

**SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL**  
**ON WEDNESDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2013**

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

**Apologies for absence:** Councillor Mrs R Hancock.

**Also in attendance:** PC D Sambrook, Mr R Ellison, Ward Councillor D Brickhill and four members of the public.

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**157. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND GRANTS OF DISPENSATION**

None.

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

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

Members notes that shed break-ins were prevalent at the moment and asked the Council to be alert to this.

In respect of the PCSO Agreement the Parish Council requested PC Sambrook to ask his Inspector to attend the March meeting in order that the document could be signed with the Chairman of Rope Parish Council also present. Members again raised the question of receiving advance notice of the PCSO rota in order that Councillors could be aware of when Officers would be on duty in the Parish.

Following on from the success of the Park Estate No Cold Calling Zone PC Sambrook advised that he had been approached by residents over the introduction of a 'Street Safe' scheme for the Estate as a trial area. The Parish Council was supportive of this move but also asked if Richardson Close could be included if a Street Safe scheme was established there.

Members then thanked PC Sambrook for his attendance and into the meeting.

**159. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** a) That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

b) That the minutes of the Village Hall Management Committee meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**160. Meeting with Cheshire East Council Leader - Development Strategy (137 and 147)**

The Parish Council noted the contents of the notes from the meeting with the Leader of Cheshire East Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> January.

**161. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Members of the public present raised questions and concerns over the Wain Homes development and the Triangle site and the impact on local infrastructure and amenities. The Parish Council responded confirming its complete agreement with those concerns.

A further highway concern was raised by a resident of Newcastle Road over vehicles parking along the road and verge on the A500 In the vicinity and on the same side as the service station. Members noted that the white carriageway markings had been worn away in this location and that there was serious concern that an accident may occur along this stretch of road. The resident had frequently asked Cheshire East Council to re-instate the markings but to no avail.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to Cheshire East Council's Highways Department to request the urgent re-instatement of the white carriageway lining along this section of the A500 Newcastle Road.

## **162. PLANNING MATTERS**

### **i. Triangle Site**

The Council discussed the fact that its lengthy objections submitted to Cheshire East Council on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012 had somehow not been taken into account or addressed by the Officer preparing the agenda report for the Strategic Planning Board, nor were they even circulated as part of the agenda. Members viewed this as a serious and unacceptable situation since the public perception would have been that the Parish Council had failed to even comment on such a major development; and that the Board would have made its decision without having all of the information presented to it.

In noting that the consideration of the application had eventually been deferred actually during the meeting the Parish Council agreed to ask Mr R Ellison to prepare a supplementary objection note for submission before the next meeting of the Strategic Planning Board on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013; and also to represent the Parish Council and speak on its behalf at that meeting.

The Chair also explained in detail her experiences of being ignored by several lead Officers at Cheshire East Council over this issue, and also subsequently by the Leader of the Council.

### **ii. Cheshire East Council consultation on its draft Development Strategy and Policy Principles**

Members noted that due to the heavy schedule and full diary of the Leader of Cheshire East Council it had unfortunately not been possible to make arrangements for a public open meeting to be held before the date for submission of comments on the draft Strategy.

The Council discussed its approach to responding on the consultation and agreed to commission Mr R Ellison of RJE Associates to prepare a briefing note for consideration at a Special meeting of the Council to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

### **iii. Planning Application No No.13/0003N – Erection of 17 affordable dwellings on land off Main Road for Wulvern Housing**

The Parish Council considered the application and it was:

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

1. The Council has real concern over the existing problems associated with the foul and surface water drainage along this stretch of Main Road which has regularly overflowed resulting in effluent onto the carriageway, and this additional demand on the already over loaded system will only exacerbate the problem.
2. The Council is concerned over the loss of amenity of existing properties on the opposite side of Main Road whose privacy will undoubtedly be affected since the site of the proposed

development is raised well above the carriageway level and the proposed boundary treatment will not sufficiently mitigate the effect.

3. The Council also has concerns over the impact on pedestrian and vehicular safety along this section of Main Road both with a busy junction opposite the development, and a noticeable narrowing of Main Road (a section of which has no pedestrian footpath) in this location.

4. The Council feels that the Applicant has not clearly explained how the proposed development would meet the specific needs of Shavington residents; and how it would ensure that any future reletting of these properties would satisfy local demand as a priority in the parish of Shavington-cum-Gresty and not be simply offered to anyone on its waiting list.

***NB: Councillor S Hogben requested that the minutes record the fact that he did not vote in favour of the above resolution.***

- iv. **Planning application No.13/0002N – two storey side extension and replacement double garage at Sunberrie House, Newcastle Road**

**RESOLVED:** No objections.

- v. **Planning application No.13/0413N – conservatory to rear of 19 Godwin Crescent**

**RESOLVED:** No objections.

- vi. **Planning application No.13/0210N – 14 affordable homes on land to the south of Newcastle Road, Hough – development in an adjoining Parish**

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council write to Cheshire East Council in support of the stance of Hough and Chorlton Parish Council in is opposition to this proposed development

### **163. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- i. A query over the opening of the Vine Tree play area, incorrectly forwarded to Rope PC by Cheshire East.
- ii. A note from Cheshire East confirming that the next Town and Parish Council's Conference will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 6pm – venue to be advised.
- iii. A letter from the Mayor of Crewe containing details of her Charity Ball to be held at Crewe Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013.
- iv. E-mail correspondence from Cheshire East Council advising that the appeal in respect of planning application No.12/2897N – 23 Main Road, has been allowed.
- v. A letter from Cheshire East announcing the outcome of the Crewe Community Governance Review.
- vi. A letter of thanks from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Shavington Brownies in appreciation of the grant awarded.

**RESOLVED:** That in respect of item i. above the Clerk write to the individual to respond to the queries raised.

### **164. FINANCIAL MATTERS - Payment of Accounts**

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

i.	C Moulton – Clerk’s salary January 2013 (£820.56 less tax/Ni)	£618.57
ii.	M Webster & Son – grounds maintenance work January 2013	£798.47
iii.	Mr C Willetts website development and maintenance 2012/13	£500.00
iv.	Petty cash reimbursement	£100.00

**165. 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.

**166. ALLOTMENT SITE, GRESTDY LANE**

In respect of the negotiations over the lease of the site from Cheshire East Council under its Asset Transfer programme the Council noted the contents of answers received from Mr C Allman, the Cheshire East Asset Transfer Manager in a recent meeting with the Chairman of the Environment Committee. Members also noted the current situation on relation to the condition of the fence at the rear of the site along its boundary with the railway land.

Members also noted the current position regarding the collection of the 2012/13 rents and in particular the condition of three plots to which Notices to Cultivate were issued in mid-November 2012 and where no apparent improvement had taken place since.

**RESOLVED:** That Notices to Quit be issued to the tenants of the plots in question and that the Environment Committee be asked to then arrange for the sites to be prepared for reletting as soon as possible.

**167. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013 commencing at 7.15pm.

Chair .....

6<sup>th</sup> March 2013