

SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 3rd JULY 2013

Present: Councillors Mrs G McIntyre, Mrs S Cheshire, Mrs V Adams, P Yoxall, S Hogben, Mrs A Yoxall, D Miller, B Melling, Mrs R Hancock, Mr R Clarke and Mrs B Kelly.

Apologies for absence: Councillor K Gibbs.

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

051. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS

No declarations were made.

052. PCSO'S AND POLICING ISSUES REPORT

The Council welcomed PCSO M Minton and she presented her verbal report on policing activity during the previous month with Members noting the numbers for crimes that had occurred, and instances of anti-social behaviour reported.

The meeting noted that the Police would shortly be reporting back to the Woodnoth Drive Homewatch Group concerning its request for a 'No Cold Calling Zone'.

A number of highway matters were discussed and the Parish Council also briefly suspended the meeting to allow input from members of the public present over these matters.

RESOLVED: That the following matters be reported to Cheshire East Council for its attention:

1. Gresty Lane. This lane is used as a rat run between Crewe Road and Rope Lane and despite the installation of the chicanes motorists are still not abiding by the speed limit. Our police report highlighted yet another vehicular collision in June and the Officers also reported the concerns of local residents. The Parish Council would request that the measures be re-evaluated.
2. The Police also reported concerns over congestion and obstructions along Osborne Grove, particularly at the 90 degree bend; and again the Parish Council would request that this area be evaluated to see if any measures to mitigate the problems could be considered.
3. Until last year there was a 'School Slow Down' warning sign on Crewe Road near to the Nisa shop. This was knocked down in a road traffic accident and has not been replaced. The Parish Council is aware from local residents that requests have been made for the sign to be replaced but this has not yet happened. The Parish Council would request that this now be addressed as a matter of some urgency.
4. The kissing gate at the Weston Lane end of footpath FP4 is in a poor condition and loose - the report suggested that the posts may need to be re-concreted to fix them firmly into the ground
5. The collapsed section of wall on Newcastle Road where the pedestrian footpath from Cameron Avenue emerges has still not been attended to. It has been over two months since this was first reported and the Parish Council is concerned that this has not been dealt with, especially as it presents a tripping hazard in its current state.
6. The Parish Council has received reports from two wheelchair users that the end of the footpath in Southbank Avenue, where it meets the primary school circle, does not have a dropped kerb. This clearly obstructs their progress and my members felt that the location should be inspected with a view to providing a dropped kerb at this location.

In respect of item 5 above Ward Councillor D Brickhill agreed to approach the Highways Department directly in the first instance to ask whether they had any issues with the work being carried out voluntarily.

053. MINUTES

RESOLVED: a) That the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5th June 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

b) That the minutes of the Special meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee Meeting held on 19th June 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

c) That the minutes of the Special meeting of the Parish Council held on 26th June 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING:

054. Allotment site clearing and tidying (166, 170, 177, 195 and 008 and 037)

The Council noted that contact was awaited from Cheshire East over the question of trees on the site which was raised in a meeting with Mr Allman on 17th January 2013.

055. Village Hall Lighting Bar request (018, 038 and 046)

The Council noted that the lighting bar support brackets question would be sent to its insurers for comment before any authorisation to commence the works was given to the Shavington Players and Must See Musicals.

056. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

The Parish Council noted that a small leak from the Lounge radiator which had been noticed on the carpet would be attended to.

057. NOTICE BOARDS

The Parish Council received the Clerk's report on the condition of the Notice Board located opposite the Village Hall and at the Cheshire Cheese. These had been installed as part of a joint funding arrangement with the former Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council over ten years ago. The Board at the Co-op was even older being the original board by the former doctor's surgery in Crewe Road, and relocated to its current position around three years ago. All of the boards were showing considerable deterioration and the Parish Council had allocated funds to replace some or all of them. In addition a promise of financial assistance from the SVFC towards the provision of a new notice board at the top of Dodd's Bank had been received.

The Parish Council then discussed the alternatives available for new notice boards, the materials and possible suppliers and approximate costs with a view to agreeing general parameters from which to tender the job of manufacturing and supply.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk to the Council prepare a brief draft specification for approval at the August meeting.

058. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- i. A circular letter from Taylor Wimpey concerning its proposals for the construction of 275 dwellings at Shavington East (also sent to all Parish Councillors).
- ii. A series of e-mails between Ward Councillor D Brickhill Cheshire East concerning the condition of Greenfields Avenue.
- iii. A response from St Mark's over the proposed Access Licence.
- iv. A letter from Sam Stafford of the Himor Group concerning the proposals and timetable for submission of an application for the Gresty Oaks development.

- v. A letter from the Police and Crime Commissioner concerning his forthcoming Parish representatives meeting.
- vi. A consultation document from Cheshire East Council requesting the identification of potential sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.

RESOLVED: a) That in respect of item v. above and notwithstanding this meeting, an invitation be extended to PCC J Dwyer to attend a future meeting of the Council to discuss policing/PCSO issues with members.

b) That in respect of item vi. above, arrangements be made for a special meeting of the Parish Council during July to consider the consultation and respond accordingly to Cheshire East Council.

059. PLANNING MATTERS

- i. **Planning application No.13/2596N** – New detached double garage block with integrated garden store and loft storage area at Barnsfield, Newcastle Road, Blakelow
RESOLVED: That no objections be made.
- ii. **Planning application No.13/2571N** – New entrance road for barn at Barnsfield, Newcastle Road, Blakelow
RESOLVED: That no objections be made.
- iii. **Planning application No.13/2443N** – One new detached bungalow at 12 Northfield Place
RESOLVED: That no objections be made.
- iv. **Planning application No.13/2180N** – Rear and side extensions at The Mount, 132 Crewe Road
RESOLVED: That no objections be made.
- v. **Planning application No.13/0003** – 17 dwellings at Main Road for Wulvern Housing
The Parish Council noted that this application had been refused by the Cheshire East Strategic Planning Board.

060. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved:

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| i. C Moulton – Clerk's salary June 2013 (£820.56 less tax/Ni) | £618.57 |
| ii. M Webster & Son – grounds maintenance work June 2013 | £824.82 |
| iii. D Espley – quarterly play area inspection and associated works | £145.00 |

b) Members' out of pocket expenses

The Parish Council considered the arrangements for reimbursing Members' expenses incurred in the course of carrying out their work for the Council such as telephone calls and car mileage etc and agreed that the current arrangements be continued.

061. SANTUNE HOUSE DEVELOPMENT - FOOTPATH

The Parish Council noted that the boundary between Wulvern Housing property and the new development was unclear following the removal of the former boundary fence.

062. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 7th August 2013 commencing at 7.15pm.

Chair
7th August 2013