

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONLINE ON
TUESDAY 8th. SEPTEMBER 2020 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

No members of the public accessed the meeting and no issues had been raised.

Before the start of the meeting the Chairman welcomed Lt. (RN) Matt Peters the new representative from RAF Shawbury.

Present:

Mr. C. Kennedy (Chairman)

Mr. B. Lyon

Mr. A. G. Foster

Mr. A. Brown

Mr. P. Sharp

Mr. D. Roberts

Mr. C. Kirkup

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones.

Lt. Matthew Peters (RAF Shawbury).

The Parish Clerk.

20/59 Apologies:

Apologies had been received from Councillors Mr. R. Pinches, Mrs. J. Herbert and Ms. S. McIntosh.

20/60 Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

There were no interests declared.

20/61 Minutes of Meeting held on August 11th. 2020

The minutes of the meeting having been circulated, were approved and at an appropriate time would be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

20/62 Matters Arising.

(a) Resignation of Cllr. Mrs. J. Manley

It was noted with regret that Mrs. Manley had resigned shortly after the last meeting and the Chairman outlined her reasons and reflected on the valuable contribution she had made to Council activities and the wider Community over many years. She would always be welcome to become a member of the Council in the future.

Clerk reported that the necessary steps had been taken to see if the public wished to hold an election and as there had been no response the Council could now advertise the vacant seat and try to co-opt a new Member.

(b) Parish Seats (20/47(b))

It was noted that three seats had been replaced and work was going ahead to carry out the maintenance and repainting of the remaining ones.

(c) School Road Safety Project (20/47(d)).

Despite promises being made by Mr. Gradwell (Shropshire Council's Road Safety Officer) the work had not been carried out before the start of the autumn term and Shropshire Councillor S. Jones stated that he would be talking with senior officers to try and get the work done.

(d) Sign Up-grade (20/47(e)).

Mr. Tait was reviewing the signs and it seemed preferable and as cheap to purchase new ones rather than carry out extensive repairs and this was unanimously approved. Councillor P. Sharp stated that he would order one new sign and seek Members comments and approval before going ahead with a full order.

(e) Highways (20/51(b)).

All the problems raised at the previous meetings had been forwarded to the Highways Department or Mr. Gradwell (Road Safety Officer) but no action had been taken over any of the issues.

(f) Traffic Light Problem (20/52(c)).

There had been numerous complaints about this during the past month and it appeared that the problem had still not been fully resolved, with traffic ‘backing up’ on the A53. Shropshire Councillor S. Jones stated that he would check the situation again in the morning and if there was still a problem he would contact the officer responsible for the work and ask for immediate action.

(g) Annual Parish Meeting.

Subject to the regulations permitting it, a decision was made to hold the Annual Meeting on the same date as the December Council meeting.

(h) New Government Planning Regulations.

A circular from SALC had given Members an opportunity to make a direct response to this National proposal and no further action was discussed.

The Chairman reported that he had studied the latest Shropshire Council report on planning development and there appeared to be no changes to the plans affecting Shawbury.

20/63 Correspondence.

Members considered the correspondence which had been received by the Clerk since the last meeting and responses were made where necessary.

20/64 Accounts for Payment.

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (September)		£595.60
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (August)		£263.92
Inland Revenue	PAYE (September)	£148.80	
	N.I. (September)	£ 1.71	£150.51
Mr. T. Creber	Litter collection (August)		£340.00
Mr. J. Kennedy	Zoom time extension (Sept.)		£14.39
E.ON Energy Solutions	Streetlight Up-grade (Church Close/Park Ave.)		£7,838.84
Bin Liners Direct	Waste Bin Liners (Play Area)		£22.16
JST Services	Removing and disposing two seats and replacing with new ones.		£480.00

20/65 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

20/66 Mid-Year Statement of Accounts.

The documents which had been forward to the Members for consideration and comment were approved and adopted.

20/67 Exchange of Information.(a)Agenda Items for next meeting:i. Outstanding Projects.Streetlight up-grade to Led Units and removal of concrete posts:

It was agreed that the Clerk should seek quotations for carrying out the up-grade in Bridgeway.

Playing field path repair.

It was agreed to seek a quotation for carrying out repairs and top-dressing to the path from the car park to opposite the entrance to the school.

(b) Other Issues:i. Highways:

(a)Drainage on the A53 at Edgebolton was getting worse and needed serious action.

(b) It was reported that there are many warning road signs round the Parish that have been left on site after work had been completed and that these all needed to be collected and returned to storage.

Clerk to report both issues to the Highways Department.

ii Streetlights.

No issues reported.

iii. Other Reports:

i Play Area Inspection Reports and Action:

Clerk reported that he had been notified by Shropshire Council that Mr. Mee who had been responsible for the oversight of the Play Areas had been promoted and that an outside Inspector had been brought in to carry out the annual inspections. A number of issues had been raised but follow up visits by Councillor P. Sharp and Mr. Tait indicated that some reported concerns seemed excessive and that there was no indication of the level of risk.

After discussion and consideration the following actions were agreed:

(a) Councillor P. Sharp would meet up with Mr. Ray Parry (Play Area Consultant) to assess the situation at both play areas and where necessary get a quote for any major repairs to be carried out.

(b) Mr. Tait would be asked to quote for repairing the fence round the Erdington Play Area and undertaking other general tasks.

(c) The Clerk would contact Ms. Carmen Eccleston at Shropshire Council to discuss concerns over the inspections and find out what action had been taken to replace Mr. Mee to enable the fortnightly checks to take place.

ii Clerk's Salary Award:

Members approved the increase in salary from April 1st. 2020 which had been recommended by the National Advisory Committee.

iii Glebe Area:

The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Pinches and arrange for him to cut back the plant growth throughout The Glebe.

iv. Drain by the Playing Field Gate:

It was reported that the drain was filled with debris and the Chairman and Councillor Sharp stated that they would try and clear it.

v. Junior Football Training.

A request had been received from Mrs. T. Howells seeking permission for junior football training to take place on the playing field. Members were keen to support the proposal but more detailed information was required and if approved a detailed risk assessment would be needed from the organisers and the Council. The playing of games was not possible as numbers attending could not be controlled.

vi. Planned Football Ground.

Clerk reported that he had been advised that the outstanding issues had been resolved and that the planning application would be approved when the officer returned from holiday.

20/68 Reports from:

(a) Police

The following incidents were recorded in July:

Violence -2 (Carradine Close and Parking Area)

Criminal Damage – 2 (Millbrook Drive and Poynton Road)

Public Order – 1 (Church Close). Vehicle Crime – 1 (A53 Petrol Station).

(c) RAF Shawbury

Lt. Matthew Peters reported that:

(a) Night Flying was ending this week.

(b) The base was still reviewing the crime figures relating to RAF residential areas.

(c) Battle of Britain Commemoration with spitfire flypast will be taking place on September 17th.

(d) Charity Motor Cycle Safety Event – was planned for September 26th. & 27th. and

(e) 10km Airfield Run planned for February 21st. 2021

(c) Shropshire Council.

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones stated that the two issues he intended to raise – The School Safety road work and the problems with the traffic lights had already been discussed earlier in the meeting.

20/69 Planning

A. The following application was considered and no objections were raised:

‘Woodlea’, Mytton Road, Shawbury – erection of a single storey rear extension and a two storey front extension (20/03425/FUL)

B. The following application had been approved by Shropshire Council:

Oakdene, Shawbury Heath – single storey extension plus detached garage (20/02437/FUL)

20/70 Policy Documents:

The following up-dated documents which had been sent to Members for consideration were approved and adopted.

Mission Statement; Freedom of Information; Contractors; Areas of Council Responsibility; Councillors Responsibilities.

20/71 Committee and Other Reports

No reports tabled.

20/72 Press Matters.

Advert for co-opted Member.

Details of Meetings.

Street light up-grade and path repair.

20/73 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday October 13th. at 7.00pm.

It was hoped that this could be held in the Village Hall but new regulations issued by the Government will prevent this.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: C. J. Kennedy (Chairman) Date: October 15th. 2020

Correspondence received since August meeting:

Please note the following list does not include all the information received regarding the Coronavirus epidemic or a full list of planned highways work.

Cllr. J. Manley – resignation.

Russ Currie/Jenni Jervis – defibrillator.

NALC – CEO’s bulletin.

Flt. Lt. McArdle & Cllr A. Brown – police statistics.

Hornby Garden Design – repairs to car park posts.

Lois Dale – Pay phone removal.

Gail Power – Planning changes – Consultation.

Gail Power – Shropshire Council partnership with Mobilise.

Gail Power – Domestic Abuse Forum.

Mrs. McLaughlin – additional sponsorship

Dianne Dorrell – Adult Social Care Consultation.

Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.

Police Commissioner – Newsletter.

Resident – report of blocked sewer.

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones – School Safety Project.

Gail Power – letter from the Lord Lieutenant.
Resident – concerns re. traffic lights.
Dianne Dorrell – Surveys to Share.
Shropshire Council Road Works – New Street, Wem and Barkers Green Wem.
Cllr. D. Roberts – Traffic Lights
Shawbury Parish Newsletter
Gail Power – Queens Award for Voluntary Service.
Gail Power – Dog Snatchers.
Shelly Davies – RAF Shawbury night flying.
Police Commissioner – Newsletter.
Chairman & Vice Chairman – Traffic Lights.
Philip Moore – Shawbury United S&R – News up-date.
Gail Power – Road to Recovery.
Tracie Howells – Use of playing field.
Cllr. S. Jones Traffic Lights.
Gail Power – CEO's Bulletin.