

SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 2nd JANUARY 2013

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

Apologies for absence: Councillor K Gibbs.

Also in attendance: PCSO M Minton and Ward Councillor D Brickhill.

144. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

The Council considered a written request from Councillor R Clarke for dispensation to debate and vote on the setting of a precept until the next ordinary full Council elections in 2015.

RESOLVED: That Councillor R Clarke be granted a dispensation to debate and vote on the setting of a precept until the next ordinary full Council elections in 2015.

145. PCSO'S AND POLICING ISSUES REPORT

The Parish Council welcomed PCSO M Minton to the meeting and she presented her detailed verbal report on policing activity in the Parish over the preceding month with members noting the details of crimes and anti-social behaviour incidents.

Members asked if an updated information poster could be provided for the Parish notice boards and thanked PCSO Minton for her attendance and input into the meeting.

146. MINUTES

RESOLVED: a) That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th and 12th December 2012 be approved as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of Ward Councillor D Brickhill under the 'also in attendance' section for 5th December, and signed by the Chair.

b) That the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 19th December 2012 be received.

MATTERS ARISING

147. Meeting with Cheshire East Council Leader - Development Strategy (137)

Further to the discussions at the last meeting the Clerk reported that he was in the process of arranging this meeting which would be held at Westfields in the early evening during the week beginning 14th January 2013, and Members would be advised of the date once this had been finalised. The Clerk also advised that he was trying to arrange a convenient date with the Cheshire East Leader for the public open meeting to gauge local public opinion on the Draft Development Strategy and the potential impact on Shavington. This meeting would need to be held before the deadline for submission of comments on 26th February, ideally around the 20th to allow sufficient time for the Council's planning advisor to prepare the document.

Members agreed to request a paper copy of the Development Strategy for their deliberations. and noted that comments on this consultation would be due back to Cheshire East by 26th February 2013.

148. BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2013/14

In considering the recommendations of the Finance Committee the Parish Council noted that under new government calculations the Band D tax base would be reduced as properties in receipt of Council Tax Support would no longer be included. Principal Councils would be receiving a grant from central government to localise council tax support, and Cheshire East Council was preparing to redistribute this element to Parish Councils as a grant effectively reducing the amount of precept that may be required for the coming year. For Shavington this grant figure would be £3,262.

RESOLVED: a) That the recommendations of the Finance Committee be adopted.

b) That the list of expenditure items set out below be agreed; and that the total budget for 2013/14 be set at £52,557, with the precept approved at £49,295 (taking account of the grant of £3,262) which would result in an average Band D charge of £31.04.

c) That prudent reserve balances be retained at a minimum of 50% of annual precept in line with auditor's advice.

d) That for 2013/2014 the Clerk's salary be maintained at the current year's level of £9,846.

e) That investigations be carried out into the feasibility of installing disabled toilet facilities at the Village Hall with a view to appropriate budgetary provision being made in a future year.

f) Budget 2013/14

	£
Clerk's Salary	9,846
Parish Gardener	9,388
PCSO's	15,733
Insurance	3,100
Employers National Insurance Contributions	500
Stationery (including telephone/sundries)	300
Petty Cash	250
Audit Fee (internal and external)	870
Footpath Society Affiliation	10
Charge for use of school car park	1,050
Photocopier maintenance contract	280
Travel expenses (Members and Clerk)	250
Wreaths for War Memorials	50
Best Kept Gardens Competition	330
Community Safety Contingency/unforeseen repairs & renewals	2,500
Bus shelter maintenance	1,200
Allotment site maintenance/skips/hedge cutting	400
Website and other communications/advertising	500
Planning consultancy	1,500
Play equipment inspections and maintenance	500
Grants to local organisations	1,000
Decoration to Main Hall and entrance foyer and installation of new ceiling tiles	3,000
TOTAL	52,557

149. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- i. A letter from SVFC extending an invitation to the Chair and guest to attend the Pantomime at Shavington High School on Friday 22nd February 2013.
- ii. E-mail correspondence from Cheshire East Council concerning its Draft Development Strategy and Policy Principles Consultations from 15th January to 26th February 2013.
- iii. E-mail correspondence from Cheshire East Council concerning its Winter Weather Assistance scheme to supply 'Snow Kits' to Parish Councils.
- iv. A street lighting update from Cheshire East Council.

RESOLVED: That in respect of item iii. above the Parish Council decline the offer.

150. FINANCIAL MATTERS - Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved:

i.	C Moulton – Clerk’s salary December 2012 (£820.56 less tax/NI)	£618.57
ii.	M Webster & Son – grounds maintenance work December 2012	£798.47
iii.	M Webster & Son – additional grounds maintenance November	£24.00
iv.	2 nd Shavington Brownies – grant	£250.00
v.	Weaver Business Machines photocopier maintenance	£69.70
vi.	Clerk’s additional workload 2012/13 payment	£600.00

151. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 6th February 2013 commencing at 7.15pm.

Chair
6th February 2013