

SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY, 5th OCTOBER 2011

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

Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Councillors R Clarke, Mrs R Hancock and D Miller.

Also in attendance: PCSO M Minton, Ward Councillor D Brickhill, and two members of the public.

115. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

116. PCSO'S AND POLICING ISSUES REPORTS

PCSO M Minton presented her verbal report on incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour in the Village over the previous month and Councillors noted the detail of the three crimes and five incidents of anti-social behaviour over the month. She also reported that a significant amount of time had been spent working on Youth Club related issues recently.

Members then discussed hazardous manoeuvres by motorists at the Goodall's Corner junction with vehicles turning into the short access road belonging to the business at the junction. Several near misses had been witnessed and the Parish Council asked Ward Councillor Brickhill to enquire whether Cheshire East Council would consider installing appropriate bollards on the pavement at this location to prevent motorists from turning; and provide a price for the Parish Council to consider funding the work at a future meeting.

It was reported that a number of cctv cameras had appeared around the Village and no member present had any information about them or who was operating them. The Clerk was asked to draw the cameras to the attention of Cheshire East Council and the Police.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Minton for her attendance and report.

Councillor Mrs G McIntyre gave a verbal report following her recent meeting with inspector P Smith concerning PCSO provision and effectiveness. The Parish Council noted that since the introduction of PCSO's nationally, general crime rates were down by 46%, with antisocial behaviour incidents reduced by 47%.

117. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Ward Councillor D Brickhill raised a number of highway related issues with members for discussion.

Gresty Lane – now that the weight restriction had been successfully argued for Chestnut Avenue/Vine Tree Avenue in the 2011 programme it was reported that more HGV's were now using Gresty Lane as a rat run since it was not weight restricted. The Parish Council agreed to request Councillor Brickhill to commence the process of also applying for a weight restriction Order on Gresty Lane. It was also reported that Rope Garden Services was parking vehicles on the verge in Gresty Lane and the Clerk was asked to report this to Rope Parish Council; and to ask both Rope and Willaston Parish Councils if they were also experiencing any problems with HGV's.

Newcastle Road – the Parish Council supported the suggestion for a 30mph speed limit on this road through Shavington.

B5071 Crewe Road – the Parish Council would not wish the central hatchings on the carriageway to be extended.

118. MINUTES

RESOLVED: a) That the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 6th September 2011 be approved as a correct record, subject to the amendment to the date of the next meeting, and signed by the Chairman.

b) That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th September 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

c) That the minutes of the Special Parish Council Meeting held on 28th September 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

119. Greenfields Estate weeds in gutters (110)

The Parish Council noted that the highways contractor sweepers were currently in the area, and that weedkiller spraying was also being carried out. Members were informed that the new Cheshire East highway maintenance contractor would be Ringway Jacob and that contact information was shortly to be forwarded to all Parish Councils.

120. Best Kept Gardens Competition (099)

The Environment Committee Chairman reported that the Best Kept Gardens presentation evening on 9th September had been a great success with around 40 people present for what was a very enjoyable event. He thanked Members who worked hard on the arrangements both before and on the evening.

121. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council considered one planning application by Bloor Homes for 165 dwellings on land at Crewe Road, Gresty (Application No.11/3171N).

RESOLVED: a) That the Clerk arrange for detailed assessment and the provision of planning advice on the application from RJE Associates in order that detailed objections could be submitted.

b) That a second commission be agreed for RJE Associates in the sum of £500, to include work already carried out.

c) That objections include the following points:

- The Parish Council understands that this site had previously been proposed as a housing allocation but was subsequently removed in 2003 by a Planning Inspector
- The Parish Council considers that the proposed access to the site is in an inappropriate and dangerous location and would be interested to hear the views of the Highways Department on this issue
- There are also significant concerns over pedestrian safety along Crewe Road where footway provision is limited
- The applicant's planning statement refers to 120 dwellings on the site when actually the application is for 165
- The applicant appears to suggest that sustainability of the development can be claimed because it is located on a bus route
- The site is located off Crewe Road, Gresty and not as indicated on the plans, on Crewe Road, Weston

122. PLANNING MATTERS

The Parish Council reviewed the public open meeting on 14th September and noted that 175 people had been present to raise their concerns with Cheshire East Officers. This meeting had been some time coming but Cheshire East eventually delivered on their commitment and were left in no doubt as to the strength of feeling by the audience.

The following week on 21st September the Local Development Framework consultation event was held at St Marks hall and the Parish Council's response to the LDF consultation was then submitted to Cheshire East Council.

Councillor Mrs G McIntyre reported that she had seen developers McTaggart and Mickel at the event (Triangle site); and Taylor Wimpey who had interests in the site known as Shavington East.

The Clerk reported that an approach had been received from Mactaggart and Mickel in respect of the 'Shavington Triangle' site in which they had an interest as potential developers. Following previous advice received from RJE Associates over being involved in all stages, and after consultation with the Chairman arrangements had been made for the developers to present their proposals to Members at the Village Hall on Wednesday 12th October 2011. The Clerk had made it clear to the developer's agents that the Parish Council would only agree to listen to a presentation, and would not take part in any discussion that could be considered as consultation at this stage. Members noted that the developers would also extend invitations to local Ward Councillors and one or two representatives from Wybunbury Parish Council.

The Parish Council also noted that Ward Councillor D Brickhill had tabled a motion for discussion by Cheshire East Council at its meeting on 13th October 2011 to rescind its Interim Housing Policy decision.

In respect of the Belway application for 51 dwellings at Gresty Green Farm it was reported that Cheshire East's Strategic Planning Board on 28th September deferred making a decision.

123. PARISH PLAN COMMITTEE

Councillor Mrs G McIntyre reported that the questionnaires had now been delivered to every property in the Village.

124. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

The Clerk advised Members that the Village Hall Management Committee meeting originally scheduled for 12th October 2011 would be rearranged on a November date, to be advised.

125. CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Council noted that almost all the correspondence received over the month has been associated with the Cheshire East public open meeting; the LDF consultation and the various large planning applications currently being considered and these had been dealt with as they arrived. However the Parish Council also noted the detail of correspondence from Mr D Espley with his quote for the repairs to the Vine Tree Play area which was agreed.

126. FINANCIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED: a) That the following payments be approved:

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| i. | C Moulton – Clerk's salary September 2011 (£820.56 less tax/Ni) | £618.57 |
| ii. | M Webster & Son – grounds maintenance work September 2011 | £744.68 |

iii.	Petty cash replenishment	£60.00
iv.	Clerk's fuel reimbursement at cost August/September	£42.29
v.	Mrs B Kelly – reimbursement for calligraphy pen and ink	£6.98
vi.	RJE Associates – planning advice, initial commission	£531.05
vii.	Weaver Business Machines photocopier maintenance	£63.36
viii.	Mrs S Miller – flower arranging at BKG	£45.50
ix.	P Yoxall – Printer ink cartridges reimbursement	£26.97
x.	Cheshire Police – PCSO payment (half year)	£11,800.00

b) That the Clerk investigate other commercial options for the provision of a Parish Council website with a view to making early progress on this issue.

127. OTHER PARISH INFORMATION ITEMS

Remembrance Day

The Clerk reported that he had commenced arrangements for this year's Remembrance Sunday wreath laying service following the Church service at St Mark's Church on 13th November 2011.

Allotments

Councillor S Hogben reported that Cheshire East Council was to formally transfer its rural allotment sites to Parish Councils.

Alcohol Licence, 2 Weston Court

Councillors S Hogben and P Yoxall both reported that they had attended the Cheshire East Council Licensing Hearing when this application was considered; and expressed their disappointment over the process which was restrictive and appeared to allow very little opportunity for any objection or debate.

128. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 2nd November 2011 commencing at 7.15pm.

Chairman

2nd November 2011