

SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY APRIL 8TH. 2025 at 7.00pm.

Public Session:

There were no members of the public present.

Present:

Mr. P. Sharp (Chairman)
 Mr. M. Roberts
 Mr. A. Foster
 Mr. J. Vernon
 Mrs. Jill Manley
 Mrs. J. Herbert
 Mr. C. Forshaw.
 Mr. P. Fenton
 Mr. T. Davies-Moss (for part of the meeting).

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor Mr. S. Jones.
 The Parish Clerk.
 Mr. D. Evans.

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chairman pointed out that as it was taking place before the official date of the election on May 1st. only general issues could be considered.

24/151 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Mr. A. Brown; Mr. K. Pickering and Mr. R. Pinches

24/152 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

No interests were declared.

24/153 Minutes of Meeting held on March 11th. 2025

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

24/154 Matters Arising

(a) Burial Ground Maintenance:

Cllr J. Vernon reported that Mr. Matt Thorpe had provided him with then necessary 3rd. party insurance and risk assessment documents together with an estimate of the overall cost, which was slightly less than the £2,000 allocated for the project. These documents were passed to Mr. Evans.

It was agreed that the proposed work should be publicised with a special mention that it was intended to 'top-up' graves which were sinking.

(b) Council Election:

It was pleasing to note that ten residents had applied for Membership to the new Council, seven of whom were existing Councillors. Four Councillors were standing down – Paul Sharp, Adrian Brown, Chris Forshaw and Robert Pinches. This meant that there were still two vacancies on the Council and efforts would be made to fill these by co-option.

(c) Annual Parish Meeting:

The retiring Chairman agreed to produce a report on Council activities during the past year and it was also agreed to invite Wing Commander Patrick Durnin to present the Community Service Awards to the six nominated people. The meeting would be taking place in the Village Hall at 7.00pm on the 20th. May and residents would be encouraged to attend

24/143 Correspondence.

Members had been forwarded the attached list of correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting. Where necessary appropriate actions had been taken or responses made.

24/144 Accounts and Financial Statement:

(a) Payment of the following accounts was confirmed:

Highline Electrical	Streetlight repair (Church Close)	£512.40
SLCC	New Clerk – Training Course	£144.00
Harris Wilderness Mowing	Parish Paths Clearance	£500.00
Jisc Services	Domain Name Renewal for 5 Years.	£378.00

(b) Financial Statement.

The financial statement tabled was to the end of the 2024-25 Financial Year and showed that there was a carry forward of £69,400 into 2025 -26.

24/145 Exchange of Information.

(a) Additional Items for inclusion on the next Agenda.

It was decided that as the next meeting would be concerned with the registration of Members, the appointment of Officers and representatives and dealing with the Internal Audit report, no new projects should be identified.

(b) Urgent issues regarding the following:

(i) Highways:

It was noted that improved signs had been erected on the A53 entrance to Shawbury travelling from the direction of Shrewsbury.

(ii) Streetlights:

No issues raised.

24/146 Reports from:

(a) Police:

Incidents recorded in January:

Violence/Sexual – 5 (A53 (2); Leasowes Park – (1); Little Wytheford – (1); Muckleton (1)).

Shop Lifting – 1 (A53).

(b) RAF Shawbury:

No report was tabled

(c) Shropshire Council:

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones reported that:

(a) Seventy five thousand residents had taken out a green bin licence.

(b) The Post Office had confirmed that the service in the Village Hall had been withdrawn because the Post Master running it had staffing difficulties. They were still trying to recruit a new provider and all the equipment was still in place.

24/147 Planning:

The following application had been approved:

38, Poynton Road, Shawbury – single storey side extension.

24/148 Committee and Other Reports.

The Vice Chairman reported that currently he was a member of the following Committees:

The Devolved Services Working Group.

North Shropshire Area Committee.

SALC Executive Committee and

The Joint Working Group.

He advised Members that:

(a) It had been reported that only ten of the one hundred and eighty Parish Councils had received sufficient applicants to warrant an election being held on May 1st. and

(b) One of the important issues that will need to be considered by the new Council is a NALC proposal to prioritise ‘Civility and Respect’ and raise a culture change in the Town and Parish Council Sector.

24/149. Additional Item:

Councillor A Foster proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman and the Clerk, who was also retiring for the valuable service they had given to the Council. This was endorsed by those present.

24/149 Press Matters.

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

24/150 Date of Next Council Meeting:

Tuesday May 13th. 2025 at 7.00pm

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: _____ **(Chairman)** **Date:** _____

Correspondence received since the March Meeting:

Cllr S. Jones – Road Signs and Road Markings.

Gig a Bit – Up-date.

Amanda Roberts – Area Committee Agenda.

Chris Mellings – Bird Flu Up-date.

Freedom Fibre – Residents Meeting.

Chris Mellings – Devolution.

Dianne Dorrell – Weekly Up-date.

West Mercia ATC – Need for local trustees.

Parish Newsletter.

Amanda Roberts – SALC Chief Officers Report.

Cllr. Simon Jones – Post Office response.

Chris Mellings – LNRS Up-date

Dianne Dorrell – Weekly Newsletter.

Cllr. S. Jones – Road signs.

John Campion – PCC Newsletter.