

**SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL**  
**ON WEDNESDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2012**

**Present:** Councillors Mrs G McIntyre, Mrs S Cheshire, Mrs A Yoxall, Mrs V Adams, P Yoxall, Mrs B Kelly, K Gibbs, S Hogben, Mrs R Hancock and B Melling.

**Apologies for absence:** Councillors D Miller and R Clarke.

**Also in attendance:** PCSO M Minton, Cheshire East Ward Councillor D Brickhill and one member of the public.

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**123. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

The Council noted the content of the Clerk's report which explained the procedures for the granting of dispensations.

The Parish Council noted that the important question of whether a dispensation was actually required for the setting of a precept by a Parish Council had been the subject of intense debate over recent weeks with a huge amount of conflicting opinion nationally. The reason for this confusion was that there already existed a general dispensation under Section 97(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 regarding setting precepts which enabled members to take part in decisions and avoid the need for any declarations.

However, following the Localism Act 2011, a Statutory Instrument of May 2012 brought into effect sections of the previous Local Government Act (2000) which repealed sections 94 to 98 and 105 of the Local Government Act 1972(2). **The result of this is was that the setting of a precept no longer had a specific exclusion from members declaring interests, which therefore meant that Parish Councils must grant dispensations to their members to enable them to debate and set a precept.**

**RESOLVED: That the Clerk's report be noted and that all members make written application for dispensation to enable them to debate and set a precept for 2013/14 and subsequent years.**

**124. PCSO'S AND POLICING ISSUES REPORT**

The Parish Council welcomed PCSO M Minton to the meeting and she presented her detailed verbal report on policing activity in the Parish over the preceding month with members noting the details of crimes and anti-social behaviour incidents.

Members welcomed PCSO M Minton back and thanked her for her attendance and input into the meeting.

**125. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Members of the public addressed the Parish Council over the proposed Shavington East development and the potential impact that other large scale proposals elsewhere in the Borough may have on reducing the pressure from developers currently looking to build in Shavington.

**The Parish Council asked the Clerk to extend an invitation o the Leader of Cheshire East Council, Councillor M Jones to attend the next meeting to discuss the Parish Council's concerns over the excessive numbers of planning applications for large scale housing developments being made for Shavington.**

**126. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the following meetings be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair, and that all the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Committee meetings be approved and adopted.**

- **Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2012**
- **Minutes of the Parish Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2012**
- **Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012**
- **Minutes of the Village Hall Management Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012**
- **Minutes of the Special Parish Council meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012**

#### **127. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

The Clerk reported on the arrangements made for the annual Service and the Parish Council noted that these had been discussed with Rev S Ingrouille of St John's who would be leading the Service. Members noted that the road closure order was in place; along with wreaths and arrangements for policing, and the 'Last Post'.

#### **128. ALLOTMENTS SITE**

The Parish Council gave further consideration to the offer of a 125 year lease on the site from Cheshire East Council and to the legal advice received from its solicitor; and although the terms currently offered were considered far too onerous to accept, Members felt that there could be merit in entering into negotiations with Cheshire East Council's lead officer for its Asset Transfer Programme, Mr C Allman.

**RESOLVED: That arrangements be made for a meeting with Mr Allman; and that the Parish Council be represented by the Environment Committee Chair, Councillor P Yoxall, and the Clerk.**

#### **129. PLANNING MATTERS**

The Parish Council received a further information report from the Clerk in respect of all the potential large scale housing development applications for the Parish, and Members noted the current position in relation to each site and details of forthcoming presentation meetings and consultation events.

#### **130. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Parish Council received and noted the following items of correspondence:

- E-mail correspondence with the Clerk to Rope Parish Council concerning the payment arrangements for PCSO's
- E-mail correspondence from one of the allotment holders regarding damage to the site.
- E-mail correspondence from PC Dan Sambrook concerning the Park Estate No Cold Calling Zone launch.
- E-mail correspondence from Internet Central concerning domain name registration and hosting charges.
- E-mail correspondence from Cheshire East Council concerning works to Piccadilly footpath.

**RESOLVED: a) That in respect of item i. above the Clerk write to the Police to advise that from April 2013 for the 2013/14 financial year (which would be the final year of the current three-year arrangement for funding of PCSO's) the two Parish partners should be invoiced separately.**

**b) That in respect of item ii. above which concerned part of the site being churned up by a delivery vehicle, the matter be dealt with by the Environment Committee**

c) That in respect of item iii. above the arrangements for the 'No Cold Calling' Zone launch at the Park Estate be noted. Councillors Mrs G McIntyre and P Yoxall indicated that they would be attending the launch.

d) That in respect of item iv. above Internet Central be appointed to host the Parish Council's new website for an initial period of one year from the date of launch at a cost of £179.88.

e) That in respect of item v. above the Parish Council noted that some works had finally been carried out to the hedges at Piccadilly footpath and also considered the detail of a response from Mr M Averill of Cheshire East Highways in which he offered to meet to discuss any issues of concern with the contract. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to arrange such a meeting with the Chair, and Chairman of the Environment Committee.

### 131. FINANCIAL MATTERS

#### i. Payment of Accounts

**RESOLVED:** That the following payments be approved:

i.	C Moulton – Clerk's salary October 2012 (£820.56 less tax/Ni)	£618.57
ii.	M Webster & Son – grounds maintenance work October 2012	£774.47
iii.	Royal British Legion – wreaths	£50.00
iv.	Cheshire Police 2 <sup>nd</sup> half year PCSO contribution	£11,800.00
v.	Audit Commission – 2011/12 audit of accounts	£540.00
vi.	Zero Signs & Digital Ltd – No Cold Calling signs etc	£189.44
vii.	Mr C Walker reimbursement for Chain for allotment gate	£12.27
viii.	Shavington Village Festival Committee Village Voice adverts	£90.00
ix.	Shavington High School – contribution in lieu of Bugler	£30.00
x.	Shavington High School - competition prize	£30.00
xi.	D Espley – installation of 'No Cold Calling' Zone sign	£36.00
xii.	Trident Gas Services – Village Hall heating repairs	£230.00

#### ii. Budget and Precept 2013/14

Members noted that the draft proposed budget to be formulated by the Finance Committee in December would be submitted to the Parish Council for discussion at the January 2013 meeting, and agreed that as part of this process consideration be given to a scheme to amend the toilet provision in the building to include provision for disabled people.

### 132. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

**Members noted the following matters:**

- The Parish Plan Group would be officially launching the completed Parish Plan on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2012
- Concerns over the School car park lights not being on at night – Members asked the Clerk to raise this with the School when the annual rental invoice was received
- The thanks expressed by the Youth Club Chairman for the Parish Council's contribution towards funds

### 133. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**RESOLVED:** That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2012 commencing at 7.15pm.

Chair .....  
5<sup>th</sup> December 2012