

SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 6th NOVEMBER 2013

Present: Councillors Mrs G McIntyre, Mrs S Cheshire, Mrs V Adams, S Hogben, Mrs A Yoxall, D Miller, Mr R Clarke, B Melling and K Gibbs.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Mrs R Hancock and P Yoxall.

Also in attendance: PC D Sambrook and four members of the public.

136. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Mrs G McIntyre declared an interest in Minute No.144 in respect of information update over the proposed development at Shavington East and took no part in the discussion or decision.

137. PCSO'S AND POLICING ISSUES REPORT

The Council welcomed PC D Sambrook who presented his detailed verbal report on policing activity in the Parish during the previous month. Councillors noted the information in respect of crime and anti-social behaviour incidents, and also noted the activities of the PCSO's in respect of their involvement in safety talks at the Youth Club.

The Chair reported that she had asked Mr John Dwyer, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire to attend the January meeting to speak to members on policing issues and that he had accepted. Members were delighted and felt that this would be an excellent opportunity for Councillors to raise their concerns directly with him.

He had requested prior some notification of the issues that will be raised with him and members were asked give some thought to the areas that they wish to cover at the meeting.

138. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Parish Council suspended the meeting to allow input from members of the public present and a number of highway and planning related matters were raised in relation to: overgrown hedges, vehicular obstruction of pavements and the withdrawal of the Shavington East planning application on the morning of its consideration by the Strategic Planning Board meeting apparently because of a disagreement between planning officers and highway officers. In respect of this development the Parish Council was asked to consider whether it would be inclined to make arrangements for an independent assessment of all the documentation submitted in this case.

139. MINUTES

RESOLVED: a) That the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 2nd October 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

b) That the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 9th October 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

c) That the minutes of the meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee held on 16th October 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

d) That the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 22nd October 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair, and that the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

140. VACANT SEAT

The Clerk reported that he had been advised by Cheshire East Council that no demand for an election had been received and therefore the Parish Council was now free to fill the vacant seat by co-option.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk invite expressions of interest from local eligible people, to be received by 28th November 2013 in order that the Parish Council may make arrangements to co-opt a new member at the December meeting.

141. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

The Council noted that a contract had been entered into with Ash Waste Services to provide refuse collection at the Hall from 4th November.

Members noted a problem with the car park surface water drain which was causing a flood across the car park and asked the Clerk to arrange for jetting/clearing of this before Remembrance Sunday.

The Council agreed that the Christmas decorations would be put up on the evening of 2nd December 2013, and that the outside tree lights would be inspected prior to then.

142. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Parish Council discussed and agreed the final detailed arrangements for this year's Remembrance Sunday Service at the War Memorials on 10th November.

143. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- i. A letter from The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire confirming his attendance at the Parish Council meeting scheduled for 8th January 2013.
- ii. A letter from the Electoral Services Department at Cheshire East Council confirming that no demand for an election had been received and that the Parish Council was free to fill the vacant seat by co-option.
- iii. A letter from Cheshire East Council's Planning Department indicating that an appeal has been made in respect of planning application No.13/0210N – 14 affordable houses at land south of Newcastle Road, Hough. The Parish Council will recall that it sent supporting comments in respect of Hough Parish Council's objections to this proposed development.
- iv. A letter from Cheshire East Council's Planning Department indicating that the appeal in respect of planning application No.13/3010N – 45 dwellings at Crewe Road, Gresty would resume on 5th November at the Assembly Room, Macclesfield, and continue on the 6th, 7th, 8th, 19th and 20th November.
- v. A letter from the tenant of allotment plot 17 indicating that he did not wish to renew his tenancy.
- vi. A letter from Cheshire East Council detailing the arrangements for submission of precept demands for 2014/15 – these are required by 17th January 2014.
- vii. A thank you letter from Mrs B Kelly.
- viii. E-mail correspondence from Cheshire East Councillor David Brown concerning the further six week consultation on the emerging draft Core Strategy prior to presenting the final document for approval to Council and then formal submission to Government.

- ix. A Macclesfield Express article concerning the Cheshire East Local Plan process which also included a reference to Eric Pickles' statement that the Council had failed to provide enough land for a five year housing supply.

144. PLANNING MATTERS

The Council gave due consideration to the suggestion of possibly arranging for an independent assessment by a planning professional of all the documents in respect of the Shavington East proposals.

RESOLVED: That no action be taken.

145. FINANCIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED: a) That the following payments be approved:

i.	C Moulton – Clerk's salary (£820.56 less tax/Nl)	£618.57
ii.	M Webster & Son – grounds maintenance work October 2013	£824.82
iii.	C Willetts website updates	£25.00
iv.	NALC publication	£65.99
v.	K J Beresford for Village Hall signs	£25.00
vi.	Mr D A Mason – allotment gate padlock and chain welding	£22.00
vii.	Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire	£7,866.66
viii.	Shavington Village Festival Committee Village Voice adverts	£90.00
ix.	Shavington High School – environmental award donation	£25.00
x.	Shavington High School – donation in lieu of Bugler	£25.00
xi.	C R Dodd – allotment hedge cutting 2012 and 2013	£120.00

b) That the Clerk be authorised to purchase replacement computer hardware and software up to a value of £600.

c) That Mr C Willetts be commissioned to carry out monthly updates to the Council's website at an agreed fee of £25 per month.

146. OVERGROWING HEDGES/ROAD SWEEPING/POTHOLES

The Clerk was asked to report overgrowing hedges and potholes as notified, and to request Cheshire East Council to schedule roads to be swept with greater frequency. In addition members expressed concern over the pruning back of a number of Holly trees in Main Road at the Limes development which they believed to be protected by TPO's and asked the Clerk to raise this with the Cheshire East Council Tree Officer.

147. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 4th December 2013 commencing at 7.15pm.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Chair
4th December 2013