

SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12TH. 2024 at 7.00pm.

Public Session:

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Present:

Mr. P. Sharp (Chairman)

Mr. M. Roberts

Mrs. J. Herbert

Mr. A. Foster

Mr. K. Pickering

Mr. J. Vernon

Mr. T. Davies-Moss

Mr. R. Pinches

In Attendance:

Flt. Lt. J. Jones (RAF Shawbury).

The Parish Clerk.

24/85 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr. A. Brown and Mr. C. Forshaw and Shropshire Councillor Mr. S. Jones.

24/86 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

No interests were declared.

24/87 Co-option of New Member:

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Jill Manley to the meeting who had applied for co-option to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Brian Lyon. Mrs. Manley was well known to many Members as she had previously served on the Council for many years and her application was unanimously approved and she remained and took part in the meeting.

24/88 Minutes of Meeting held on October 8th. at 7.00pm.

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

24/89 Matters Arising.

(a) Playing Field Fence (24/76(a)).

It was noted that the erection of the new fence had been completed and the contractor was congratulated on the high standard of work and it was stated that many positive comments had been received.

A proposal from the Chairman that the remaining wooden posts should be removed at ground level was unanimously approved and it was agreed that JST Services should be contracted to carry out the work.

(b) Council Vacancy (24/76(c)).

In spite of extensive publicity and the co-option of Mrs. Manley there still remained one vacancy on the Council. Efforts would continue to be made in an effort to fill the vacancy and the Chairman urged Members to discuss this with members of the public and ask them consider making an application.

(c) A53 - Up-dated Signage (24/76(d)).

There had been no response from Shropshire Councillor S. Jones who had promised to raise the issue with Highways Representatives but Councillor T. Davies-Moss confirmed that he had reported the problem on 'Fix My Street'.

Councillor A. Foster queried if the RTO for this section of road, promised several years ago, had been activated and the Clerk promised to make enquiries.

(d) Donation for purchase of trees (24/76(f))

The Chairman reminded Members that a unanimous local parishioner had made a generous donation of £1,000 for the Council to plant new trees in the Moat and Glebe areas but progressing the project had been delayed until the ground and weather conditions were suitable. He had identified a local Nursery that was able to provide a range of suitable trees but help would be needed to plant them in suitable and approved locations. It was unanimously agreed to go ahead with the project and efforts would be made to find someone willing and able to do the planting.

(e) Moat - self-sown trees (24/67(1)).

The Vice Chairman reported that he had made contact with Mr. Plaskett at Access2Trees and was hopeful of carrying out a site meeting in the near future to discuss having some of these trees removed. The Clerk agreed to check if it was now necessary to get approval from the Forestry Commission before any felling took place.

(f) Parish Paths:

The footpaths and bridleways surrounding the Parish, which are well used by residents and visitors, need regular attention but many areas have become overgrown and it was proving difficult to find volunteers willing to do the necessary clearance work. The Chairman stated that he made contact with a local Company called Harris Wilderness Mowing, which had developed remotely controlled machines able to carry out this type of work.

With the agreement of the Vice Chairman and the Clerk he had contracted them to initially carry out a trial programme of work to a total of £500. If this proved successful he hoped that they could be contracted for further work on the paths and on wet areas of the Glebe.

24/90 Correspondence.

Members considered the attached list of correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting and forwarded to Members, noting that where necessary appropriate actions had or were being taken and responses made.

24/91 Accounts and Financial Statement:

(a) Payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (November)	£715.17
Inland Revenue	PAYE & NI (Nov.)	£197.56
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Oct.)	£44.95
Mr. M. Varndell	Litter collection and disposal (November)	£500.00
Shawbury Village Hall	Rent of meeting room (Nov. '23 – July '24)	£165.00
D. Wood	Housing Defibrillator	£35.00
Interactive Information	IT Support (1/8/24 – 1/8/25)	£120.00
Outdoor Restore	Cleaning Bus Shelters	£90.00
Highline Electrical	Streetlight repair (Bridgeway)	£472.80
Ray Parry Playgrounds	Play Area repairs	£1,864.80

(b) The Financial Statement was tabled and approved.

24/92 Parish Council Notice Board:

Councillor J. Herbert stated that the Council's Notice Board was in a poor state of repair and felt it should either be replaced or substantial repairs carried out. Members were asked to consider which option to take and if a replacement was needed the preferred type of board. As the current board is fixed to a private property, it was agreed that any changes should be discussed with the owners before any action is taken.

24/93 Exchange of Information.

(a) Items for inclusion on the next Agenda.

The Clerk reported that with the support of the Chairman and Vice Chairman he would be preparing a draft budget for 2025 – 2026, which would be sent to Members for consideration and approval at the next meeting.

(b) Urgent issues regarding the following:

(i) Highways: No further issues raised

(ii) Streetlights: No issues raised.

(iii) Other:

Councillor J. Herbert raised issues related the state of the Council owned burial ground and it was pointed out that oversite of the area was undertaken by Councillor K. Pickering. He stated that the Council had agreed to certain work being carried out and the materials had been purchased but because of unforeseen circumstances he had been unable to carry out the work.

The Chairman suggested that the two Councillors should meet and identify outstanding areas of concern and bring the details to the next meeting. There was a budget for Burial Ground maintenance and a contractor would probably be needed to carry out some of the work.

24/94 Reports from:

(a) Police:

Incidents recorded in:

The following incidents were reordered in September:

Violence/Sexual – 5 (Glebelands – 2; Near Supermarket – 2; Poynton Road -1).

Public Order – 2 (The Paddocks -1; Glebelands -1).

Other Theft – 1 (Oak Drive).

(b) RAF Shawbury:

Flt. Lt. James stated that night flying would continue until the 5th. December and there would then be a break until early in the New Year.

He reminded Members that the RAF Christmas Carol Concert would be held in St. Chads Church in Shrewsbury on the 3rd. December.

He was pleased to report that it had been possible to hold more fund raising events in the past year and presented the Council with a cheque for £300.00 to support a worthwhile project selected by Members.

The Chairman expressed sincere thanks on behalf of the Council and the Community.

(c) Shropshire Council:

No report was tabled.

24/95 Planning Applications:

(a) The following application had been received:

The Haven, Wytheford Road, Shawbury – Demolition of existing bungalow and replacing it with two bungalows. (24/04200/FUL). *Application supported.*

(b) The following applications have been approved:

1. River Meadows Nursing Home – Variation of condition No: 2 attached to planning application 17/00267/FUL).

2. Smithers MDT, Shrewsbury Road, Shawbury – Retention of temporary portakabin building (24/03658/FUL).

C The following application has been refused:

Land East of Bings Heath, Astley – Change of use from agriculture to development of a residential caravan site (24/03078/FUL).

24/96 Committee and Other Reports.

SALC AGM

The Vice Chairman reported that he had attended the AGM on 30th. October when the current President and Vice Presidents were re- elected and Wem Rural Parish Council and Albrighton Parish Council had received awards for Wild Life Projects and Albrighton a second award for the restoration of their War Memorial.

A rise in the annual membership fees had been approved, which would cost Shawbury an additional £80.00 per year bringing the total to £1,250.00.

It was also announced at the meeting that Dianne Dorrell, the County Secretary, was retiring and the role was being taken over by Chris Mellings. The Clerk was asked to send a letter to Dianne thanking her for her valued support over many years.

24/97 Press Matters.

The Chairman and Clerk will co-ordinate reports to the Parish Newsletter and the local Facebook page.

24/98 Date of Next Council Meeting:

Tuesday 10th. December, 2024 at 7.00pm.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: P. Sharp (Chairman) **Date:** 10th. December 2024

Details of correspondence received since the October meeting.

Claire Crackett – Lieutenancy Newsletter.

John Campion – PCC Newsletter.

Flt. Lt. J. Jones – Charitable Donation.

Mrs. J. Manley – Council Vacancy.

Laura Howells – Grass cutting up-date.

Electoral Services – Revised date for up-dated register of electors.

Project Gigabit – Update.

Dianne Dorrell – Flooding (Information Request).

Laure Howells - ‘Fix My Street’ improvements.

Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals – Transformation Up-date.

Health Watch (Brian Rapson) - Press Release.

Jamie Jones – RAF Shawbury Carol Service.

Resident – Complaint re. over grown areas of the Moat.

Chairman – Tree planting etc.

Nobridge – Burial Ground – hedge cutting.

Dianne Dorrell – Recycling centres booking system.

PCSO O. Morris – SNT visit to Parish.

John Campion – Newsletter.

Dianne Dorrell – Monday Briefing.

Chris Mellings – new SALC Chief Officer.*

ALC – Democracy in Action 24.*

West Mercia Police – Fraud Advice.*

Resident – Streetlight problem.

Chris Mellings – Lord Lieutenants Garden Party.*

Chris Mellings – Nature Recovery Conference.*