

**SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY APRIL 9th. 2024 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

There were no members of the public present.

Present:

Mr. B. Lyon (Chairman)

Mr. P. Sharp

Mrs. J. Herbert

Mr. A. Foster

Mr. C. Forshaw

Mr. R. Pinches

Mr. M. Roberts

Mr. K. Pickering

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor Mr. S. Jones.

Flt. Lt. J. Jones (RAF Shawbury)

24/01 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr. A. Brown; and Ms. S. McIntosh.

24/02 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

Councillor C. Forshaw declared an interest in Agenda Item 9(1) - Planning.

24/03 Minutes of Meeting held on March 12th. at 7.00pm.

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

24/04 Matters Arising.

(a) Allotment Shed (23/141(a)).

In the absence of Councillor J. Vernon there was no up-date on the plans to erect the new shed.

(b) Playing Field Fencing (23/141(b)).

Two quotations had been received for the erection of new fencing round the playing field, both in the region of £25,000.00. It was decided that a small committee comprising Councillors P. Sharp, C. Forshaw and J. Vernon should review the quotes in detail and make a recommendation on which was the preferable company to be awarded the contract.

(c) Offer of a grant to purchase some trees (23/141(c)).

It was noted that £1,000 had been donated to the Council for the purchase and planting of trees at suitable locations in the Parish. It was decided that the best time to plant them would be in early autumn.

(d) Council Vacancy:

The vacancy had been widely advertised and the Clerk reported that one person had emailed him asking for further details which he had provided but no applications had been received.

(e) Flag of Peace:

Agreement had been received from the Parish Hall Committee for the erection of a flag pole on land owned by them but it had been discovered that planning approval was required for poles over 5m high and it was too late to get approval before D-Day. It was subsequently identified that there was a pole on the Church Tower and permission to use this had been granted. Councillor A. Foster reported that a volunteer had offered to take responsibility for raising and lowering the flag and this resulted in Members agreeing to purchase one.

(f) A53 – Re-surfacing:

The Clerk had been contacted by Shropshire Council representatives wishing to discuss the proposals via ‘Teams’, which the Council does not have access to. It was being suggested that the work could be

undertaken during normal working hours but as there was no telephone number for contact he had resorted to sending an email outlining the problems with the road being closed during the day. These included- the loss of trade for shop/business owners and for many people accessing buses, the School, Doctors, Village Hall and the Church.

The email had been acknowledged and further information promised.

Shropshire Councillor reported that it was planned to carry out the work in September but it would entail closing the road during the day because overnight working would create excessive costs.

(g) Up-grading streetlights in Church Street and part of Poynton Road:

Details of a quotation from Highline Electrics of just under £5,000.00 had been forwarded to Members for consideration and had been unanimously approved.

24/05 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.

24/06 Accounts for Payment and Financial Statement.

(a) Payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (April)	£715.37
Inland Revenue	PAYE & NI (April)	£197.36
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (March)	£54.00
Shawbury Brownies, Guides, etc.	Grant	£450.00
Hope House Hospice	Grant	£150.00
Severn Hospice	Grant	£150.00
Crane Counselling	Grant	£150.00
First Responder	Grant	£100.00
Balfours	Rent (Glebe/Field/Car Park)	£1,550.00
Mr. P. Sharp	Expenses (Moat/Glebe)	£31.10
Mr. M. Varndell	Litter collection and disposal (April)	£450.00

(b) The financial statement was tabled and approved.

24/07 Exchange of Information.

(a) Items for inclusion on the next Agenda.

No additional items were raised.

(b) Issues Needing Urgent Attention:

(i) Highways:

(ii) Streetlights

It was reported that three lights on the A53 were not working. As these were the responsibility of Shropshire Council, Councillor Simon Jones offered to report them to their streetlight team.

(iii) Other:

No issues raised.

24/08 Reports from:

(a) Police:

Apologies had been received for non- attendance at the meeting but a written report of police activity in Shawbury during the past month had been sent and forwarded to Members.

(b) RAF Shawbury:

Flt/Lt. Jones reported that:

Night Flying would continue until May 9th.

The Land Owners Event was being held on May 23rd.

Cosford Air Show was taking place on June 9th. which will probably create additional aircraft locally.

Families Day is planned for August 22nd.

(c) Shropshire Council:

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones gave a detailed and informative report on the following topics:

Waste Collection:

Consultation is underway on the options for waste collection including charging for the collection of garden waste and the introduction of a weekly collection of food waste which is now a statutory requirement.

Litter Picks:

Following complaints raised at the last Council meeting, a meeting has been arranged with a Street Scene Officer to assess the problem with the Chairman and the Clerk invited to attend.

Puffin Crossing:

A request has been made for an additional advanced warning sign for the crossing, to be placed on the Elephant and Castle side of the carriageway.

Church Street:

A planned road closure will take place at the end of May from 09.30 -14.45 to allow road markings to be renewed.

A53 Resurfacing:

This will be carried out in early September in two stages with the road closed between 09.30 and 15.30. The request from the Parish Council for night time working could not be justified as it would increase the cost by 30%.

24/09 Planning Applications:**A. The following applications had been received and were considered:**

1. Old Vicarage, Church Street, Shawbury – Replacement garage, extensions and internal alterations. (24/00992/FUL). *No objections were raised to the proposed work on the house but concern was expressed about the need to fell an ancient yew tree subject to a TPO. It was hoped that some amendments could be made to prevent this.*
2. 15, Park Avenue, Shawbury – Proposed construction of two dwellings incorporating the renovation of the existing house at 15, Park Avenue (24/00990/OUT).
Members were supportive of the plans to renovate the existing property but objected to the proposal to construct two additional properties on the site.

24/11 Committee and Other Reports.**SALC Area Committee:**

A report from Councillor M. Roberts had already been sent to Members and no issues were raised.

SALC Executive Committee:

Councillor Roberts reported that he had attended the latest meeting when one of the main items was an interesting and informative report from the Middle Marches Trust, regarding plans to undertake local nature recovery plans. He felt that this was a project that the Council could and should get involved with over the next few years.

24/12 Press Matters.

Clerk to forward a report to the Parish Newsletter and the local Facebook page.

24/13 Date of Next Council Meeting:

Tuesday April 9th. 2024 at approx. 8.00pm. following the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: D. M. Roberts (Chairman) Date: May 14th. 2024

CORRESPONDENCE:

Details of correspondence received since the March meeting.

RAF Shawbury – Refurbishment Work.

Dianne Dorrell – Invitation from Hospital.

NALC – Newsletter.

NALC – CEO’s Bulletin.

Cubiquity Media – King’s Portrait.

Heather Ford – Thanks for Grant for Cubs, Guides etc.

Gail Power – Shropshire Council – consultation over new swimming pool, etc.

Crane Counselling – Thanks for grant.

Dianne Dorrell – SALC Latest Bulletin.

Shropshire Council – Council Governance review.

Shropshire Council – Leaders Up-date.

King’s Portrait – acknowledgement of order.

Letters of thanks from Hope House and The Hospice.

Andy Chatting – National Gardening Scheme.

Land Registry – Transfer of Allotment recorded.

Laura Howells/Mohammed Sarfraz – A53 re-surfacing.

Cllr. M. Roberts – Report from SALC Area meeting.

Cllr. A Foster – Various re. Flying the Flag.

Cllrs J. Herbert; M. Roberts; K. Pickering – Flying the Flag.

Chairman and Cllr. P. Sharp – EMG support.

Manager Princess Court – seeking grant for resident.

Shropshire & Telford Hospital Trust – Newsletter.

PCSO O. Morris – Local Police Newsletter.

Richard Bray – Location of War Memorial Book and Flying Flag.

Dianne Dorrell – Consultation over charge for collecting ‘Green Bin’ waste.

PCSO O. Morris – Report on police action in Shawbury.

Michael Crawshaw – Shropshire & Telford Hospital Trust publicity.

ALC – Information re. postal votes.