

SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 5th JUNE 2013

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

Apologies for absence: Councillors R Clarke and R Hancock.

Also in attendance: PCSO P Corbett.

034. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Mrs G McIntyre declared an interest in Minute No.041 iii. as she lived in a neighbouring property, and took no part in the discussion and decision on this matter.

035. PCSO'S AND POLICING ISSUES REPORT

The Council welcomed PCSO P Corbett and he presented his verbal report on policing activity during the previous month and Members noted that 10 crimes had occurred, and there were 6 instances of anti-social behaviour reported.

The Parish Council noted that a successful period of issuing fix penalty notices for obstruction offences at the Orchards/Crewe Road junction was improving visibility at the junction and that the provision of a parking restriction in the form of double yellow lines was being investigated.

The meeting then discussed a request for a No Cold Calling Zone made by the Woodnoth Drive Homewatch Group and agreed that PC D Sambrook be asked to assess the request and report back to a future meeting of the Parish Council.

The question of ball games was once again discussed and Members agreed to approach the incoming Headteacher of Shavington Primary School once he had taken up post to ask if the School Playing Field could possibly be opened up for use by the community for ball games.

At the suggestion of the Chair it was agreed that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, John Dwyer, be invited to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council to explain his reasoning for taking front line policing staff off duty to carry out office based paperwork.

036. MINUTES

RESOLVED: a) That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 1st May 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

b) That the minutes of the Village Hall Management Committee Meeting held on 15th May 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

c) That the minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 21st May 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

d) That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 28th May 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

e) That Councillor S Hogben be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee for 2013/14.

NB: The Council noted that the Annual Parish Meeting scheduled for 1st May 2013 did not take place as no residents of the Parish were present.

MATTERS ARISING:**037. Allotment site clearing and tidying (166, 170, 177, 195 and 008)**

The Clerk reported that Cheshire East Council had completed its fencing works to the Gresty Lane allotment site, and that correspondence had been received from its Asset Transfer Manager, Chris Allman asking if the lease could now be progressed. Cheshire East Council had been advised that the Parish Council's solicitor was instructed following the last meeting, but also that contact was awaited from Cheshire East over the question of trees on the site which was raised in a meeting with Mr Allman on 17th January 2013.

038. Village Hall Lighting Bar request (018)

The Parish Council considered the recommendation made by the Village Hall Management Committee and the subsequent letter from the drama groups, and discussed the proposals at some length. Concerns were expressed by some Councillors over the potential for damage to ceiling tiles once the replacement ceiling scheme was carried out later in the year.

RESOLVED: a) That a Special Meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee be held on 19th June 2013 to which all members of the Council be invited.
b) That Mr D Collins be asked to re-present his proposed lighting bar scheme for consideration.
c) That the Committee be granted delegated authority to make the decision on the scheme without reference back to the Parish Council.

039. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

The Parish Council noted that the microwave oven at the Hall had ceased to operate.

RESOLVED: That a replacement microwave oven be purchased.

040. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- i. A detailed proposal for the Village Hall lighting bar project.
- ii. A request for a further No Cold Calling Zone, at Woodnoth Drive.
- iii. E-mail correspondence from Lexington Communications concerning the proposals for housing at Shavington East and requesting a further presentation to the Parish Council
- iv. A further letter from a resident of Vine Tree Avenue concerning the play area.
- v. E-mail correspondence from Ward Councillor D Brickhill concerning a temporary road closure notice for a section of Main Road on 17th June 2013.
- vi. A letter from Cheshire East Council confirming a Tree Preservation Order for trees on land off Rope Lane.
- vii. E-mail correspondence from Rope Parish Council suggesting a meeting with neighbouring Parish Councils to explore whether a joint approach to resisting large scale development may be possible.

RESOLVED: a) That in respect of item iii. above the Clerk advise Lexington Communications that the Parish Council will consider the detail of the application once it is made and submit its observations to Cheshire East Council.

b) That in respect of item vii. above, Rope Parish Council be advised that if they make arrangements for a meeting then the Parish Council will be represented.

041. PLANNING MATTERS

- i. **Planning application No.13/1841N** – Outline application for 30 dwellings at 187a Crewe Road

RESOLVED: That the following objections be submitted to Cheshire East Council:

The Parish Council has major concerns over the proposed access to the site and feels that this will create a hazardous junction with Crewe Road at a location which already suffers from visibility difficulties with vehicles parked on both sides of the carriageway and up to the proposed junction. The number of vehicle movements created by 30 properties will be significant, and coupled with poor visibility at this location in Crewe Road will lead to a marked reduction in highway safety.

In addition the Parish Council feels that the proposals for 30 houses are an overdevelopment of the site and will also lead to overlooking of properties in the adjacent Chestnut Avenue which currently have an open aspect.

If it were to be approved the application makes no mention of what monies would be made available by the developer under a s106 agreement to improve local infrastructure.

- ii. **Planning application No.13/2135N** - demolition of buildings and erection of housing development at Gresty Green Farm

RESOLVED: That identical objections to those submitted in respect of the original application in 2011 be made.

- iii. **Two storey extension at 109 Crewe Road**

Members observed that there had been no planning application for this development and asked the Clerk to enquire with Cheshire East Council whether it required such permission.

- iv. **David Wilson Homes – application No.12/3300N – 57 dwellings at land to the north of Weston Lane**

The Parish Council noted that this application had been refused by Cheshire East Council at its Strategic Planning Board meeting on 22nd May 2013.

- v. **Response to the Cheshire East Council Possible Additional Sites Proposed by Developer and Land Interests Consultation May 2013**

Further to the discussion at the last meeting the Parish Council endorsed the objection to Site 'T' – Land on Crewe Road, along the A500 Linking to Park Estate, Shavington made by the Clerk to the Council on its behalf.

042. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved:

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| i. | C Moulton – Clerk's salary May 2013 (£820.56 less tax/Ni) | £618.57 |
| ii. | M Webster & Son – grounds maintenance work May 2013 | £824.82 |
| iii. | Clerk's fuel reimbursement at cost December 2012 to June 2013 | £88.21 |
| iv. | Petty cash reimbursement | £120.00 |

v.	HMRC Clerk's tax and NI deducted April – June 2013	£605.97
vi.	Mr J Hancock – internal audit	£315.00

b) Annual Audit of Accounts

The Parish Council considered the detail of the Internal Auditors report.

RESOLVED: i) That Mr J Hancock be thanked for his thorough work in carrying out the audit, and that the report be accepted.

ii) That the accounts and annual governance statement for the year 2012/13 be approved and signed by the Chair; and that the annual return be submitted to the Council's external auditors, BDO.

c) Councillors expenses

The Parish Council briefly discussed telephone expenses and allowances and agreed that this matter be considered again at the next meeting.

d) VAT reimbursement

The Clerk to the Council reported that the 2011/12 and 2012/13 VAT claim for reimbursement in the sum of £5,240.31 had been deposited into the account by HMRC, and that the element relating to the Village Hall account would be transferred.

043. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Section 19(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting by virtue of the confidential nature of the business next to be transacted.

044. ALLEGED MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO RAISED PLANTER AT BARONS ROAD/CREWE RD

The Parish Council was concerned to hear of a report from the grounds maintenance contractor of deliberate damage to plants contained in this planter, allegedly by a local resident.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk investigate the matter and write to the individual concerned indicating that the Parish Council will not tolerate further acts of vandalism to planting paid for from the public purse; and will report any further damage to the police.

045. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 3rd July 2013 commencing at 7.15pm.

Chair
3rd July 2013