

SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER 2011

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

Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs B Kelly.

Also in attendance: PC D Sambrook and Ward Councillor D Brickhill.

129. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs G McIntyre declared a prejudicial interest in Minute No.136 (Planning application No. 11/3680N – kitchen extension at 16 The Orchards) as she was an immediate neighbour; and left the room during the discussion and decision on this matter.

130. PCSO'S AND POLICING ISSUES REPORTS

PC D Sambrook presented his verbal report on incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour in the Village over the previous month and Councillors noted the detail of the four crimes and four incidents of anti-social behaviour over the month. He also advised on a recent new Neighbourhood Watch scheme which had been established in the Village.

PC Sambrook then also reported that the portable SID would shortly be deployed in Vine Tree Avenue but only following the removal of the Cheshire East Archer counter which would be in position for two weeks.

He also reported that a number of motoring offences had been committed and dealt with at the Rope Lane bridge traffic signals.

The Clerk requested a PCSO presence and traffic cones to control traffic at the Remembrance Day Service on 13th November.

The Chairman then thanked PC Sambrook for his attendance and report.

131. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Ward Councillor D Brickhill raised a number of highway related issues with members for information:

Crewe Road

In view of the recent serious accident at Crewe Road near to the Goodall's Corner junction Members agreed to request a high friction surface be laid at this location. Members noted that the cost of bollards to be installed on the pavement at the junction would be in the order of £150 each.

Chestnut Avenue/Vine Tree Avenue

Councillor Brickhill reported that he had met with Highway Department Officers and although there had been some reluctance they had agreed to fit an Archer counter for a two week period. Councillor Brickhill suggested that the Parish Council may also wish to consider writing to the Highways Department concerning a 7.5T Weight Limit on Gresty Lane. Members also felt that improved signage for the factory in Gresty Lane would also be useful to reduce the number of HGV's which miss the turning and cause subsequent traffic congestion.

The Parish Council noted that the cost of signing Weight Restriction areas was significant at around £9,000 but felt that Gresty Lane should also be restricted if Chestnut Avenue/Vine Tree Avenue were. A suggestion was

made for the Parish Council to consider a contingency fund in the 2012/13 budget process for possible contributions towards incidental costs such as signing if the Weight Limits were introduced.

132. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th October 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

133. Planning Applications (121)

The Parish Council noted and endorsed the full objections to the Bloor application for Gresty (Application No.11/3171N) as prepared by RJE Associates following on from the instruction authorised at the last meeting.

In respect of the Belway decision on 19th October 2011 the Parish Council placed on record its dismay at the attitude and approach taken by Cheshire East Councillors in granting approval at the Strategic Planning Board meeting in the face of enormous and justified public objections.

In respect of the other two pending applications for Gresty, those of Taylor Wimpey and Bloor the Parish Council noted that these may be considered by the next meeting of the Strategic Planning Board on 1st December.

134. Best Kept Gardens Competition (099 and 120)

The Parish Council noted the contents of a letter sent by a resident of the Village in respect of the arrangements for the annual Best Kept Gardens Competition.

135. REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

The Clerk reported on the arrangements made for the annual Service and the Parish Council noted that these had been discussed with Rev G Breffitt who would be leading the Service. Members noted that the road closure order was in place; along with wreaths and arrangements for the 'Last Post'. Councillor Mrs S Cheshire agreed to prepare the refreshments.

136. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council considered two planning applications and

RESOLVED: That the following observations be forwarded to Cheshire East Council:

- a) Planning application No.11/3680N - kitchen extension at 16 The Orchards – no objections.
- b) Planning application No.11/2465N – New 3 bed detached replacement dwelling on site of existing bungalow at 185a Crewe Road – no objections.

137. PLANNING MATTERS

The Parish Council received a detailed report from the Vice-Chair from the informal meeting of Members with a representative from McTaggart and Mickel on 12th October 2011. Copies of the development proposal document had been forwarded by the company and these were circulated to Members.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs G McIntyre be thanked for her report, and the report be received.

138. PARISH PLAN COMMITTEE

Councillor Mrs R Hancock reported that the returned questionnaires were currently being analysed and that so far around 20% had been returned.

139. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

The Clerk advised Members that the Village Hall Management Committee meeting originally scheduled for 12th October 2011 had been rearranged for 16th November.

140. CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. An e-mail from Councillor D Brickhill to Cheshire East Council requesting the various highway related improvements discussed at the last meeting.
2. Notes from the presentation by McTaggart and Mickel concerning the Triangle site on 12th October 2011.
3. An e-mail from Phil Grocott introducing himself as the main point of contact for highway related issues in respect of the new Ringway Jacob maintenance contract. In addition a document from Ringway Jacob giving information about the contract, its scope and length, and key officers had also been received.
4. An e-mail from Judith Shatwell of Cheshire East Council confirming the date and venue for the next Town and Parish Council Conference to be held at Congleton Town Hall on 24th November 2011.
5. An e-mail from John Nicholson, Strategic Director, Places and organisational Capacity for Cheshire East Council updating the Parish Council on the new senior management structure for his department.
6. An invitation to the Partnerships for Action in Cheshire East (PACE) Assembly on 16th November from 9.00am-1.00pm at the Tytherington Club, Macclesfield.
7. A letter from Wesley Fitzgerald, Leader of Cheshire East Council concerning the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations through the extended bank holiday weekend from 2-5th June 2012.
8. A letter from Anna Bent of RPS Planning and Development Limited enclosing the six copies of the Triangle site promotional document.
9. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Constable of Cheshire Police Authority concerning the future funding of PCSO's and asking for confirmation the Parish Council's intentions.

In respect of item 7. above Councillor Mrs R Hancock also explained what the Shavington Village Festival Committee was planning for the Jubilee and the Parish Council applauded its proposals.

In respect of item 3. above Councillor S Hogben reported that verge cutting and weed spraying was being kept in-house by Cheshire East and not part of the Ringway Jacob contract.

141. FINANCIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED: a) That the following payments be approved:

i.	C Moulton – Clerk’s salary October 2011 (£820.56 less tax/Ni)	£618.57
ii.	M Webster & Son – grounds maintenance work October 2011	£744.68
iii.	RJE Associates – planning advice, second commission	£510.35
iv.	Audit Commission – 2010/11 audit of accounts	£480.00
v.	SVFC Village Voice advertisements	£90.00
vi.	Royal British Legion – Poppy wreaths	£50.00

b) That the draft expenses claim forms prepared by the Vice-Chairman be approved and adopted and the Clerk be asked to circulate copies to all Members for their use.

142. OTHER PARISH INFORMATION ITEMS

Christmas Decorations at the Village Hall

The Parish Council agreed that the Christmas Lights be switched on from 1st December and that the remainder of the decorations be put up in the Hall on 9th December.

143. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 7th December 2011 commencing at 7.15pm.

Chairman
7th December 2011