

**SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE**  
**VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2014**

**Present:** Councillors P Yoxall, Mrs G McIntyre, Mrs S Cheshire, Mrs V Adams, Mrs A Yoxall, D Miller, Mrs R Hancock, R Clarke, W McIntyre, K Gibbs and B Melling.

**Apologies for absence:** Councillor S Hogben.

**Also in attendance:** PC D Sambrook, Ward Councillor D Brickhill and four members of the public.

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**034. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS**

Councillor Ms R Hancock declared an interest in Minute No.042ii (a grant application within correspondence) since she was the President of the Shavington Village Festival Committee and the application was from one of the groups associated with the Festival, and left the room during the discussion and decision on that item.

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

The Council welcomed PC D Sambrook and he presented a 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.

In addition Councillors were pleased to note that two 'Beat Meetings' had been arranged by PCSO P Corbett at Rope Lane Medical Centre for 11<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014.

Also reported were recent speedwatch sessions at Weston Lane and Crewe Road; and information talks given at the Primary School. PC Sambrook reported that recent results from checks in Main Road showed only one vehicle exceeding the speed limit and asked Members to advise of timings for when the problem was most noticeable both in Main Road and Greenfields Avenue.

A discussion over parking issues and the potential for double yellow lines at Brook Avenue ensued with the meeting noting that this would not be possible since the road was unadopted. Instead it was suggested that a meeting with a Highways Department representative, Ward Councillor D Brickhill and PC D Sambrook to inspect the carriageway in the proximity of the Club may be useful to look at what alternative measures may be available to help alleviate the problem.

**036. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Questions relating to the planning procedure in respect of applications were raised and answered. In addition concerns over the appeal in respect of planning application No.14/0456N relating to variations of conditions at 271 Newcastle Road were raised and the Council agreed to take these into account when responding to the Inspector.

**037. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the following meetings be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, and that the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Committee and Group minutes be adopted:

- Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014
- Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Parish Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014
- Minutes of the Village Hall Management Committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014

- Minutes of the Finance Group meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014
- Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014

## **MATTERS ARISING:**

### **038. Membership of the Ad-hoc Planning Group (005d)**

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Mrs R Hancock be appointed as a member of the Ad-hoc Planning Group.

### **039. Best Kept Gardens Competition 2014 (032)**

The Council agreed the allocation of judging areas for the 2014 competition and noted that judging would take place between 30<sup>th</sup> June and 20<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

### **040. Allotment site (031)**

The Council noted that the Clerk was now in correspondence with Lee Beckett of Cheshire East Council in respect of the tree at the entrance to the site and possible future problems with the overhead cables, and that it seemed hopeful that the matter could be resolved in the near future in order that the new lease could be entered into.

In respect of Plot 4 the Chairman reported that the inspection had taken place at the end of May and that the plot had now been brought up to a very good standard.

## **041. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS**

The Parish Council noted that some minor plumbing work had been carried out recently to correct two small leaks.

The Clerk circulated an outline sketch plan he had prepared for Members' consideration. It contained a proposal for works to the Hall toilets to give a disabled toilets and two separate male and female toilets.

The Parish Council also noted that arrangements had been made for the Chair, Vice-Chair, Councillors Mrs V Adams and D Miller and the Clerk to meet with representatives of Must See Musicals at the Village Hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm to discuss future bookings.

**RESOLVED:** That the proposals be forwarded to the architect for his assessment and development into a full scheme.

## **042. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- i. The minutes of the Police & Crime Commissioner's meeting with representatives from Cheshire East area Parish Councils held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014.
- ii. A request from the Shavington Drama Group for a Parish grant towards the cost of new spotlights for the Group.
- iii. A request from the 12<sup>th</sup> SW Cheshire (1<sup>st</sup> Shavington) Scout Group for a Parish grant towards the cost of refurbishing its building.

- iv. A copy of a letter from Adrian Fisher confirming that the Local Plan Strategy was submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014.
- v. Correspondence from the Yorkshire Bank concerning the Theo Steele Bequest and indicating that the account was currently dormant since there had been no activity on it for several years.

**RESOLVED:** a) That in respect of items ii. and iii. above a decision be deferred until the next meeting.  
c) That in respect of the Theo Steele Bequest account the two signatories be asked to complete the necessary forms to bring it back into use in due course.

#### **043. PLANNING MATTERS**

##### **i. APPEAL: 14/0456N – VARIATION OF CONDITIONS 2 & 8 ON APPROVAL 13/3046N – CHANGE OF USE FROM SHOT-BLASTING HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES TO CAR REPAIRS, DISMANTLING AND SALVAGE OF PARTS AT 271 NEWCASTLE ROAD**

**RESOLVED:** That the following be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate:

The Parish Council has again considered the detail of the above planning application which is now at appeal; and in the process taken account of the strength of local opinion, particularly from adjacent residents, and the apparent lack of enforcement of previous operating conditions by Cheshire East Council.

The Parish Council has already submitted its objections which it understands will be considered as part of the appeals process but also now confirms that it wholeheartedly supports the objections of local residents in this matter.

On a further point, the Parish Council would urge that this appeal be considered locally rather than just by written representations. A site inspection whilst very useful in assessing the location and likely impact would be enhanced by the Inspector being able to gauge the issues and the strength of local opinion directly from residents affected.

##### **ii. APPEAL: SITE BOUNDED BY GRESTDY LANE, ROPE LANE, CREWE ROAD AND A500, SHAVINGTON, CREWE (KNOWN AS GRESTDY OAKS) FOR THE HIMOR GROUP (CHESHIRE EAST REF: 13/2874N)**

**RESOLVED:** That the following be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate:

The Parish Council has considered the detail of proposed amendments at the Appeal stage to the Himor Group application sent to it by Turley Associates Limited. The letter from Turley stated that these documents superseded those originally submitted, and that any observations which the Parish Council may have would need to be submitted directly to the Planning Inspectorate.

The Parish Council has already submitted its detailed objections which it understands will be considered as part of the appeals process, but wishes to add the following for consideration.

The Parish Council feel that it is totally unnecessary and ill-advised to create a priority flow entrance to the proposed site off the B5071 Crewe Road as illustrated in drawing No.SK21220-010 and it is not at all convinced that through traffic will be persuaded to divert onto the new (and as yet not constructed) A500 link road. It is also concerned that no apparent regard has been taken of the fact that Swill Brook is a flood zone and that there is significant potential for flooding at the location of the proposed junction.

In addition the Parish Council is very concerned that at Rope Lane the proposed new traffic signal controlled junction for the site will be within 150m of the existing traffic lit four-way junction at the railway bridge, located just north of the Doctors' surgery shown on drawing No.SK21220-004.

The Parish Council would request that these comments are fully assessed and taken into account in the consideration of the Appeal.

**iii. 14/0001N LAND TO THE REAR OF 447/449 NEWCASTLE ROAD, SHAVINGTON:  
DEMOLITION OF 449 NEWCASTLE ROAD AND CONSTRUCTION OF 28 RESIDENTIAL  
PROPERTIES**

Councillor W McIntyre reported on proceedings at the Cheshire East Southern Planning Committee meeting held earlier in the day and members noted that this application had been refused, and the grounds on which it had been refused.

**iv. APPEAL: 17 DWELLINGS AT MAIN ROAD SHAVINGTON FOR WULVERN HOUSING**

The Parish Council noted a verbal report indicating that this appeal had been allowed with a condition that required the proposed foul and surface water drainage scheme to be first approved by Cheshire East Council. Members expressed bitter disappointment at the way in which Cheshire East Council had defended its decision at the Appeal hearing.

**RESOLVED:** That Ward Councillor D Brickhill be asked to formally report this matter to the Local Government Ombudsman for further investigation.

**v. SHAVINGTON POST OFFICE**

The Parish Council received a verbal report of a change of use application for the Post Office to a residential unit, and that it was therefore likely that the Post Office could close unless an alternative location was identified within the Village. Pending any official confirmation the Parish Council agreed to investigate potential options as a matter of urgency and asked the Chairman to visit local businesses that may have the capacity to accommodate a post office counter service to gauge the level of interest..

**044. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**a) Payment of Accounts**

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

i.	C Moulton – Clerk's salary net of tax/NI	£724.81
ii.	M Webster & Son – grounds maintenance work May 2014	£845.44
iii.	C Willetts website maintenance	£25.00
iv.	AJH Accountancy monthly payroll	£15.00
v.	J Hancock – Internal Audit of 2013/14 accounts	£315.00
vi.	12 <sup>th</sup> SW Cheshire (1 <sup>st</sup> Shavington) Scout Group litterpick equipment	£30.42
vii.	HMRC Clerk's tax and NI April – June 2014	£790.50

**b) Annual Audit of Accounts 2013/14**

The Parish Council considered the detail of the Internal Auditors report following his audit of the accounts for 2013/14.

**RESOLVED:** i) That Mr J Hancock be thanked for his thorough work in carrying out the audit, and that the report be accepted.

- ii) That the accounts and annual governance statement for the year 2013/14 be approved and that the annual return be signed by the Chairman and submitted to the Council's external auditors, BDO.

#### **045. PARISH INFORMATION MATTERS**

The Parish Council noted the following items reported by Members:

- a. The new 'Welcome to Crewe' sign installed in Gresty Road by Crewe Town Council was actually the wrong side of the brook and therefore in Gresty. The Clerk was asked to request new 'Shavington-cum-Gresty' signs be installed by Goodmans when the road layout was altered.
- b. The Parish Council noted that there had been a large number of complaints received by Cheshire East over their grass cutting contract this year.
- c. Councillor Mrs R Hancock advised the Council of St Mark's Advent Trail for Christmas 2014.
- d. Councillor Mrs R Hancock advised that weeds in road gulleys were still a problem and suggested that the Environment Committee may wish to discuss what encouragement could be given to residents to look after their own curtilage to improve the appearance of the area.
- e. The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council may wish to consider an appropriate way of commemorating the centenary of the start of World War I and the Council agreed that this be discussed at the July meeting.
- f. The Chairman reported that he had been in contact with Carol Wood who wished to pass on a number of Shavington related items from when her late father was a Shavington Councillor. The Parish Council agreed that she be invited to a Special Meeting on a date to be arranged.
- g. Weeds around the perimeter of Vine Tree play area were noted as now being overgrown and unsightly and it was agreed that arrangements be made to have them removed.
- h. The Parish Council noted that the new Vicar at St Mark's Church was Rev. Michael Leyden.

#### **046. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** That in accordance with Section 19(2) of the Public Bodies (admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting by virtue of the confidential nature of the business next to be transacted.

#### **047. VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS**

After seven years in the role of Village Hall Bookings Officer in a voluntary capacity Councillor D Miller signalled his intention to pass on the responsibility. Members paid tribute to his work over the years and the exemplary way in which the Hall bookings had been handled during that time.

In discussing the way forward Members noted that the role required an approximate time commitment of around 4 to 5 hours a week, and that it may be necessary to advertise the position.

**RESOLVED:** That in the first instance enquiries be made by the Clerk and Councillors to assess the level of interest locally.

#### **048. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the next Meeting of the Parish Council be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 commencing at 7.15pm.

***There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.50pm.***

Chairman ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014