

(a) Agenda Items for next meeting:

No new items raised.

(b) The following items of concern were recorded:

(i) Highways:

1. In light of the complaints received in the public session, the Clerk was asked to remind the Highways Department of the drainage problems on the A53 close to the traffic lights and to ask for additional signs in Church Street.
2. Complaints and concerns had been received regarding the new roundabout on the A53, where vehicles were not slowing down on the approach to Shawbury and driving over the outer section. *Clerk was asked to seek possible solutions from the Head of the Highways Department.*
3. A large pothole had developed in the anti-skid area near the traffic lights on the Wem Road. *Clerk to report the problem to the Highways Department.*

(ii) Street Lighting:

No issues raised.

(iii) Oher:

1. The Vice-Chairman asked for an article to be included in the Newsletter reminding people that in the first instance Anti-Social Behaviour incidents should be reported to the police. A further report of the action taken could then be sent to the Parish Council for consideration.
2. Councillor S McIntosh reported that as part of their 70th. Anniversary celebrations, SALC were acknowledging long serving clerks and she asked for support to recommend the current Clerk, who had been in post for over twenty years. There was full agreement from Members.

19/44 Reports from:

(a) Police:

(i) Police Commissioners Survey.

The Clerk was asked to complete the response.

(ii) Incidents recorded in April:

Near Erdington Close – Violence 1 (Action to be taken by another organisation).

Near A53 – Anti-Social Behaviour 2

Mytton Lane – Vehicle Crime 1 (No suspect identified): Violence 1 (Unable to prosecute offender).

Birch Drive – Vehicle Crime 1 (No suspect identified).

Hazeldine Crescent – Public Order 1 (Unable to prosecute offender).

Church Close – Anti-Social Behaviour 1: Public Order 2 (Unable to prosecute offender):
Violence 1 (Unable to prosecute offender).

Playing Field – Public Order 1 (Unable to prosecute offender).

Concern was expressed and reasons sought for the number of incidents indicating ‘Unable to prosecute’.

(iii) Members thanked Councillor A. Brown for an excellent statistical report, covering the first four months of the year.

(b) RAF Shawbury:

1. A letter confirming planned events had already been sent out to Members and this would be published in the Parish Newsletter.
2. An email from Sqn. Ldr. K. Leach regarding engine testing was noted.

3. A number of Members asked for a letter to be sent to the Commanding Officer regarding the proposed development of a Youth Activity Centre on Dawsons Rough. They were seeking an assurance that the facilities would be made available to young people in the Parish. *This was agreed and the Clerk was asked to send the letter.*

(c) Shropshire Council:

No report tabled.

18/45 Street Light Review.

Members considered a report which had been produced by the Clerk and the following up-grading of lights was approved, subject to a site visit.

(a) Poynton Road – replacement of the five remaining concrete posts.

Mr. Jason Hughes (Shropshire Council) supported this proposal but suggested using galvanised posts as they looked better and lasted longer, although they were slightly more expensive.

(b) Replacing the three lights in Hazeldine Crescent and one in Beech Grove.

It was agreed that before any work was carried out notification should be sent to the residents affected.

19/46 Poynton Road Housing Development Grant:

Projects:

(a) School Crossing:

No further progress reported.

(b) Junior football pitch:

Councillor C. Kirkup stated that there had been no progress with getting the lease approved on the land alongside the A53.

19/47 Planning:

The following applications had been received for consideration:

(a) The Barns, 1, Shawbury Park – change of use from domestic store & garage to ancillary domestic accommodation. (19/02084/FUL). No objections raised.

(b) The Old Smithy, Muckleton – change of use of agricultural land to erection to domestic storage accommodation. (19/00527/FUL). No objections raised.

(c) Chetwynd, School Lane, Shawbury – erection of a detached garage following the demolition of two existing garages (19/02236/FUL). It was agreed to make a no comment response.

(d) RAF Shawbury – erection of a Youth Activity Centre at Dawsons Rough (19/02473/FUL).

Application supported.

The following application had been approved by Shropshire Council:

The Old Smithy, Muckleton – change of use from domestic store to domestic accommodation.

(19/00527/FUL).

19/48 VE Day ‘75’

It was decided that the Council would not arrange any activity to celebrate the anniversary but would give support to any organisation that decided to hold an event.

19/49 Committee and Other Reports.

(a) Place Plan Meeting in Wem.

A copy of the current Place Plan had been circulated to Members for consideration and the Clerk was asked to up-date the Shawbury section of the plan and return it to Shropshire Council.

(b) Clerk’s Meeting (Wem Area).

Litter Cleaning:

Clerk reported that it had been agreed that Wem Town Council’s clerk would order and hold a range of equipment which could be borrowed by local Parish Councils.

(c) SALC Executive Meeting:

Councillor P. Sharp reported that the following items had been discussed:

Place Plans; The bus service review; apT support being provided by Telford Council staff and the reduction of area planning committees from three to two.

(d) Training Event:

The Vice Chairman reported that he had attended a SALC training event dealing with Planning Responses and the Community Infrastructure Levy. It had been a very professionally delivered and interesting session, highlighting a range of important issues. He suggested that if the event was held again other Members should consider attending.

19/50 Press Matters.

Details of Internal Audit; outstanding Highways issues which have been received by the Council and reporting anti-social behaviour.

19/51 Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on July 9th. 2019 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: A. G. Foster (Chairman) **Date:** July 9th, 2019

Correspondence received since last meeting – May.

Jan Bailey – saplings for Moat area.*

Shropshire Council – Care closer to home.*

Russ Currie – replacement battery.

Richard Bailey – tree in Glebe area.*

Simon Jones – culvert and flooding problem.*

Robert Pinches – drainage problems.*

Brian Lyon – Co-op parking.*

Gail Power – Care closer to home.*

Resident – problem with cyclist.

Flt.Lt. Higson – firework event x2

PCSO Ma. Davies – complaint re. roundabout.*

Corrie Davies – Wem Place Plan documents.*

Dianne Dorrell – High Street Awards.*

Resident – football banner.*

Dianne Dorrell – Volunteer week.*

Dianne Dorrell – SALC AGM & 70th. Celebration.*

Tracie Howells – use of field for junior football on June 23rd. and August 10th.

Dianne Dorrell – Welcome to apT.*

Resident – problem with boys in the Moat area.

Adrian Brown – crime statistics.*

St. Chads Church – Final WWII Remembrance Service.*

Dianne Dorrell – Great British High Street Awards.*

Resident – concerns over noise and dust from motor cross track between Bings Heath & Shawbury.

P.C. Liam Heathcote – reported problem in the Moat.*

Dianne Dorrell – Information Bulletin (June 3rd).*

ALC Shropshire Care Closer to Home.*

Shropshire & Telford NHS Trust – temporary suspension of some services.*

Resident – VAS Signs.*

Kim Leach – Engine Testing.*

Dianne Dorrell (Wem Council) – Climate change.*

Church Festival Flower Festival – use of field for parking on June 15th. & 16th.