

SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY, 11th JULY 2012

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

Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Councillors K Gibbs and D Miller.

Also in attendance: Inspector A Smith, PC D Sambrook, Ward Councillor D Brickhill and 4 members of the public.

045. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor S Hogben declared an interest in Minute 053 iv. (Allotments site, Gresty Lane) by virtue of him also being a Cheshire East Borough Councillor, and took no part in the discussion.

046. PCSO'S AND POLICING ISSUES REPORT

The Parish Council welcomed Inspector A Smith and PC D Sambrook to the meeting. PC Sambrook presented his detailed verbal report on policing activity in the Parish over the preceding month.

PC Sambrook reported on progress in respect of the 'No Cold Calling' zone at the Park estate and advised the Parish Council to now start making the arrangements for the signage at the entrance to the Estate. The Clerk was asked to seek permission from Cheshire East Council to add the sign to a street lamp to the left of the access road and a supply of leaflets about the scheme.

A number of concerns were raised over inconsiderate parking causing obstructions at the 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. The Clerk was asked to request Cheshire East Parking Wardens to increase patrols in Shavington, and in the meantime PC D Sambrook, Councillor B Melling and Ward Councillor D Brickhill agreed to meet on site on 16th July to assess areas of particular concern.

Inspector A Smith was asked about the future funding of PCSO's and the Police commitment to the service. He explained that the Police would continue to support the use of PCSO's; and that for the next three year arrangement the cost to a Parish Council was not expected to increase above £12,000 per year per PCSO (currently £11,800). The Parish Council Chair requested better information of when the PCSO's were on duty and Inspector Smith agreed to supply this.

In answer to a question over speeding vehicles along Rope Lane Inspector Smith said that PC Sambrook was a very effective traffic officer and would be monitoring the area. He also advised that in the current climate the Police efforts were concentrated on other priorities but that this could of course change again with the advent of the new Police Commissioner in November 2012.

The Parish Council also asked Inspector Smith if he were able to make arrangements for the speed camera on the Newcastle Road to be cleaned up.

In thanking Inspector Smith and PC Sambrook for their attendance and input the Members of the Parish Council also placed on record their continuing appreciation of the excellent service to the Parish being provided by the two PCSO's.

047. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A resident of Crewe Road reported on the danger presented to schoolchildren using the pathway between Southbank Avenue and Crewe Road and explained that at the Crewe Road end of the path safety could be improved markedly by the provision of two half width safety barriers to prevent anyone running straight on to the very busy Crewe Road. The Parish Council were in full support of this suggestion and asked the Clerk to raise this matter with the Cheshire East Highways department, and also with the Headteacher at the Primary School to request his support for the approach.

A further question relating to how restrictive covenants on property could be enforced was also raised and, following some discussion, the Parish Council agreed in the first instance to obtain a quotation from its legal advisor for the potential cost of investigating and reporting on this matter before a decision was made to commit any funds to the issue.

048. MINUTES

RESOLVED: a) That the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6th June 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
b) That the minutes of the Village Hall Management Committee meeting held on 20th June 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
c) That the minutes of the Planning Group meeting held on 21st June 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING:

049. Bloor Homes (2011/12: 207 i, and 232; and 009 and 024 (2012/13))

The Parish Council was pleased to note that the second application by Bloor Homes for 165 dwellings at land at Gresty had also been refused earlier in the day by the Cheshire East Strategic Planning Board.

050. PLANNING MATTERS

i. Basford West

The Parish Council noted that the planning consultants (Spawforths) for the proposed further development of the wider Basford West area to include housing had made a request to present their proposals to Members of the Parish Council in advance of any formal consultation and the bringing forward of a planning application. Members endorsed the actions of the Chair in agreeing to hear an informal **presentation**.

051. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council considered one planning application and

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

Planning application No.12/2038N – demolition of Santune house and construction of 7 terraced properties and 4 apartments - No objections

052. CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk to the Council introduced his report which explained the provisions contained in the Localism Act 2011 which required every local authority to adopt a new code of conduct taking account of the seven principles of public life as defined by Nolan: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and

leadership. It must also deal with the registration of members' interests. A Parish Council was able to adopt their Borough Council's code or even prepare one of its own.

The Parish Council noted that authorities were advised to adopt a new code of conduct *as soon as possible* and that Cheshire East Council had prepared a draft Code (due to be finalised in July) which was suitable for adoption by all Parish Councils in the area (as well as for Cheshire East Borough Councillors).

RESOLVED: That once a copy of the Cheshire East Code was obtained it be assessed for its suitability for this Parish Council and discussed in greater detail at either the next meeting or a future meeting.

053. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- i. An e-mail from Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Plan Youth Club thanking the Parish Council for its additional financial support in funding the insurance premium.
- ii. An e-mail from Richard Ellison concerning an approach he had received from McDyre & Co concerning the Shavington East site and indicating that in due course they would wish to present proposals in open forum to the village – presumably in a public open meeting.
- iii. A letter from Shavington Village Festival Committee thanking the Parish Council for allowing the free use of the Village Hall for the Diamond Jubilee Village Festival.
- iv. A letter from the Parish Council's solicitor, Lynne Thornton containing her views on the transfer of the allotments site in Gresty Lane for the Parish Council's consideration.

RESOLVED: a) That in respect of item ii. the Clerk indicate that members felt that a presentation at the moment may be inappropriate timing as there were already several other planning applications being made which are taking up much of the available time; but that the Council may not object to a meeting in the future. The Clerk was also asked to request a copy of its brochure outlining the proposals.

b) That in respect of item iv. The Clerk write to Mrs L Thornton to thank her for her comprehensive response and advice; and to request further advice on the question of ownership of the land.

054. FINANCIAL MATTERS

i. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved:

i.	C Moulton – Clerk's salary June 2012 (£820.56 less tax/NI)	£618.57
ii.	Insignia – additional cost for Jubilee mugs re: underpayment	£5.63
iii.	M Webster & Son – grounds maintenance work June 2012	£774.47
iv.	Mr J Hancock – internal audit	£315.00
v.	Shavington Youth Club fourth instalment of grant aid	£500.00
vi.	Cheshire Police – PCSO half year	£11,800.00
vii.	Weaver business Machines	£69.70
viii.	Clerk's fuel reimbursement at cost Jan-Jun 2012	£94.90
ix.	D Espley – quarterly play area inspection	£40.00

ii. Annual Audit of Accounts 2011/12

The Parish Council noted the report of the Internal Auditor, Mr J Hancock, on the outcome of the 2011/12 audit of accounts.

- RESOLVED:** a) That Mr J Hancock be thanked for his thorough work in carrying out the audit, and that the report be accepted.
- b) That the Internal Auditor be invited to attend the first meeting of the Finance Committee in September 2012.
- c) That the accounts and annual governance statement for the year 2011/12 be approved and signed by the Chair; and that the annual return be submitted to the Audit Commission.

055. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

Chair 1st August 2012