

**SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE**  
**VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

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

**Apologies for absence:** Councillor S R Clarke, Mrs R Hancock and Mrs A Yoxall..

**Also in attendance:** PCSO M Minton, Ward Councillor D Brickhill and six members of the public.

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**AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING MEMBERS OBSERVED A MINUTE'S SILENCE IN MEMORY OF MR ALAN DICKENSON, FORMER CLERK TO THE COUNCIL, WHO PASSED AWAY ON 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2014.**

**182. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS**

Councillors Mrs G McIntyre and W McIntyre declared an interest in Minute No.189 (Shavington East planning application) and left the room during the discussion and decision on that item.

**183. POLICING ISSUES**

The Council welcomed PCSO M Minton and she presented her detailed verbal report on policing activity in the Parish during the previous month. Councillors noted the information in respect of crime and anti-social behaviour incidents.

The Parish Council then noted that PCSO Minton would be leaving her post at the end of February and all members expressed their thanks to her for her exemplary work in the Parish and wished her well for the future.

Members noted that her replacement had already been identified by the Police but other duties would prevent her from starting full time until the beginning of April. The Parish Council asked the Chair to take up this matter with Inspector C Watkins to express the Parish Council's dissatisfaction with the proposed delay.

**184. TRAFFIC CONGESTION/SPEEDING VEHICLES**

Further to the decision to hold two separate public open meetings for residents in Osborne Grove, and in Chestnut Avenue/Vine Tree Avenue/Southbank Avenue to discuss the problems being experienced, the Parish Council welcomed Mr R Welch, Team Leader from Cheshire East Council's Traffic and Road Safety Team to the meeting. Mr Welch had agreed to attend prior to any public open meetings being arranged, to discuss initially with Councillors what solutions or improvements may be possible.

There followed a lengthy discussion covering a wide range of road safety concerns and possible suggestions for improvements with Mr Welch explaining the legal position and limitations to what may be achievable.

**RESOLVED:** a) That a site meeting be arranged for 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014 with Officers from Cheshire East Highways to discuss the options available for improvements, and that the Police be also invited to attend.

b) That the Parish Council be represented by Councillors P Yoxall, B Melling and K Gibbs.

## **185. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The Parish Council suspended the meeting to allow input from members of the public present, and various planning and highway related matters were raised and discussed.

## **186. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** a) That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

b) That the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **187. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS**

Further to the discussions and correspondence following the last meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee the Parish Council noted e-mail correspondence from Must See Musicals concerning their request to hire the Village Hall for a week in December 2014, and also discussed the background to the request and the general arrangements for booking the Village Hall. Following a lengthy discussion and in order to achieve an equitable arrangement that would be acceptable to all potential users it was;

**RESOLVED:** a) That the Clerk write to Must See Musicals (MSM) to advise the organisation of the following:

The series of bookings for weekends in November and December requested by MSM would not be accepted since it prevents other local individuals and organisations having pre-Christmas parties and shows. The general rule which the Parish Council follows is that only single bookings are permitted at weekends after 2pm on Saturday.

However, one weekend booking for an MSM show would be accepted in December 2014 and, since MSM's request was the first to be made the Parish Council has decided that MSM would be given first choice of which weekend.

The Parish Council is anxious not to disrupt the activities offered to the Village by regular users any more than is necessary especially leading up to Christmas when they have their end of year functions. Therefore the Parish Council feels that it must decline the request for the hire the Hall from Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December since it would prevent all the regular clients from having their Christmas sessions.

It would consider the possibility of the week of 28<sup>th</sup> December 2014 to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2015 if this was of interest to MSM, when there was a minimum use by regular clients.

The MSM's request for the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> May 2014 is pencilled in the Diary and a booking for those dates would be welcomed.

The regular MSM use of the Hall on Monday evenings would not be affected by any of these decisions and the Parish Council would confirm that although it was unable to agree to all of the requests for the reasons explained above, it considers MSM to be a valued local hirer of the facility and recognises it as one which provides an important social and cultural benefit to the Village.

b) That the Conditions of Hire for the Hall be amended accordingly.

## **188. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- i. A letter from Edward Timpson concerning the Parish Council's objections to Planning Application No.13/2069N – Shavington East and enclosing a response he had received from Cheshire East Council.
- ii. A letter from Cheshire East indicating that an appeal had been lodged against the refusal of planning application 13/3373N (alterations to gate posts and walls at the entrance to Shavington Hall) and that this would be conjoined with the existing appeal against the refusal of the application to build 57 dwellings on the site (application 12/3300N).
- iii. A copy of the detailed decision notice in respect of the Triangle site (application No.12/3114N) for information.
- iv. An application letter from the Group Scout Leader of the 12<sup>th</sup> South West Cheshire (1<sup>st</sup> Shavington) Scout Group for financial assistance towards the cost of replacing the rotting wooden floor in the Scout building with a concrete one. .
- v. E-mail correspondence from Ward Councillor D Brickhill detailing his complaint against Cheshire East in respect of the actions of a senior officer over planning in Shavington.

**RESOLVED:** In respect of item iv. above after considering the detail of the quotations received, the Parish Council award a grant of £250 towards the works.

## 189. PLANNING MATTERS

- i. **Planning application No.14/0456N** - variation of conditions 2 and 8 of approval 13/3046N, 271 Newcastle Road

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

When permission was granted for the current activities last year the Parish Council, concerned about the potential for impact on neighbouring residential properties, requested restrictions on the hours of use to protect neighbours from noise and other disturbance.

The Parish Council has received representations from local residents which indicate the current conditions of use are already being ignored, and will therefore object to any proposed variation which in its view will make this situation deteriorate further. It is strongly of the opinion that rather than consider easing the restrictions on hours of use, Cheshire East Council should take action to firmly enforce the existing planning consent conditions.

- ii. **Planning Application No. 14/0131N** - outline application for 275 with associated access. landscaping etc works at land to the east of Crewe Road

**RESOLVED:** That detailed objections to this planning application be submitted along similar lines to that of the previous application, and that RJE Associates be asked to prepare the Planning Statement on behalf of the Parish Council.

- iii. **Freedom of Information request**

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk be authorised to submit the following request for information to Cheshire East Council under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act:

"a) For every Parish in the administrative area of Cheshire East Council the number of dwellings applied for since 2010/11 and the number refused on appeal and at committee.

b) For every Parish in the administrative area of Cheshire East Council the number of dwellings already approved on appeal and at committee, and those currently being appealed to give a total.

c) And then, for every Parish in the Cheshire East area, to express this as a percentage of the known existing housing numbers in each parish."

#### **190. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

i.	C Moulton – Clerk's salary (£820.56 less tax/Ni)	£618.57
ii.	M Webster & Son – grounds maintenance work December 2013	£824.82
iii.	M Webster – holly tree at the Village Hall garden	£115.00
iv.	C Willetts website updates	£25.00
v.	Mr W McIntyre travel expenses reimbursement	£6.15
vi.	12 <sup>th</sup> SW Cheshire 1st Shavington Scout Group grant	£250.00

#### **191. GENERAL HIGHWAY ISSUES**

The Parish Council was pleased to note that a new litter bin was being installed by the Co-op store adjacent to the new bench.

Members also asked the Clerk to report a problem with tree roots breaking up the pavement outside No.18 Vine Tree Avenue, and street light No.4 in Vine Tree Avenue not lit.

In addition the Cheshire East Council Tree Officer to be asked what arrangements would be made to replace the tree taken out at the new entrance to Santune House.

#### **192. 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.

#### **193. ALLOTMENT PLOTS**

The Parish Council considered the detail of correspondence from two allotment tenants in respect of tenancy issues. In respect of one of these the Parish Council agreed to reprieve its Notice until the end of May 2014; and for the other noted that it was to be advised which plot would be relinquished at the end of March 2014.

#### **194. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014 commencing at 7.15pm.

***There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.50pm.***

Chair .....  
5<sup>th</sup> March 2014