

SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE
HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 11th MAY 2011

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

Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Councillor R Clarke.

Also in attendance: PCSO M Minton and four members of the public.

001. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2011/12

RESOLVED: That Councillor K Gibbs be elected as Chairman for the 2011/12 year.

In accepting the position Councillor K Gibbs thanked his fellow Councillors for their continued support and also paid tribute to the work of former Councillor and Vice-Chairman, P Yoxall.

002. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2011/12

RESOLVED: That the position be not filled and that the matter be deferred until the June meeting.

003. APPOINTMENTS TO SERVE ON PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND IN OTHER CAPACITIES

RESOLVED: That the following appointments be made:

- a. **Environment Committee:** Councillors K Gibbs, Mrs B Kelly, P Yoxall, Mrs A Yoxall, Mrs S Cheshire and R Clarke, plus two non-members: Mr A Dickenson and Mr C Walker.
- b. **Village Hall Management Committee:** Councillors K Gibbs, Mrs G McIntyre, D Miller and Mrs V Adams, together with a representative of outside organisations: Mrs Y Williams.
- c. **Audit Group:** Councillors K Gibbs, D Brickhill and S Hogben.
- d. **Planning Committee:** Councillors D Brickhill, Mrs B Kelly, Mrs G McIntyre and S Hogben.
- e. **Village Festival Committee Representative:** Councillor Mrs R Hancock.
- f. **Wybunbury United Charities:**
Administration: Mr D Wigelsworth and Mrs A Yoxall
Estate: Councillors R Clarke and P Yoxall
- g. **Cheque signatories:** Councillors K Gibbs, Mrs B Kelly, Mrs R Hancock and D Brickhill (any three).
- h. **Shavington Youth Centre Management Committee:** Councillor Mrs R Hancock.
- i. **Cheque signatories – Theo Steele Bequest:** Councillors K Gibbs and Mrs R Hancock, and Mr A Dickenson.

004. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

005. PCSO'S AND POLICING ISSUES REPORTS

Members welcomed PCSO Michelle Minton to the meeting, and she presented her verbal report on policing activity during the previous month. The Parish Council noted that there had been 3 reports of crime in the previous month and eight anti-social behaviour incidents. The Parish Council was pleased to note that the youths responsible had been identified.

Members expressed their continuing appreciation for the work of the PCSO's and thanked them for their efforts in responding to residents' concerns to control the use of motorcycles being used on the field to the rear of the Orchards and Crewe Road.

In respect of cold calling areas the Parish Council was very pleased to note that the scheme was now operational and placed on record its appreciation of the work of Mr P Yoxall and PC D Sambrook in bringing this scheme to completion.

In response to concerns raised by members of the public over speeding through the Village the Parish Council discussed the cost and effectiveness of portable speed indicator signs, noting that adjoining parishes had already purchased signs for use in their areas. The Parish Council noted the cost was in the order of £7,000 - members wondered whether Rope Parish Council may wish to consider jointly purchasing a unit and asked the Clerk to make the necessary approach.

The Chairman then thanked PCSO M Minton for her attendance and input into the meeting.

006. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Council held on 6th April 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

007. Allotments Site gate (187(b))

The Parish Council considered a quotation from Mr D Espley to replace the wooden gate with a new galvanised five bar gate.

RESOLVED: That the quotation from Mr D Espley in the sum of £194.88 be accepted, and that arrangements be made for the work to be carried out.

008. PARISH PLAN WORKING GROUP

The Parish Council received a verbal update on progress from Councillors Mrs R Hancock and Mrs G McIntyre.

009. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

i. Acquisition of new vacuum cleaner for Hall

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council endorse the acquisition of a new vacuum cleaner for the Village Hall.

ii. Central Heating radiator valves

The Parish Council endorsed the withholding of payment for the new radiator valves until the Village Hall Management Committee's concerns over the problems being experienced had been addressed.

010. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

The Parish Council discussed and reviewed its Standing Orders particularly in relation to public participation in meetings. Traditionally the Council had always preferred to allow members of the public the opportunity to address the meeting at the relevant point in the proceedings if they had strong views on an item or wished to inform the Council about a relevant piece of information. It was generally felt that this accommodating approach had worked well for many years until recently when the opportunity had led to the arrangement being abused.

RESOLVED: i. That the Standing Orders be amended to include an item for Public Questions to be included on every future Parish Council agenda immediately following the Police/PCSO report.
ii. That at this point in the proceedings members of the public be allowed to address the Parish Council on any item relevant to the Council and its business, and the local area; and that each member of the public asking to speak be allowed up to a maximum of 5 minutes.

011. PLANNING MATTERS

i. Planning Applications

The Parish Council considered four planning applications.

RESOLVED: That the following observations be submitted to Cheshire East Council.

- i. Application No. 11/1067N – Dormer window at 4 Cromwell Drive - no objections.
- ii. Application No. 11/1176N – Porch to front elevation at 45 Barons Road - no objections.
- iii. Application No.11/0355N – Conservatory at 19 Northfield Place – no objections
- iv. Application No.11/1171N – Two storey extension to rear of property at 162 Crewe Road – no objections
- v. Application No.11/0241N – Proposed bungalow garage and access road on site to the rear of Nos 1 and 1A Chestnut Avenue - The Parish Council appreciates that the previous application for a dwelling on this site was approved despite objections it made; and although this new application is for a less imposing property it still has concerns over the flooding history in this location in respect of surface water drainage from Crewe Road towards the properties in Woodnoth Drive with frequent lying water - the introduction of soakaways on land that is already susceptible to flooding is of concern. The Parish Council would therefore ask for confirmation that an independent flood risk assessment has been carried out.

ii. Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)

The Parish Council considered a map prepared by Cheshire East Council showing Crewe South and the areas of land classed as 'developable'. Members were very concerned to note that large tranches of land surrounding and exceeding the current size of the Village were identified in this way. If developed the size of the Village would double. Of equal concern to all present was the lack of any prior consultation or notification that this exercise was even being carried out, although a response from Cheshire East Council had indicated that they had been in the public domain for some time.

The Parish Council noted that the consultation process as part of the Core Strategy would take place later this year

The Parish Council also received input from two Wybunbury residents and noted that a detailed development proposal document had already been prepared for the triangle site by a Scottish developer.

Members agreed to attend the Wybunbury public open meeting on 20th May which was being held with a view to setting up an action group to oppose the development of the triangle site.

RESOLVED: That further to minute No.180(b) the Parish Council agree to work with Wybunbury Parish Council in respect of opposition to the proposed development of the triangle site; and prepare a robust local response to proposed large scale and unsustainable development elsewhere in the parish.

011. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- i. A letter from Shavington Village Festival Committee inviting the Chairman to attend the opening of the Shavington Village Festival at the Village Hall on Saturday 11th June at 1.15pm
- ii. A letter from Dave Espley asking the Parish Council to include his details in its list of contractors for works in the Village, including playground equipment inspections and maintenance.
- iii. An e-mail from Mr G Fisher, Head of Planning and Housing at Cheshire East Council concerning the SHLAA (Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment) and a plan showing the locations of potential sites around Shavington.
- iv. Copies of correspondence over the request for a weight limit in Chestnut Avenue, and the proposed removal of one of the trees by Cheshire East Council.
- v. Correspondence from Cheshire East Council concerning the recent passing of a former member of the Parish Council, Mrs Barbara Teale. Members paid individual tributes to the work of Mrs Teale in serving the Parish.

RESOLVED: a) That in respect of item iv. the removal of the Chestnut Tree be opposed and that an arboriculture professional be appointed to provide an independent appraisal of the tree.

b) That in respect of item ii. the Clerk obtain a quotation from Mr Espley for the regular quarterly inspection and reporting of condition of the children's play equipment at Vine Tree Play Area.

012. FINANCIAL MATTERS

i. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved:

i.	C Moulton – Clerk's salary April 2011 (£820.56 less tax/Ni)	£618.57
ii.	Mr P Yoxall – telephone quarterly rental reimbursement	£39.01
iii.	Mike Webster & Son – April grounds maintenance	£744.68
iv.	C Mountford daffodil bulb planting	£90.00
v.	Weaver Business machines photocopier maintenance	£63.36
vi.	Dave Espley – installation of 'No Cold Calling' sign posts	£71.00
vii.	Zero Signs & Digital Limited – 'No Cold Calling' signs and stickers	£418.40
viii.	Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society subscription	£8.00
ix.	Shavington Drop-in grant	£104.00
x.	Broker Network Limited – insurance premium 2011/12	£2,958.45
xi.	Mr P Yoxall – travel expenses reimbursement March/April 2011	£11.70

ii. Audit of Accounts 2010/11

The Clerk reported that although two members had been unable to attend the end of year Audit Group arranged for 30th April, the Vice-Chairman had carried out a limited Cardiff check which found all items

checked properly accounted for, prior to the books and documents being forwarded to the Council's Internal Auditor.

013. PARISH INFORMATION ITEMS

Members reported and noted the following items:

- Vine Tree Play Area – access path partially obscured by overgrown hedge from neighbouring property
- Piccadilly footpath access restricted due to overgrown hedges from neighbouring properties
- Tree adjacent to the Santune House sign is overhanging to the extent that the footpath was obstructed
- New posts in front of the Co-operative store had reduced the parking problems although vehicles were now using the cobbled area in Rope Lane and it was agreed that the Store Manager be asked if a solution could be found to this obstruction

014. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 1st June 2011 commencing at 7.15pm.

Chairman
1st June 2011