

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH
COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY
MAY 12th. 2009 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

There was one member of the public present but no issues were raised.

Present:

Mr. S. Jones
Mr. R. Bailey
Mr. S. Dodd
Mr. D. Baldwin
Mr. C. Kennedy
Mrs. S. Dove
Mr. R. Pinches
Mr. A. Brown
Mr. D. Roberts
Mrs. F. Medley
Mr. G. Humphries

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk.

One member of the public

09/21 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs. J. Manley.

09/22 Election of:

(a) Chairman

Mr. S. Jones and Mr. R. Bailey were both nominated for the post and following a vote Mr. Jones was elected by six votes to five and proceeded to sign the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'.

(b) Vice Chairman

Mrs. J. Manley was the only nomination and was elected on a unanimous vote. (Clerk to notify Mrs. Manley and get her to sign the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office')

(c) Appointment of Committee Members/Representatives:

It was agreed that, as these had been reviewed two months previously all representatives would retain their responsibilities..

09/23 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests:

Mr. Bailey, Mr. Pinches and Mr. Kennedy each declared an interest in Item 11 of the agenda.

09/24 Shropshire Council – CCTV and Village Security:

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Dave Roberts, Environmental Enforcement Officer at Shropshire Council, with responsibility for CCTV and security systems.

Mr. Roberts gave a brief outline of his work at the new Council, which included supporting Parish Councils in developing security systems. He gave some details of the systems which

are available and explained that there were a number of issues which needed to be considered before the Council made a final decision.

In relation to CCTV cameras he suggested that Members pay a visit to the control centre in Shrewsbury to see cameras in operation and also offered to bring a camera attached to a 'cherry picker' to the Parish so that various locations could be studied to see the best place for a camera. He felt that it was feasible to install cameras with data storage in the Village Hall and then developing a broadband link with Shropshire Council's system at a later date

09/25 Minutes of the Meeting held on April 14th. 2009

The minutes of the meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true copy, after the correction of 09/12(b), which should read Park Avenue, not Park Lane.

09/26 Matters Arising:

1. Street Name Signs (09/05(4))

Clerk reported that the request for new signs had been forwarded for action to Victoria Ashworth (Street Scene Manager for Northern Area)

2. Mr. Creber's Contract (09/12(d))

Mr. Bailey reported that he spoken to Mr. Creber and that he was prepared to empty the new bins in the play area and at the site of the pod and was happy with his contract. Mr. Bailey had purchase some extra large black bags for the bins.

3. Japanese Knotweed (09/12(c))

A report of Japanese Knotweed growing in the Old Vicarage garden had been passed to Mr. Watney at Balfours. He intended to inspect the area and await his client's instructions.

4. Damaged Streetlight (09/12(f))

Clerk reported that NWP Electrical had inspected the light and felt that it was not an immediate danger. The only solution was to replace the lamp post.

5. Burial Ground - repairs to entrance at the kissing gate (09/05(2))

Mr. Bailey reported that, as it was not possible to get help from volunteers from the RAF Base, he had completed the repairs with the help of a volunteer from the Parish

6. Fly Tipping – Park Avenue (09/12(b))

Reported that action had been taken to remove the waste.

7. Village Fun Day (09/05(5))

Mrs. Manley had sent a written report giving details of a successful event and thanking Stewart. Dodd, Alan Ambrose, Karen Compton and Julie Denton for their support and local organisations for their contributions. The Youth Action Group had funded all the expenses for the day and a donation of £100 had been received from the Rotary Club.

It was unanimously agreed that the day had been successful and it should be organised again next year. The Clerk was asked to send out letters of thanks to the organisers.

8. Additional Seating (09/05(7))

Mr. Bailey left the meeting at this point having declared a prejudicial interest.

Members agreed to ask Mr. Bailey to renovate the seat held by Mr. Pinches and arrange for it to be placed at the site of the new BMX Track and also refurbish the gate being stored at the Vicarage and place it in the Burial Ground. Clerk to action.

Mr. Brown agreed to investigate the possibility of a seat being placed in a lay-by at Edgbolton and to arrange for two oak sleeper seats to be put into the Moat area.

9. Floral Gateways to Shawbury (09/05(8))

The licence to plant had been approved and Mr. Bailey stated that contact had been made with Mr. Wood at the Highways Department, who would provide him with technician help when he carried out the work. He had already ordered red geraniums for the boxes.

10. BMX Track (09/05(9))

.Clerk reported that the Planning Department had insisted that the full application was needed and had asked for additional information about the type and positioning of any new fencing. This had been sent to them and it was hoped there would be an early publication of the application.

11. Tree Inspections (09/05(10))

The full tree inspection report had been received and approval for action was anticipated in the near future. Mr. James would be contracted to carry out the required remedial work but this could not start until the bird nesting season was over.

12. Highways (09/12(1a))

Mr. Limb (Senior Highways Manager) had replied that he was aware of the road surface problems on the A53 and had made a bid for finance to carry out major repairs. In the meantime surface dressing would be carried out.

13. Possible Zebra Crossing on A53 (09/05(12))

Clerk stated that he had been informed that this would be included in the Council's 'request for service' and considered against various criteria. This included the number of personal accidents in the area and measures to improve access for vulnerable users.

14. Traffic Lights (09/05(12))

A meeting had taken place between officers of Shropshire Council and Parish Councillors and agreement had been reached for a detailed survey of the problem. This would be done by assessing traffic flow on some weekdays between 7.30 and 9.00am and 4.30 and 6.00pm. If it was agreed to make changes to the sequence, a new control box would be needed.

15. Vehicle Operated Speed Controls (08/170(e))

It was noted that the review of the Vehicle Activated Sign Policy had been completed by Shropshire County and decisions were being made as to which communities would be used as test sites.

16. Fitness Trail (09/05(12))

Mr. Brown had put together a proposal for a Fitness Trail which had been passed to Tom Brettell for consideration and the identification of possible grant aid.

17. Road Signs (09/05(4))

Mr. Brown had carried out a detailed review of all the road signs in Shawbury and had produced a consultation paper indicating where changes and improvements could be made. Clerk was asked to forward a copy to interested Members and the Head of the Highways Section for consideration.

18. Website:

Favourable comment was made about the website which can be viewed at www.Shawbury-pc.gov.uk.

09/27 Village Security

Members considered the suggestions made by Mr. Roberts and decided to accept both offers he had made. Six Members agreed to visit the CCTV control centre in Shrewsbury and the Clerk was asked to check if Friday evening May 29th. would be convenient. It was also agreed to ask Mr. Roberts to suggest a few dates when he could bring a 'cherry picker' to the village.

09/28 Children's Play Area:

Members considered a proposal made by Mr. Dodd, that a notice board should be placed at the site of the new play area. After discussion, he was asked to bring some designs and prices to the next meeting.

09/29 Correspondence:

The following correspondence was brought to the attention of Members:

1. Application from Anfield Bicycle Club to have access on to the Recreation Ground on May 25th. – granted.
2. RoSPA – notification of play area inspection. It was agreed to include the new area in the inspection process.
3. S.A.L.C. – Training events. Five Members agreed to attend the session on Planning programmed for June 8th.
4. TCs Light Haulage – thanking the Council for supporting their planning application.
5. Equality & Human Rights Commission – Public Sector Duties.

00/30 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (May)	£332.22
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (April)	£108.92
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (May)	£83.00
Mr. T. Creber	Village work (May)	£427.00
N.W.P. Electrical	Streetlight maintenance	£222.73
Mr. A. Houlihan	Provision of toilet facilities	£50.00
R. Bailey	Erdington play area work -	£100.00
	Black refuse sacks	£19.94
		£119.94
Shawbury Angling Club	Grant	£500.00
Mr. C. Kennedy	Repairs to notice board	£15.23
Allianz	Insurance 2009 -2010	£2,064.80
Mr. R. Pinches	Hedge and grass cutting	£218.37

09/31 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

09/32 Regeneration of old pod area:

Members had been sent copies of two plans produced by Mr. A. Brown, indicating possible changes and repairs to the car park. After consideration, Members asked Mr. Brown to make a few amendments to one of the plans. The new lay out would include bays for disabled

drivers and a 'parking' area for cycles. The revised plan would be considered for approval at the next meeting.

09/33 Consideration of possible bids for grant aid from the County Area Committee:

Mr. Kennedy advised the meeting that as a delegated representative he was unable to submit applications. Clerk said that he had applied for the requisite forms and it was agreed that initially, consideration should be given to applying for a grant from one of the following - the fencing of the BMX track, security systems, a fitness trail and the renovation work on the car park. A decision to be made at the next meeting, in time for an application to be made before the meeting of the Committee on July 6th.

09/34 Parish Matters:

(a) Items for Inclusion on next agenda:

Other than those already discussed, no other items were raised.

(b) Issues needing urgent attention.

(i) Highways:

Condition of B5063 Wytheford Road

Damaged barrier by the traffic lights

'Slippery Road' signs on A53 towards Shrewsbury need to be reassessed.

The traffic light on the right hand side of the crossing on the Wem Road needs re-aligning.

(ii) Vicarage Garden Hedge:

Report that it was encroaching into the burial ground. Mr. Bailey and Mr. Humphries to discuss the problem with the Vicar, on his return from study leave in June.

(iii) Streetlights:

Overgrown trees on the RAF base blocking the Shropshire County owned Street lights on Wem Road. Clerk to inform Shropshire County Lighting Department.

(iv) 'No Turning' sign at 110, Poynton Road:

Concern expressed at the words being used. Chairman agreed to raise the matter with the owner of the property.

(v) Burial Ground

Mr. Bailey reported that it was virtually impossible to shut the gate at the lower end of the new fence. Clerk to ask TSS to carry out urgent repairs.

(vi) Youth Pod:

(a) Litter Bin

Report that the rubbish in the bin had been set on fire with some damage to the bin. No action needed at present.

(b) Road Access

Access being made directly on to the road through the hedge. Need for the Highways Department to be advised and asked for a reappraisal of the decision not to make road and path improvements.

=(vii) Radio Controlled Aircraft:

Concern expressed at the increase in the amount of activity on the RAF Base and of flights outside the perimeter of the camp. Clerk to write to Sqdn. Ldr. Hope.

09/35 Reports:**(a) Police:**

A written report had been received which indicated that in the period since the last meeting, four offences of criminal damage had been recorded - one to a motor vehicle and three to property and one burglary of a dwelling.

(b) Youth:

No report tabled.

(c) RAF Shawbury

It was noted that on May 20th.approximaely 20 light aircraft would be arriving at the base to take part in a military flight safety event.

(d) County Councillor

No report tabled.

09/36 The Power of Well Being:

Members agreed to ask Mr. John Ward to run a training session for Members on June 16th. at 7.00pm. Event to take place in the Village Hall. Clerk. S.A.L.C. was arranging a training event for Clerks.

09/37 Quality Council:

Clerk issued two documents for Members to consider and discuss at the next meeting.

09/38 Planning Applications:**A. The following applications were considered and no objections were raised.**

1. Land SW of Wytheford Forge – erection of a single storey agricultural building.
2. 56, Glebelands – erection of a single storey extension.

B. It was reported that the following applications had been approved:

1. 9, Birch Drive, Shawbury – single storey extension.
2. 21, Mytton Lane, Shawbury – two storey extension to rear and single storey extension to kitchen.
3. Park Lea, 110, Poynton Road – change of use from agricultural to part domestic, part equestrian and erection of a steel framed building.

09/39 Committee Reports:**(a) Moat Area:**

Mr. Brown reported that a display at the May Day event had attracted some interest and that there had been press coverage of the work being carried out. The main issue now was to get the trees sorted. There had been a broken sewer pipe close to the main road but it was reported that Severn Trent had attended to the problem.

09/40 Financial Regulations and Standing Orders:

Revised copies of both documents had been issued at the last meeting and these were unanimously approved by Members.

09/41 Press Matters:

Clerk agreed to provide the press with a report of the meeting.

09/42 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday June 9th. at 7.00pm.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting

**Signed S. Jones
Chairman.**

Date: 9th. June 2009