

**SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON**  
**WEDNESDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2012**

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

**Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Councillors K Gibbs, R Clarke and D Miller.

**Also in attendance:** PC D Sambrook, Cheshire East Councillor D Marren and 1 member of the public.

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**056. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**057. PCSO'S AND POLICING ISSUES REPORT**

The Parish Council welcomed PC D Sambrook to the meeting who presented his detailed verbal report on policing activity in the Parish over the preceding month and members noted the details of crimes and anti-social behaviour incidents.

PC Sambrook reported on progress in respect of the 'No Cold Calling' zone at the Park estate and the Clerk reported that he was awaiting a response from Cheshire East Highways to the request to site the sign on a street lighting column at the entrance to the Estate.

In respect of the request for additional double yellow lines (Rope Lane/Main Road junction in the vicinity of the Co-operative Store and the Post Office, and at locations along Crewe Road where vehicles were parking at junctions and severely restricting visibility) PC Sambrook reported that his request to Cheshire East Council had been met with the response that this had been 'referred back for consideration by the Parish Plan'.

Councillor Mrs R Hancock reported that the potholes in Greenfields Avenue had now been filled by Cheshire East Council.

The Chair reported that she had reported the illegal street sign erected on the carriageway by the Nisa store to Ward Councillor D Brickhill for his and Cheshire East Council's Highways Department immediate attention.

The Council then thanked PC Sambrook for his attendance and input into the meeting.

**058. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

A resident asked a question concerning the article referring to 5,000 new houses which appeared on the front page of the latest edition of the Chronicle, and following a request from the Parish Council, Cheshire East Councillor D Marren gave a full response.

**059. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**060. PCSO's (046)**

Further to the undertaking given by Inspector Smith at the last meeting to supply better information to the Parish Council of when the PCSO's were on duty, the Clerk was asked to remind him of that this was still outstanding.

**061. Code of Conduct (052)**

The meeting noted that the new Code had been finalised and adopted by Cheshire East Council but to date this had not been circulated to parish Councils.

**062. Basford West (050)**

Members reviewed the informal presentation given by the planning consultants Spawforths on their outline proposals for the Basford West area and asked the Clerk to write to thank the company for its presentation and to suggest that it hold a public consultation event at the Village Hall during the day on a convenient Monday with a public open meeting in the evening.

**063. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Parish Council considered one planning application and

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

Planning application No.12/1910N – single storey rear extension to 308 Crewe Road - no objections, provided that there are no objections from adjoining neighbours.

**064. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- i. A letter from Stratmor Ltd concerning its interest in land between the railway line and By-pass.
- ii. A notification from the Cheshire East Planning Department that the Bloor application No. 11/3171N for 165 houses at land at Gresty Green Road and Crewe Road, Gresty has been taken to appeal and that the appeal would commence on 20<sup>th</sup> July.
- iii. A letter from the Cheshire East Deputy Leader, Councillor David Brown concerning the Cheshire East Council's stance in relation to its Local Plan and related developments.
- iv. An e-mail from Cheshire East Council indicating that this year's Town and Parish Council's Conference was being planned for November, details yet to be agreed.
- v. An invitation to the Crewe Local Area Partnership Rural Discussion meeting at Shavington Youth Centre on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012 between 5pm and 8pm.
- vi. An invitation to the Crewe LAP meeting at South Cheshire College on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012 at 6pm.
- vii. A letter from Shavington Village Festival Committee with an offer of a financial contribution towards a new notice board from the proceeds from this year's Village festival.
- viii. E-mail correspondence from David Wilson Homes regarding its proposals for additional housing development on land to the rear of the Park Estate.

**RESOLVED:** a) That in respect of item i. the Clerk ask Rope Parish Council whether it would be interested in attending a presentation in respect of these proposals.

b) That in respect of item vii. the offer of a contribution towards a new Parish notice board for Dodd's Bank be gratefully accepted and that the Clerk approach Messrs Eastfield Joinery to obtain a quotation for the construction of a suitable Board.

c) That in respect of item viii. the Clerk to make arrangements for an informal presentation to the Parish Council.

## 065. FINANCIAL MATTERS

### i. Payment of Accounts

**RESOLVED:** That the following payments be approved:

i.	C Moulton – Clerk’s salary July 2012 (£820.56 less tax/Ni)	£618.57
ii.	M Webster & Son – grounds maintenance work July 2012	£774.47
iii.	Petty cash – BKG presentation evening preparations	£120.00
iv.	Shavington Youth Club fifth instalment of grant aid	£500.00
v.	D Espley – maintenance to Village Hall and benches	£157.50

### ii. Cheque Payments

The Parish Council considered the Clerk’s report concerning the Government’s consultation document on proposed reforms to the legislation governing payments made by parish councils, to which responses were required by 11 September. Currently Section 150(5) of the 1972 Local Government Act 1972 required that two signatures of members of the Council were present on every cheque. This provision was virtually unchanged from that used in the Local Government Act of 1894 and the government was proposing that section 150(5) be repealed so that councils could adopt modern methods of payment and alternative means of control. However, Parish councils would still be free to retain the existing rules if they wished.

**RESOLVED:** a) That the existing financial controls of the Parish Council which require three signatures of authorised Parish Councillors on every cheque payment be retained, and that the Council continue to transact its financial business by means of cheque payment.

b) That in line with accepted practice, the Chair of the Council be added to the list of authorised signatories and the Bank mandate.

## 066. Piccadilly Footpath

The Parish Council noted that the hedges either side of the footpath were still overgrown and obstructing the passage of users of the footpath and the Clerk was asked to raise this matter with Simon Davies of Cheshire East Council’s Highways Department to ask that the matter receive urgent attention.

## 067. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**RESOLVED:** That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012 commencing at 7.15pm.

Chair .....

5<sup>th</sup> September 2012