

SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 5th NOVEMBER 2014

Present: Councillors P Yoxall, Mrs G McIntyre, Mrs S Cheshire, Mrs V Adams, Mrs A Yoxall, W McIntyre, Mrs R Hancock, R Clarke, K Gibbs and S Hogben.

Apologies for absence: Councillor D Miller.

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

130. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS

Councillor K Gibbs declared an interest in an item raised by a member of the public under Minute 132 (Questions from the Public) and left the room during the discussion on that item.

131. PCSO'S AND POLICING ISSUES REPORT

The Parish Council received a detailed verbal report on policing activity in the Parish from PC D Sambrook and Councillors noted the information in respect of 4 crime and 9 anti-social behaviour incidents.

PC Sambrook advised the Council that he would be moving on to Staffordshire Police at the beginning of December 2014 and Members wished him well in his future career, and expressed their appreciation for his work in the Parish over many years.

PC Sambrook also reported that Inspector C Watkins would be moving on shortly and that his replacement would be Inspector Wellstead.

The meeting then discussed the current absence of one of the PCSO's and the lack of any notification from the Police; and also the absence of a replacement officer during the period. The Parish Council asked PC Sambrook to report its concerns to his Inspector and requested urgent feedback.

The Parish Council also discussed the current absence of a school crossing patrol in Main Road/Rope Lane and felt that this was not within the remit of the PCSO's to undertake, and instead felt that the primary school and Cheshire East Council should make some efforts to reinstate or fill the position.

RESOLVED: a) That should a satisfactory response not be received from the Police the matter be raised directly with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire.

b) That the invoice for £7,866.66 in respect of the second half year contribution towards the PCSO's be not paid for the time being since the Council's view was that a rebate on the amount should be due.

132. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Questions were raised relating to the planning application for a new housing development on land to the rear of 71 Main Road; and in respect of problems being experienced by residents of Rope Lane from noise and other inconvenience by Wain Homes.

133. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the following meetings be approved as correct records and recommendations adopted, and signed by the Chairman.

- Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 1st October 2014
- Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 8th October 2014
- Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 21st October 2014

134. JOINT PARISH COUNCIL LETTER TO ERIC PICKLES

The Parish Council considered the initial draft of a letter from six local Parish Councils to the Secretary of State for the Department of Communities and Local Government detailing concerns over the way in which large scale housing suppliers have been allowed to treat the communities that they are changing with their developments.

RESOLVED: That the letter be approved for circulation to the five other Parish Councils, with the request that their comments be returned as soon as possible in order that the final letter could be sent during December 2014.

135. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE 9th NOVEMBER 2014

The Clerk reported on arrangements made for this year's Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorials, and the final detailed matters were discussed and agreed.

136. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

i. Toilet Improvement Scheme

Further investigation had shown that the existing walls were load bearing and as such the advice of a structural engineer would be required prior to the finalisation of the plans. Stewart Thorley had recommended a local structural engineer, Ivan Atkins, and the Clerk would make contact with a view to a report being prepared to inform the plans for the building work. In addition, the Chairman had obtained informal opinion of the extent of the works from a local building contractor which cast some doubt over the sufficiency of the budget to cover the works. The Parish Council agreed that this matter be considered in greater detail by the Finance Committee when it meets to consider the 2015/16 budget proposals.

ii. Christmas Lights to Yew tree

The Parish Council noted that these would be installed by mid-November.

iii. Hall Booking procedures

The Parish Council received a verbal report from the Bookings Officer concerning issues over hirers liaising between themselves to amend the bookings diary by making arrangements to swap hire times, and discussed the matter at length.

RESOLVED: a) That hirers be reminded that their contract to hire the Village Hall was with the Parish Council and not any third party, and that correct procedures need to be adhered to; and that the practice of assigning bookings will not be tolerated.

b) That the Bookings Officer be authorised to write to those hirers undertaking this practice to advise them of the Council's decision.

137. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- i. A letter from holder of Plot 15, Mr J Overton relinquishing his plot.
- ii. Notification from Cheshire East Council of the closure of Gresty Road between 17th and 21st November.
- iii. Notification from Cheshire East Council of the closure of Rope Lane between 18th and 24th November.

- iv. An agenda for the next Cheshire East Town and Parish Council's Conference to be held on 11th November at the Middlewich Community Church.
- v. A request from an Arboricultural Consultant working on behalf of Scottish Power requesting the Parish Council's permission to prune trees on Parish Council land at Cameron Avenue.

RESOLVED: That in respect of item v. above the request be granted.

138. PLANNING MATTERS

The Parish Council noted the following planning applications:

13/4675N - appeal notification – 29 houses at 414 Newcastle Road

14/4687N - two storey extension at 262 Newcastle Road, Blakelow

14/4589N – first floor extension at 110 Crewe Road

14/4146N – Garden room at 274 Newcastle Road

14/4716N – single storey side and rear extension at 49 Park Estate

14/4523N – reserved matters – primary substation at land off Crewe Road, Basford West

14/4530N – Variation of condition 1 of 13/1021N to change house types on 5 plots, Rope Lane

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139. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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 October 2014	£845.44
iii.	C Willetts website maintenance	£25.00
iv.	AJH Accountancy monthly payroll	£15.00
v.	SVFC Village Voice adverts	£90.00
vi.	Shavington High School – donation in lieu of Last Post	£30.00
vii.	Shavington High School – Environment Award prize	£30.00

140. BUS SERVICE – D&G

The Parish Council discussed reports of an amendment made to the service by the operator, D&G by which the former No.44 service had been cancelled and part of the route combined with the No.6 service but that this service did not stop at Goodall's Corner; and that this had a particular impact on elderly users in this area.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to D&G to express the Parish Council's dissatisfaction with this change and to request that consideration be given to the reintroduction of No.44; or an amendment to another route to satisfactorily incorporate the former service.

141. PARISH INFORMATION MATTERS

Councillor S Hogben reported on the recent meeting of the Basford West Liaison Group for Members' information.

142. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 3rd December 2014 commencing at 7.15pm.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.25pm.

Chairman

3rd December 2014