SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 2nd OCTOBER 2013

Present: Councillors Mrs G McIntyre, Mrs S Cheshire, Mrs V Adams, P Yoxall, S Hogben,

Mrs A Yoxall, D Miller, Mr R Clarke and K Gibbs.

Apologies for absence: Councillor Mrs R Hancock.

Also in attendance: Ward Councillor D Brickhill, PCSO M Minton, Sgt Levens and four members of

the public.

102. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS

None.

103. PCSO'S AND POLICING ISSUES REPORT

The Council welcomed PCSO M Minton who presented her detailed verbal report on policing activity in the Parish during the previous month. Councillors noted the information in respect of crime and antisocial behaviour incidents, and agreed with concerns over the continuing vehicle speeding and parking issues in the Village.

104. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Parish Council suspended the meeting to allow input from members of the public present and a number of highway and planning related matters were raised in relation to: the restricted circulation of the latest Cheshire East Council Core Strategy documentation; the recent meeting arranged by the MP to which the Council did not receive an invite; the likely impact on local health services of large scale development in the Parish; and the bus service in the Village.

105. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th September 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING:

106. Footpath No.2 Rope (074a and 092)

The Council noted the detail of a further response received from Cheshire East Council's Public Rights of Way Unit indicating that the Parish Council's concerns and objections were insufficient for the objection to be sustained.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Cheshire East Council's Public Rights of Way Unit with the suggestion that the footpath be stopped up and re-routed along Vine Tree Avenue, which was an earlier suggestion made when the issue first arose.

107. Lighting Bar project (080 and 093)

The Council noted the correspondence with the drama groups in respect of the Parish Council's proposals agreed at the last meeting and asked the Clerk to obtain quotations in due course.

108. Traffic congestion/speeding vehicles – residents meetings (100)

Further to the discussion at the last meeting Councillors agreed that these meetings be

held in the Main Hall at the Village Hall on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm, the dates to be determined by the future availability of Cheshire East Council highway officers.

109. VACANT SEAT

The Chair reported the content of a letter she had received from Councillor Mrs B Kelly tendering her resignation from the Council.

RESOLVED: a) That the resignation of Mrs Kelly be accepted and that the vacancy be declared. b) That the Clerk make the necessary arrangements to notify Cheshire East Council and advertise the vacancy in line with the correct procedure.

c) That the Parish Council's appreciation for the dedicated and exemplary service of Mrs Kelly in her years as a Councillor be placed on record and that the best wishes of the Council be conveyed to her.

110. BEST KEPT GARDENS COMPETITION

The Parish Council noted that the Best Kept Gardens competition presentation evening in September had been very well attended and the Vice-Chairman thanked fellow Councillors for their support in ensuring the continuing success of the competition.

111. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

The Council noted that the loose railings at the entrance had been repaired. The Clerk then reported that the refuse collection contract with Sita UK Ltd formally ceases on 31st October 2013 and arrangements were being made for Ash Waste Services to provide refuse collection at the Hall from early November.

112. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Parish Council noted the arrangements being made for this year's Remembrance Sunday Service at the War Memorials. Final details would be discussed at the meeting held on 6th November 2013.

113. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- i. E-mail correspondence from Cheshire East Council concerning its HS2 engagement event being held at Tatton Park on 9 October and asking Parish Councils to nominate representatives to attend.
- ii. Issue 2 of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Update publication for information.
- iii. A briefing paper from Alpraham Parish Council concerning an application for a large industrial estate development at Wardle Airfield. Alpraham PC had sent the document to a number of Parish Council's whose communities could be affected by large increases in traffic as a result of the development.
- iv. A note from Cheshire East Council's Partnerships Team advising that the next Town and Parish Council Conference will be held at the Alsager Civic Centre on 4th November 2013 commencing at 6pm.
- v. A road closure notification from Cheshire East Council for the temporary closure of Greenfields Avenue between 30th September and 2nd October for resurfacing works.

vi. Cheshire Fire and Rescue consultation on its draft Integrated Risk Management Plan for 2014/15, titled 'Making Cheshire Safer'. The consultation runs from 23rd September until 16th December 2013.

114. PLANNING MATTERS

i. **Planning application No.13/3373N** – Listed building consent to alterations to gate posts and flanking walls at Shavington Hall, Weston Lane

The Parish Council noted that this application had been refused.

ii. Cheshire East Council Core Strategy

The Parish Council was disappointed to note that the Core Strategy was not circulated to Parish Councils as hoped in September.

RESOLVED: a) That the Clerk write to Councillor M Jones to express the Parish Council's deep concerns over the level of support being given by Cheshire East Council over large scale housing development applications, particularly coming after the explicit undertakings given by Councillor Jones at meetings with the Parish Council where members were specifically asked to judge him by his actions.

b) That a request be also sent to Mr E Timpson MP to request his further and more active support for the Parish Council in objecting to further large scale applications for housing development.

iii. Planning Inspectorate

The Council asked the Clerk to ask the Planning Inspectorate how it prioritises its work on Planning Appeals, how it determines the order in which appeals are dealt with, and its timescales.

115. FINANCIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved:

i.	C Moulton – Clerk's salary September 2013 (£820.56 less tax/NI)	£618.57
ii.	M Webster & Son – grounds maintenance work September 2013	£824.82
iii.	Royal British Legion – 2 x wreaths	£50.00
iv.	D Espley, playground safety inspection and railing repair	£75.00
V.	Weaver Business Machines photocopier maintenance	£76.68
vi.	P Yoxall printer ink reimbursement and travel expenses	£35.09

116. OVERGROWING HEDGES/BUSHES

The Clerk was asked to report overgrowing hedges between the substation and the elderly persons' bungalows to Cheshire East Council; and overgrown bushes at the Santune House entrance, which were blocking the street light, to Wulvern Housing.

117. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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