

SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY, 7th MARCH 2012

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

Apologies for absence: Councillor K Gibbs.

Also in attendance: Ward Councillor D Brickhill, PC D Sambrook and 5 members of the public.

201. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

202. PCSO'S AND POLICING ISSUES REPORTS

The Parish Council welcomed PC D Sambrook who presented his verbal report on policing activity in the Parish over the preceding month and members noted the content.

PC Sambrook also advised that he and Ward Councillor D Brickhill had discussed the problems caused by vehicle movements at the Goodall's Corner junction with the owner of the commercial premises and the situation was due to be resolved through bollards being installed by Cheshire East Council.

In addition, the Crewe Road carriageway in this vicinity was due to be re-dressed by Cheshire East Council in the near future.

Members also raised the question of a number of hedges overhanging footpaths around the Village causing a hazard and obstructing pedestrians, and agreed that a general appeal to hedge owners to be aware of the problems and keep their hedges from overgrowing be included within the next Parish Council article in the Village Voice.

203. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Questions were raised in respect of the condition of roads throughout the Parish with a number of examples of potholes being cited. Members explained that they regularly reported potholes to the highway authority, Cheshire East Council, and that reports could also be made directly to the Council by telephone, e-mail or via its on-line fault reporting system on its website.

The Clerk then reported the detail of a response received from Cheshire East Council to the Parish Council's request for details of its policy on pothole repairs. The meeting noted that the network was inspected "...at least 3 times per year and all defects were repaired within 24 hours. However, due to recent bad weather there was currently a backlog of defects awaiting repair."

204. MINUTES

RESOLVED: a) That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st February 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

b) That the minutes of the Planning Group Meeting held on 15th February 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING:

205. Youth Club – request for funding (159, 165 and 190)

The Parish Council discussed at length the situation at the Youth Club and the likely funding arrangements and staffing assistance from Cheshire East Council for 2012/13 via former Connexions staff which would ensure that the Club was able to continue. Members were most encouraged to hear this and since it now appeared that core funding for the Club's running and staff costs would be forthcoming members reconsidered the request for financial assistance.

RESOLVED: That a grant of up to £3,000 be paid to the Youth Club in instalments of £500 per month commencing in April 2012; and that each subsequent instalment be subject to the Parish Council being convinced that there was still a need for the assistance.

206. Car Park Gate – St Marks (193)

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's insurers had advised that draft indemnity wording would need to be prepared as a legal document and since it would also be for a third party it was not something that they could supply.

RESOLVED: That in order to move forward an annual renewable access licence for St Mark's be progressed, provided that the works required were funded by the Church Hall to a standard agreed and acceptable to the Parish Council.

207. PLANNING MATTERS

I. BLOOR HOMES

The Parish Council was pleased to note that the Bloor Homes planning application for 165 houses at Gresty was **refused** by Cheshire East's Strategic Planning Board at its meeting on 29th February). The meeting was attended by Councillors Mrs G McIntyre and S Hogben, and Ward Councillor D Brickhill was also there to lend his support to our objections.

II. WAIN HOMES

The Parish Council discussed the progress of the consultation period for this application over recent weeks, the closing date for which had changed twice since the original published notice. A great deal of local interest had been generated by this application and the Parish Council had prepared a very detailed objection based on the discussions at the previous meeting.

RESOLVED: a) That the detail of the objections submitted by the Parish Council and prepared at short notice by the Council's Planning Consultants in consultation with the Clerk to the Council be endorsed.

b) That Mr R Ellison be thanked for his excellent and thorough work on this objection document.

c) That the Cheshire East Head of Planning negative response to the request for a public open meeting to discuss this planning application be noted with dismay.

III. TAYLOR WIMPEY

The Parish Council noted that this application had now been taken to appeal by the developer following its refusal, and that any further submissions should be made by 13th April 2012.

RESOLVED: a) That the Clerk investigate whether it may be possible to obtain specialist independent highway advice to reinforce the previous objections to this application.

- b) That the Clerk make contact with Morning Foods to discuss whether a possible joint initiative in respect of this professional advice may be feasible.

208. HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIAMOND JUBILEE

Further to the initial discussion at the last meeting the Parish Council considered the form of its Diamond Jubilee celebrations in addition to any financial support it may grant to the SVFC towards its arrangements for local celebrations and a new Walking Guide of the Village. Members agreed that it was important to mark this historic occasion in an appropriate manner and that the funding would be met from the underspend in the current year's budget and/or balances as required.

RESOLVED: a) That the Clerk arrange for the supply of appropriate ceramic Jubilee mugs, one for every child attending the Primary School in June.
b) That the Environment Committee be asked to arrange for works to create a permanent planted reminder of the Diamond Jubilee, and for it to be ready by the date of the Jubilee.
c) That the Environment Committee be asked to arrange for a new bench to be acquired and sited in a suitable location on the Village.

209 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council considered two planning applications and

RESOLVED: That the following observations be forwarded to Cheshire East Council:

- i. Planning application No.12/0504/N – Single storey rear extension at 46 Weston Lane - The Parish Council is concerned over obstructions that could be caused to road users from contractors and material delivery vehicles attending the site.
- ii. Planning application No.12/0553/N – Single storey rear extension and loft conversion at 132 Main Road - The Parish Council is concerned over obstructions that could be caused to road users from contractors and material delivery vehicles attending the site.

210. LOCALISM ACT – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

The Clerk presented his report on Neighbourhood Planning which was an important element of the Localism Act 2011 and quite topical as far as Shavington was concerned at the moment; and Members considered the content which summarised the main provisions of the Neighbourhood Planning section of the Act.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk to the Council's report be received and noted.

211. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- i. A Joint Cheshire East/Chalc bulletin on the new provisions for standards and codes of conduct for Councillors contained in the Localism Act 2011.
- ii. A letter from Cheshire East Spatial Planning section advising the dates of its forthcoming consultations.
- iii. Cheshire East Council's Planning Officers contact details.
- iv. A letter from Cheshire East Council confirming the allocation of a non-specific Parish Grant for Shavington-cum-Gresty in 2012/13 of **£3,094**. This is its method of equalising local taxation issues

(in effect compensating parished areas of the Borough for services provided in the unparished areas of Crewe and Macclesfield)

- v. A notification from Cheshire East Council of a temporary road closure at Main Road on 12th March 2012 to enable Freedom to carry out works to renew electric poles and power lines.
- vi. A notification from Cheshire East Council of a temporary road closure at Osbourne Grove between Main Road and Edwards Avenue to enable Freedom to carry out works to renew electric poles and power lines.
- vii. A letter from Messrs LLM Solicitors of Manchester who had been appointed by Cheshire East Council to effect the transfer of the allotment site to the Parish Council at nil consideration with the condition that it remained as an allotment site and for no other use.

RESOLVED: That in respect of item vii. Above the Parish Council be represented by Mrs L Thornton; and the Clerk write to Mrs Thornton to advise her of this appointment, and also to Messrs LLM.

212. FINANCIAL MATTERS

i. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved:

i.	C Moulton – Clerk’s salary February 2012 (£820.56 less tax/NI)	£618.57
ii.	M Webster & Son – grounds maintenance work February 2012	£744.68
iii.	HMRC tax/NI deducted January-March 2012	£605.97
iv.	HMRC employers NI half yearly contribution	£227.28
v.	RJE Associates – planning advice, Wain Homes application	£510.35
vi.	B Kelly travel expenses	£5.40
vii.	D Espley – Play area quarterly inspection	£40.00

ii. Appointment of Internal auditor

RESOLVED: That Mr John Hancock be appointed as the Council’s internal auditor for 2012/13 on the same terms as the previous internal auditor.

213. WEBSITE

The Clerk reported on his investigations and proposals for progressing the setting up of a website for the Parish Council and members noted that arrangements had been made to meet with a local specialist to discuss this further.

214. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 4th April 2012 commencing at 7.15pm.

Chairman
4th April 2012