

SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 7th JANUARY 2015

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

Apologies for absence: None.

Also in attendance: Sgt Levins, PCSO A Burn and three members of the public.

165. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS

None.

166. PCSO'S AND POLICING ISSUES REPORT

The Parish Council received a detailed verbal report on policing activity in the Parish from PCSO A Burn and Councillors noted the information in respect of 7 crime and 4 anti-social behaviour incidents.

The Parish Council noted the detail of the Patrol Plan and asked if vehicle parking could be monitored at the lay-by outside the Nisa store since there had been instances of double parking causing vehicles travelling into Shavington to cross the carriageway central white line.

Sgt Levins reported that PCSO Burn would be staying at Shavington and Rope as one of the PCSO's for the foreseeable future and also confirmed that Inspector Alison Ross would be in attendance at the February meeting to discuss

The Vice-Chair mentioned that PCSO shift patterns were not being supplied to the Parish Council as frequently as they had been, and noted that Inspector Ross was in the process of reviewing shift patterns.

A discussion over the Parish Council supplied PCSO mobile phones ensued and Councillors explained the reasons for their introduction several years ago and how they were used by the Council and the officers.

Councillors then voiced their concerns over issues relating to the management of PCSO's and explained that there was a level of discontentment with the service being received from the Police in this respect.

The Vice-Chair asked Sgt Levins to report the Council's experiences and concerns to Inspector Ross in order that she was aware of the issues prior to her meeting with Councillors.

167. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Questions were raised relating to carriageway condition, vehicles speeds and obstructions along Osborne Grove and the Parish Council explained that proposals for a one-way system were being prepared by the Cheshire East Highways Department and that it would then be carrying out a resident consultation on the proposals.

168. MINUTES

RESOLVED: a) That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd December 2014 be approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

b) That the minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 18th December 2014 be approved as a correct record, and that the recommendations contained therein relating to the detailed budget and precept for 2015/16 and levels of reserve balances be adopted, and that the minutes be signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING

169. Police and Crime Commissioner meeting with Parish Chairs (158)

The Vice-Chair reported on the discussions at the meeting which she and Councillor W McIntyre had attended on 9th December 2014.

170. Bus Service Changes (154)

The Council discussed at length recent changes to bus routes through the Village which now resulted in some services travelling the opposite way along certain roads such as Greenfields Avenue and Vine Tree Avenue. The Council felt that this was an important issue and one which raises health and safety considerations as there were raised kerbs at bus stops to allow elderly and disabled persons to safely get on and off the buses. These were located on one side of the carriageway and buses were now travelling on the opposite direction and therefore stopping at points where there are no raised kerbs.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Transport Service Solutions to express the Council's view that this arrangement was entirely inappropriate and made little sense particularly to bus users; and to ask whether direction of travel on routes could be changed so that the raised kerb facilities were utilised rather than by-passed.

171. Toilet Improvement Scheme supporting wall investigations (157)

RESOLVED: That Chairman be authorised to arrange for wall thickness measurements to be taken by a local builder and supplied to the structural engineer and architect, subject to the cost being under £200

172. LETTER TO SECRETARY OF STATE

The Clerk reported that to date responses had been received from Rope, Willaston and Wistaston Parish Councils. The Chairman and Clerk then reported on the outcome of a meeting held with the Weston Vice-Chairman and Willaston Chairman (at their invitation) at which they proposed to use the Parish Council's initiative but send the letter minus the individual statements from around 15 Parish Councils (members of Chalc) and signed by just the Chair of the Chalc southern area Committee - the Vice-Chairman of Weston & Basford Parish Council.

Members took exception to this proposal to recycle the Parish Council's initiative.

Willaston Parish Council had indicated that it would prefer to be a part of the wider Chalc member Parish proposal;

RESOLVED: That the letter be prepared as originally intended and sent to the Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP from Shavington-cum-Gresty, Rope and Wistaston Parish Councils, and copied to the Crewe Chronicle, the Leader and Chief Executive of Cheshire East Council, and Edward Timpson MP.

173. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

i. Replacement doors and door locks

The Parish Council discussed at length the poor condition of the front and rear PVCu doors and their locking mechanisms, and the main Hall wooden fire escape door.

RESOLVED: That arrangements be made to replace all of the locking mechanisms and/or doors as necessary and that the new locks be suited with 20 keys which could be issued by signature to regular Hall users.

ii. Rear Security Lights renewal

The Parish Council considered the three quotations received in respect of this work.

RESOLVED: That Jaymar Electrical being the lowest priced of the three quotations received be appointed to carry out the works at a cost of £485.

174. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- i. Correspondence from Cheshire East Council concerning the new Tree Preservation Order on seven trees on the Wain Homes development site.
- ii. Correspondence from the Post Office concerning its consultation on the relocation of the Shavington Post Office to the Nisa store.
- iii. A letter from Cheshire East Council concerning the arrangements for notifying it of the precept requirements for 2015/16 – the form has to be submitted by 16th January 2015.
- iv. A letter from the Police and Crime Commissioner in response to the Parish Council's concerns over the absence of a PCSO between October and November 2014.

RESOLVED: a) That in respect of item ii. above the Clerk submit the following views to the Post Office, and that individual Councillors also submit their individual views on the proposals.

Whilst it welcomes the retention of a Post Office in the Village and the opportunity to comment, the Parish Council has concerns over the feasibility of the proposals, particularly because of the non-central location of the store and the locations of bus stops which are not conveniently placed. In addition there are already parking issues which need to be addressed at the store and the presence of the Post Office will only increase the congestion at this location.

b) That in respect of item iv. above, the Clerk be instructed to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner to advise that the Parish Council remains of the view that there was not two PCSO's on duty during a period of at least a month during the latter part of October 2014 and through into November; and has no evidence to suggest that during the period cover was in place. Therefore, until the question of whether cover was in place was satisfactorily resolved the invoice remain in dispute with the Police. The Parish Council was seeking a rebate in respect of one month charge for one PCSO (calculated as one twelfth of £7,866.66 = £655.55); and that this should be credited against the account with a new invoice issued for the sum of £7,211.11.

175. PLANNING MATTERS

The Parish Council discussed the following planning application:
P14/5472N Vine Inn, Rope Lane, Co-operative Store

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

1. Adverse effect on the amenity of local residential properties, in particular at the Vineyard.
2. Potential for noise and other disturbance for local residential property.
3. Concern over delivery vehicle access and congestion and /or obstruction at the junction of

the Vineyard with Rope Lane.

4. Concern that shoppers will be stopping their vehicles on Rope Lane causing traffic hazards.
5. Rope Lane is narrow, and is a bus route and significant increases in the traffic flow at the Vineyard/Rope Lane junction is likely to cause the potential for traffic hazards at this point.

176. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved:

i.	C Moulton – Clerk’s salary net of tax/NI	£724.81
ii.	HMRC tax/NI October – December 2014	£527.99
iii.	M Webster & Son – grounds maintenance work November 2014	£845.44
iv.	WDS Signs Ltd – six new notice boards	£7,254.00
v.	C Moulton – car mileage – fuel reimbursement at cost Jan 2014 to 2015	£111.25
vi.	Petty cash top up	£65.00
vii.	C Willetts website maintenance	£25.00
viii.	AJ Hardy Limited monthly payroll	£15.00
ix.	D Espley quarterly playground inspection	£40.00

177. INFORMATION ITEMS

Councillor Mrs R Hancock reported that the new Chairman of the Youth Club was Steven Edgar.

The Council viewed the two poppies from the WW1 Tower of London installation and agreed that consideration be given to having them on permanent display in a cabinet at the Hall.

Councillor S Hogben reported that the existing carriageway at Crewe Road Gresty would be closed from 27th April to 3rd July 2015 for the connections to the new road to be completed.

178. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 4th February 2015 commencing at 7.15pm.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.05pm.

Chairman
7th January 2015