

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 10th. DECEMBER 2019 at 7.00pm.**

Public Session:

PCSO Jamie Robinson and three members of the public were in attendance and the following items were raised;

1. Police Report:

PCSO Robinson outlined details of a scam which was taking place locally, where criminals posing as police officers were approaching elderly people insisting that they transferred money from their bank accounts because of an on-going investigation into fraud. Many people had already been targeted and he asked for the details of the scam to be publicised as widely as possible. Members agreed to do this. There were no further major issues of concern and he was thanked for attending.

2. A member of the public asked for:

(a) Details of the action needed to be taken by Shropshire Council Planning Department to advise local people of applications for development in their locality and

(b) Expressed disappointment about a football match taking place on the field at the same time as the Church Remembrance Day Service, which meant there were no parking facilities available for people attending the service.

3. Two members of the public were attending out of interest.

Present

Mr. A. G. Foster (Chairman)

Mr. C. Kennedy

Mr. B. Lyon

Mr. J. Vernon

Mrs. J. Manley

Mr. P. Sharp

Mr. C. Kirkup

Mrs. J. Herbert

Mr. R. Pinches

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor Mr. S. Jones.

The Parish Clerk.

Two members of the public.

19/130 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Mr. A. Brown; Ms. S. McIntosh and Mr. D. Roberts and Flt. Lt. M. McArdle (RAF Shawbury).

19/131 Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

There were no interests declared.

19/132 Minutes of Meeting held on November 12th. 2019.

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

19/133 Matters Arising.

(a) Repair of Village road signs (19/98(a)).

The Chairman reported that progress was being made but it was unlikely that the work would be completed before early in the New Year.

(b) Additional CCTV (19/117(e))

Councillor P. Sharp stated that he was still waiting for the contractor to make contact.

(c) Telephone Box (19/117(f)).

Clerk reported that Shropshire Council had decided to ask B.T. to retain the box in Shawbury as a working telephone. It was pointed out that the box was leaning and needed remedial attention.

(d) Church Close and Park Avenue Lights (19/106).

Councillor J. Vernon stated that he had spoken to the resident in Church Close regarding the street light in his garden which was not working and he had agreed to send a letter to Scottish Power and EON allowing them to access his property to identify the problem. Clerk agreed to contact him and suggest the required content of the letter.

(e) Car Park Lease (19/126).

Clerk reported that Mr. Michael Watney (Diocese Agent) had stated that the purchase of the Car Park by the Council was not an option. Arrangements would now go ahead for the new lease to be confirmed.

(f) Environmental Maintenance Grant:

An application had been submitted to Shropshire Council for a grant of £1,500 but to date there had been no response. If obtained the grant would need to be match funded by the Parish Council.

19/134 Correspondence.

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

19/135 Accounts for Payment.

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (December)		£595.40
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (November)		£62.30
Inland Revenue	PAYE (December)	£149.00	
	N.I. (December)	£ 3.50	£152.50
Mr. R. Bailey	Maintenance (November)		£268.25
Mr. T. Creber	Litter collection (November)		£330.00
Mr. P. Brown	Painting Parish Seat		£78.00

19/136 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

19/137 Budget and Precept Setting 2020 – 2021

Members had been sent a copy of the budget prepared by the Clerk and discussed with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and after consideration and the clarification of some issues, the document was approved by Members. The precept was set at £53,500.00, which was a 5% increase on the previous year, designed to take account of inflation costs and increased responsibilities. It was noted that because of increased housing development this should have little impact on the Parish Council element of the total Council Tax Account.

Budget details will be placed on the Council web site and members of the public can obtain them from the Clerk for a fee of £5.00.

19/138 Exchange of Information.(a) Agenda Items for next meeting:

No new items raised.

(b) The following items of concern were considered:(i) Highways:

Continued concern over the state of the A53 close to the traffic lights where a near fatal accident had been witnessed by a Councillor. Clerk was asked to send a report to Mr. S. Brown (Shropshire Council's Interim Assistant Director of Infrastructure) requesting urgent action.

(ii) Street Lighting:

No issues raised.

(iii) Oher:(a) Sewerage Leak

Councillor Mr. J. Vernon gave details of a sewerage leak in the area by the Paddocks and Hazeldine Crescent which was affecting the nearby stream and the school grounds. Severn Trent had been in

attendance but the effect on local wildlife appeared to be severe. After due consideration the Clerk was asked to contact Severn Trent and the Environment Agency for detailed information.

(b) Bus Shelters:

Arrangements had been made to have the bus shelters cleaned.

(c) Armed Forces Covenant:

Councillor Mr. P. Sharp gave an outline of the scheme, details of which had been sent to them and suggested that the Parish Council should support it. There was general agreement for the proposal but it was felt more details would be helpful and that it should be considered as an Agenda item at the January meeting.

19/139 Reports from:

(a) Police:

Incidents recorded in October:

Coppice Close – Burglary - 1 (No suspect identified).

Muckleton Road – Anti-Social Behaviour -1

A53 – Shop lifting -2 (No suspect identified).

Leasowes Park – Violence -1 (Under investigation).

Bridgeway – Violence -1 (Unable to prosecute).

(b) RAF Shawbury:

No report tabled but Councillor Mr. P. Sharp stated that he had been advised that a working party would be available in February to carry out a community project. It was agreed that it would be a good opportunity to have a full tidy up of the Council's Burial Ground – Clerk to arrange.

(c) Shropshire Council:

Shropshire Councillor Mr. S. Jones stated that he continued to chase Shropshire Council Officers for action over the water leak close to the school and for the School Parking Project to be confirmed.

He confirmed that a further budget freeze had been placed on Council projects.

19/140 Poynton Road Housing Development Grant:

School Parking Restrictions:

No progress had been made.

Junior Football Pitch

It was agreed that Mr. Phil Moore (Shawbury Football Club) could attend the January meeting to discuss developments with regard to the lease on land alongside the A53.

19/141 Planning:

The following application had been received and was considered:

No. 2 Bridgeway – erection of a garden shed to include porch and storage area (19/04928/FUL)

Objected to because of the use of unsuitable materials; not in keeping with the properties on the estate and located too close to the property boundary.

19/142 Committee and Other Reports.

SALC A.G.M.

Councillor P. Sharp reported that at the meeting a decision had been made to make a modest increase in membership fees paid by Parish Councils and that the Clerk had received recognition for having served the Parish Council for over twenty years.

19/143 Press Matters.

Budget report, Sewerage problem and Public Telephone

19/144 Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on January 14th. 2020 at 7.00pm in Shawbury Village Hall.

Approved as a true record of the Meeting.

Signed: C. J. Kennedy (Chairman) Date: January 14th. 2020

Correspondence received since November meeting:

Dianne Dorrell – November Newsletter.
Wem Town Clerk – Climate Change Forum.
Dianne Dorrell – Monday ‘News in Brief’.
Ian Walshaw – Leaking road drain’
Lois Dale – Telephone removal.
Annette Hadwen (Scheme Manager) – Grave not settled.
Dianne Dorrell – Monday ‘News in Brief’.
Shelly Davies – Draft minutes of the Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee.
Town Clerk, Wem – Climate change meetings.
Liam Heathcote – Poster re. reporting scams.
Gail Power – Volunteers Needed.
Gail Power – Repairs to Church Property.
Dianne Dorrell – Monday news in brief (December 9th).