

# **SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014**

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

**Apologies for absence:** Councillor R Clarke.

**Also in attendance:** Mr J Dwyer Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, PC D Sambrook, PCSO P Corbett and one member of the public.

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### **168. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS**

No declarations were made.

### **169. POLICING ISSUES**

The Council welcomed Mr J Dwyer, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire (PCC) to the meeting and the Chair explained that Mr Dwyer had kindly agreed to attend to discuss matters of concern with the Parish Council.

The Chair then outlined the Council's stance in respect of the value it placed on the work of the two PCSO's and the local constable, explaining that the Parish Council and residents of the parish felt that they were receiving a constantly excellent service from the officers.

However, the parish had been the subject of great interest from housing developers over the last two or three years to the extent that approvals for several hundred new houses had so far been granted either by Cheshire East Council or on appeal; and applications for well over a thousand were currently under consideration. It seemed likely that the size of the parish would easily double and that all of the excellent work of the PCSO's and constable could be undone by a lack of adequate policing in the future.

The PCC explained that the Chief Constable was responsible for making operational decisions about deployment of resources but that he would relay the Council's concerns. The PCC went on to confirm that he would not be increasing the Police precept in 2014/15 but plans were underway to reduce the total number of police officers in the County by 97 over the next three years, most of which would be by natural wastage.

The PCC then stated that he was aware that throughout the County it was clear that communities wanted to retain their PCSO's and the total establishment of 222 PCSO's would be retained and not reduced in the foreseeable future. With respect to Councils such as Shavington who paid to ensure dedicated PCSO's there were no plans to increase the annual fee arrangement and the current provision under the existing contract (which expired at the end of 2015/16) would be honoured. The PCC said that it remained very important for residents to continue to report suspicions or incidents to the PCSO's (rather than via '101') because otherwise local incidents dealt with by PCSO's would go unrecorded.

In response to a question about community focus being maintained the PCC confirmed that neighbourhood focus on policing is a top priority and he would like facilities for public interaction with the police in places such as Village Halls.

The Chair and Members then thanked Mr Dwyer for taking the time to attend, and for his very positive input into the meeting. In closing the PCC urged the Council to consider sending one or two representatives to his Forum meetings held every four months at the Cheshire East Offices.

PC D Sambrook then presented his 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.

#### **170. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The Parish Council suspended the meeting to allow input from members of the public present, and various planning related matters relating to large scale housing developments were raised.

#### **171. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** a) That the minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013 be approved as a correct record, and that the recommendations contained therein relating to the detailed budget and precept for 2014/15 and levels of reserve balances be adopted, and that the minutes be signed by the Chair.

b) That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

c) That the minutes of the Village Hall Management Committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013 be approved as a correct record and that the recommendations contained therein be adopted, and that the minutes be signed by the Chair.

#### **172. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- i. A letter from Edward Timpson concerning the Parish Council's objections to Planning Application No.13/2069N – Shavington East.
- ii. An e-mail exchange from residents of Huntersfield, Ward Councillor D Brickhill and the Cheshire East Enforcement Officer over works to a hedge to the rear of the development.
- iii. A letter from Cheshire East Council indicating that the appeal hearing for the Belway Homes proposal (Planning Application No.11/2212N) will take place in the Assembly Room at Macclesfield Town Hall at 10am on 14 January 2014.
- iv. A letter from Cheshire East Council indicating that a resubmission of Planning Application No11/4548N (now 13/0210N) for 14 affordable homes at land south of Newcastle Road, Hough had been made.
- v. A letter from the next of kin of a recently deceased allotment tenant asking if the tenancies could be transferred to relatives.
- vi. A quarterly inspection report from Mr D Espley indicating that some minor maintenance works were required to the play area.
- vii. E-mail correspondence with Mr R Welch of the Highway Safety Team at Cheshire East Highways indicating his suggestion to attend a meeting of the Parish Council prior to arrangements being made for public open meetings to discuss what improvements could be made to traffic issues at Osborne Grove and Vine Tree Avenue/Chestnut Avenue/Southbank Avenue.

**RESOLVED:** a) In respect of item v. above the enquirer be advised that exceptionally one site could be transferred to next of kin but the other be would relet to someone off the waiting list.

- b) In respect of item vi. above arrangements be made to carry out the works to the play area as specified.
- c) In respect of vii. above an invitation be issued to Mr Welch to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council.

### 173. PLANNING MATTERS

- i. **Planning Application No.13/2874N** – Gresty Oaks – appeal lodged against non-determination

The Parish Council noted that this appeal would be determined by the Secretary of State based on a report prepared for him by the Planning Inspectorate.

- ii. **Planning Application No. 13/4675N** – outline application for 47 houses at 414 Newcastle Road

The Parish Council noted that this application had been approved by the Cheshire East Council Strategic Planning Board earlier in the day, but that the numbers of dwellings allowed had been set at 39, the same number as contained in the original application in August 2013 (No.13/3018).

### 174. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

i.	C Moulton – Clerk's salary (£820.56 less tax/Nl)	£618.57
ii.	M Webster & Son – grounds maintenance work December 2013	£824.82
iii.	C Willetts website updates	£25.00
iv.	C Moulton – fuel reimbursement September to present	£47.58
viii.	Weaver Business Machines, photocopier maintenance	£76.68
ix.	D Espley, quarterly playground inspection	£40.00

### 175. RENEWAL OF CARRIAGEWAY WHITE LINING AT NEWCASTLE ROAD

Members discussed the request for renewal of the carriageway white lining at Newcastle Road near to the filling station which had been made to Cheshire East Highways several months ago, and asked the Clerk to remind appropriate officers of their undertaking to carry out the work.

### 176. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**RESOLVED:** That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014 commencing at 7.15pm.

***There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.10pm.***

Chair .....

5<sup>th</sup> February 2014