

SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY, 5th DECEMBER 2012

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

Apologies for absence: Councillor R Clarke.

Also in attendance: PC D Sambrook; Cheshire East Leader, Councillor M Jones; and five members of the public.

134. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

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

RESOLVED: That dispensations to debate and vote on the setting of a precept be granted to Councillors Mrs G McIntyre, Mrs B Kelly, D Miller, Mrs A Yoxall, Mrs V Adams, P Yoxall, Mrs S Cheshire, K Gibbs, B Melling and Mrs R Hancock.

135. PCSO'S AND POLICING ISSUES REPORT

The Parish Council welcomed PC D Sambrook to the meeting and he presented his 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 were pleased to note that the Park Estate No Cold Calling Zone had been successfully launched and thanked PC Sambrook for his work on this scheme.

Members also discussed their concerns over traffic speeds in Gresty Lane and requested a focus on traffic enforcement along the lane in the coming weeks.

136. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th November 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

137. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – LARGE SCALE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

The Council welcomed the Leader of Cheshire East Council, Councillor M Jones to the meeting

The Chair explained that the Parish Council was resolutely determined to oppose the current open season on planning applications for large numbers of new houses in the Parish, since it saw developers as attempting to seize an opportunity to gain permissions just because there was an absence of a five-year land supply in the Borough at the present time, with seemingly little or no regard to the existing residents views or the ability of a small Village to accommodate what could be a 100% increase in house numbers. She went on to say that a large proportion of the Council's time, money and efforts over the last 18 months had been focused on opposing such applications, all of which were premature in view of the continuing consultations on the new local plan.

Councillor Jones listened carefully to the concerns expressed by individual Parish Councillors and local residents before confirming that he fully understood the strength of local opinion and would work with the Parish Council to remove those sites where development was strongly opposed from the plan, and ensure its views were taken on board by Cheshire East Council.

Councillor Jones explained that the Cheshire East development strategy containing the five year supply of housing land would have the sites listed – this document would be the subject of public consultation in early 2013.

The discussion then turned to current applications and the meeting noted that the Bloor appeal would take place from 14th January 2013. The Taylor Wimpey appeal had been withdrawn for the time being.

The Wain Homes application which had now been approved at appeal had been an aggressive and unplanned application with no public consultation and Councillor Jones advised the meeting that Cheshire East Council had already asked Barrister opinion with a view to a challenge being made to this decision by judicial review.

Members were encouraged by Councillor Jones' approach and explained their disappointment in the past since this had not been reflected in previous contact with some of his officers. Councillor Jones extended an invitation to the Parish Council to visit the Westfield Offices in January to meet with himself and the Cheshire East Strategic Planning Officers to draw up objections to development in Shavington Parish. He also confirmed his willingness to attend a public open meeting at the Village Hall along with his planning and highways officers to listen to public opinion – this would be arranged in the new year, and would hopefully be arranged for a date towards the end of January.

The Parish Council thanked Councillor Jones for his attendance and input into what was a most productive and positive meeting.

138. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned and reconvened on Wednesday, 12^h December 2012 commencing at 7.15pm, for the transaction of the remaining business on the agenda.

Chair
2nd January 2013