

**SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE**  
**VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2014**

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

**Apologies for absence:** Councillors K Gibbs and D Miller

**Also in attendance:** Ward Councillor D Brickhill and five members of the public.

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

Councillor Ms R Hancock declared an interest in Minute No.77ii (storage building) 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.

Councillor S Hogben declared an interest in Minute No.79v (Planning Application No. 14/3267N – 53 dwellings at land off Rope Lane) since he was a member of the Cheshire East Southern Area Planning Committee which would be determining the application and to avoid fettering his discretion at this stage he left the room during the discussion and decision on that item.

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

The Parish Council noted that on this occasion no Police representative was able to be present and Councillor W McIntyre delivered the monthly report on policing activity in the Parish on behalf of PCSO V Moulton. Councillors noted the information in respect of crime and anti-social behaviour incidents.

**072. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Questions and observations relating to large scale housing application, replacement trees and tree planting generally were raised and answered.

**073. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** a) That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

b) That the minutes of the Village Hall Management Committee meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman; and that the recommendations contained in the minutes be adopted.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**074. Commemoration of the centenary of the start of World War I (056)**

The Parish Council was pleased to note that the World War I anniversary plaque had been delivered and would be installed at the Hall during the week..

**075. Yew tree Christmas Lights (059c)**

Following the decision made at the last meeting the Parish Council noted that an order had been placed for the removal of all the existing lamps and the installation of 360 new multi-coloured LED lights by a professional contractor, Darwin Electrical Services. The job cost was £1,395 and would be completed before the end of November ready for the 2014 festive period.

Concern had been expressed by Members that some of the lower branches overhang the railings and, on the other side touch the building. The Parish Council noted that these branches

would be trimmed back by Councillor R Clarke who had kindly offered to do the work himself, following clearance by the Cheshire East Tree Officer.

**076 Piccadilly Footpath clearing works (060c)**

The Chairman reported that works to clear overgrown hedges and shrubbery from Piccadilly footpath had been carried out by Cheshire East highways but to an unacceptable standard; and a further complaint had been made which had resulted in the promise of a second visit to complete the work.

**077. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS**

**i. Toilet Improvement Scheme**

The Clerk reported that he had discussed the feasibility of the Parish Council's suggested layout with Stewart Thorley, and although the original suggestions were not feasible within the space available, he was working on an alternative layout and would supply sketches in time for the September meeting.

**ii. Storage Building**

The Council noted that both drama groups had received the Parish Council's letter offering terms for the joint use of the left storage building at the rear of the car park and to date MSM had confirmed that it wished to proceed on the terms outlined. A response was still awaited from the Shavington Drama Group but was expected.

**iii. Village Hall Bookings Officer**

The Clerk reported that the role of the Bookings Officer was included in the Parish Council's article in the current edition of the Village Voice.

**078. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- i. An e-mail from John Borrowman of Morning Foods concerning highways issues following the meeting he had with the Chairman and Vice-Chair.
- ii. A letter from Cheshire East planning concerning a planning application No14/3243N for an extension at 56 Osborne Grove.
- iii. Several e-mail correspondence items from Ward Councillor D Brickhill concerning the Basford West Local Liaison Group meeting held 31<sup>st</sup> July at the Village Hall.
- iv. A notice from Cheshire East Council confirming that the proposed Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination.
- v. An e-mail from MSM thanking the Parish Council for the grant and confirming that it wished to accept the terms for the use of the storage building.
- vi. A thank you letter from Jen Wilkinson in respect of the Scouts grant.

In respect of item iii. Above Ward Councillor D Brickhill reported on the outcome of the first meeting of the Group held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014 and Councillors noted that they would be held monthly in future.

## **079. PLANNING MATTERS**

- i. **Planning application No.14/3537N - alterations and extensions a 11 Wilderhope Close, Wistaston**

**RESOLVED:** That no objections be made to the application.

- ii. **Planning application No.14/3117N - two storey extension at 162 Crewe Road**

**RESOLVED:** That no objections be made to the application.

- iii. **Planning Application No. 14/3243N - extension at 56 Osborne Grove**

**RESOLVED:** That no objections be made to the application.

- iv. **Planning Application No.14/2082N - 2 x semi and 2 x detached houses adjacent to 16 Huntersfield**

**RESOLVED:** That Cheshire East Council be advised that the Parish Council has exactly the same objections to this application as for the previous application and has requested Ward Councillor D Brickhill to call-in the matter for determination by the Committee.

- v. **Planning Application No.14/3267N - construction of up to 53 dwellings on land east of Rope Lane**

**RESOLVED:** That Cheshire East Council be advised that the Parish Council **objects** to the Wain Homes phase 2 planning application to construct a further 53 dwellings on land off Rope Lane Shavington. When the original application for 80 dwellings was made the Council made a detailed and robust argument against the intrusion into open countryside and the erosion of the green gap. This was supported by a large number of resident objections. This latest application for 'Phase 2' draws an equal strength of objection.

'Phase 2' is an extension of the existing development and on an adjacent site, and the Parish Council's objections are no different in respect of site specifics than for the original application. Whilst the Parish Council appreciates that the local plan process has moved on significantly since the first application was made, the principal objections to this new application are the same as for the first application.

That the detailed objections made for the original application be resubmitted with the request that the relevant site specific objections contained in it be taken into account by the authority when determining this current application.

- vi. **Footpath 11 Shavington, and 21 Wybunbury (Triangle site)**

The Parish Council considered the proposed footpath diversion consultation and agreed that its concerns over the proposed new causing potential nuisance value to property owners be conveyed to Cheshire East Council and that the objections of Ward Councillor D Brickhill be also endorsed.

- vii. **Shavington East Appeal**

The Parish Council noted the outcome of the Appeal at which the proposed development was allowed.

**viii. Housing Development approvals/Local Plan Process**

The Parish Council discussed the continuing and unabated flow of applications for large scale housing developments in the area and the impact on quality of life for existing residents, and agreed that Chairs of surrounding Parish Councils (Rope, Wistaston, Willaston, Hough, Wybunbury) be contacted with a view to arranging a summit meeting to explore the possibility of a joint approach to Eric Pickles MP of the DCLG.

**080. 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 July 2014	£845.44
iii.	C Willetts website maintenance	£25.00
iv.	AJH Accountancy monthly payroll	£15.00
v.	BDO external audit of accounts 2013/14	£360.00
vi.	Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner PCSO half year	£7,866.66
vii.	P Yoxall printer ink reimbursement	£22.00
viii.	D Espley bench seats painting	£113.20

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

The Council noted the contents of its external auditors’ (BDO) completion of audit notice and Councillors were pleased to note that the audit had been completely satisfactory and no matters were raised.

**081. PARISH INFORMATION MATTERS**

Parish Councillors raised a number of issues for information: including gulley emptying, overgrown footpaths, approach signs, grass verge maintenance, and hedge cutting.

**082. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the next Meeting of the Parish Council be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 commencing at 7.15pm.

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

Chairman .....  
3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014