

SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER 2014

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

Apologies for absence: Councillors P Yoxall, Mrs A Yoxall and S Hogben

Also in attendance: Ward Councillor D Brickhill and one member of the Press.

100. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ms R Hancock declared an interest in Minute No.102 (Storage Building) since she was the President of the Shavington Village Festival Committee and the matter partly affected one of the groups associated with the Festival, and left the room during the discussion and decision on that item.

101. PLANNING APPLICATION No. 14/3912N – SLURRY LAGOON, ROPE HALL LANE

The Parish Council discussed the application at length with all Members expressing their concern over its location and the potential dangers associated with such an installation, noting that the only access to it was via established residential roads or past the health centre and school.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council strongly objects to this application and that the following be submitted to Cheshire East Council with the request that the application be refused:

- a. That the Parish Council welcomes the action taken by Ward Councillor D Brickhill in calling in this application for determination by a Committee rather than an officer.
- b. The Parish Council is extremely concerned over the potential hazards associated with a large slurry lagoon of 100m x 40m x 4m deep being sited within the Parish. This is an enormous size and quite apart from the constant smell, the presence of bacteria could have an adverse effect on the amenity and health of nearby residents, the school and the health centre.
- c. The Parish Council feels this is an entirely inappropriate location on which to site a slurry lagoon, there is an adjacent footpath which is well used by school children and the proximity to this of such a dangerous open lagoon with only a small fence to shield it is extremely concerning.
- d. The Parish Council would also question why it is considered necessary to bring two million gallons of slurry from Barthomley to Shavington. There should be other more accessible and easier to reach locations identified that would not require the movement of that amount of hazardous material through Shavington.
- e. The Village population is due to increase significantly with large numbers of new housing developments already approved and currently under construction (including land off Rope Lane) in the immediate vicinity of the proposed slurry lagoon.
- f. The Parish Council is also deeply concerned over the worrying lack of detail of the proposed construction of such a lagoon or how the slurry would be isolated from watercourses at times of heavy rainfall when it could overflow into adjacent fields.

102. STORAGE BUILDING

Members noted that further to the decision made on 4th June 2014 in adopting the recommendations of the Village Hall Management Committee Meeting held on 14th May 2014 efforts had been made to let one half of the left storage unit at the Hall to the two Drama Groups on a shared basis. Councillors expressed their concerns that this arrangement had been difficult to satisfactorily implement with both groups; and, coupled with the requirements for storage for the forthcoming toilet conversion scheme at the Hall, Members felt that the offer should be withdrawn.

RESOLVED: That the hiring out of one half of the storage building be not now pursued and that the two drama groups be advised accordingly.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Chairman 1st October 2014