

**SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON**  
**WEDNESDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2011**

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

**Apologies for absence:** No apologies were received.

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

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**148. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were made.

**149. PCSO'S AND POLICING ISSUES REPORTS**

PCSO M Minton presented her verbal report on incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour in the Village over the previous month and Councillors noted the detail.

In respect of traffic issues members noted that a traffic counter was installed on Barons Road; and that a month of increased police traffic checks would be taking place on Crewe Road to gather evidence before discussions with the Cheshire East Highways Department. In addition there had been some issues with delivery vehicles at the Nisa store that had resulted in complaints from other businesses, and investigations were on-going.

PCSO Minton also reported that she had received a request from residents of the Park Estate for the establishment of a 'No Cold Calling' zone. Members agreed to discuss this further at the January meeting.

The Chairman then thanked PCSO Minton for her attendance and report.

**150. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

**Crewe Road speeding vehicles between the Cheshire Cheese and the by-pass**

Two residents of this stretch of Crewe Road addressed the Parish Council over their concerns over vehicle speed in this vicinity. A discussion ensued over what measures may be taken to reduce the danger and it was agreed that Cheshire East be asked to reinstate the speed limit repeater signs which appeared to have been removed from this stretch of road. The residents advised that they had formally requested PCSO P Corbett to arrange for a Speed Indicator Device be situated along this stretch; and also confirmed that they would be keen to lend their support to the Speedwatch scheme and agreed to their contact details being passed to PC D Sambrook.

It was also reported that the Police had indicated that more frequent late evening patrols to deter speeding vehicles through the Village would take place.

The Parish Council agreed to include reference to the Speedwatch Scheme in its next Village Voice article and to refer any interested residents to the PCSO's in order that training could be arranged.

**S106 Funding from the Vineyard development**

Simon Hodgkiss, Land and Sites Coordinator, Children and Families Organisation and Capital Strategy at Cheshire East Council addressed the Parish Council about an old Section 106 agreement for development of land at The Vine, which saw some work to the value of £20,000 being undertaken on the grounds of the High School/Leisure Centre. He was interested to know the Parish Council's understanding of the agreement since the High School had changed its status to that of a Foundation School and Cheshire East was arranging to transfer the school site. Mr Hodgkiss explained that his interest was to find out what might happen when the area that the monies were spent on (the Multi Use Games Area) was transferred to the School ownership.

Members of the Parish Council made it very clear to Mr Hodgkiss that their view was that the £20,000 S106 funds were in effect taken by the former Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council because the Parish Council did not have any land on which to develop a football pitch or games area to use the funds.

The Parish Council asked Mr Hodgkiss to arrange for a copy of the paperwork relating to the funds, and the terms of the S106 agreement to be forwarded for its reference.

#### **Santune House**

A local resident addressed the meeting on the subject of Santune House and asked why the Parish Council had not accepted the building from Cheshire East Council at nil cost when it had been offered. She confirmed that she had been advised by the Head of Property Services at Cheshire East Council that the building had been offered to the Parish Council at no cost. The Parish Council explained that no such offer had been received from Cheshire East and asked the Clerk to raise its concerns over this issue with Cheshire East Council.

#### **151. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** a) That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

b) That the minutes of the Village Hall Management Committee meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

#### **152. Planning Issues – large housing developments (121 and 133)**

The Parish Council noted that details of when the Taylor Wimpey and Bloor applications would be considered by the Cheshire East Strategic Planning Board were still awaited.

Members also noted that the Vice-Chair had met with Edward Timpson MP on 18<sup>th</sup> November to express her concerns over the planning issues currently being experienced; and subsequent to this Mr Timpson had asked a specific question in Prime Minister's Questions on 23<sup>rd</sup> November regarding housing development plans in Crewe.

#### **153. REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE (135)**

The Clerk reported that the annual service had once again been a successful and well-attended event, with the Parish Council's arrangements working well. He expressed his appreciation to all those Members who assisted both before and on the day; and to PCSO Pete Corbett and Bill McIntyre who both did an excellent job in controlling the traffic.

#### **154. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Parish Council considered one planning application and

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

Planning application No.11/4126N – alterations and extension at 31 Weston Lane – no objections.

#### **155. PARISH PLAN COMMITTEE**

Councillor Mrs R Hancock reported that to date 400 forms had been returned from 2000 circulated and that it appeared that the majority of those returned were from residents over 65, with very few from younger people.

#### **156. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS**

The meeting briefly discussed the possibility of replacing the boiler in the kitchen with a Lingate model similar to

that used at St Mark's Church Hall and it was agreed that this be referred to the Village Hall Management Committee for determination.

The Parish Council then noted that an improved way of keeping track of Village Hall bookings had been agreed at the Village Hall Management Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011. A new Hotmail e-mail account had been established and updated bookings diary calendar sheets were posted to this address on a regular basis. This way all Parish Councillors with internet access could view the latest bookings information at any time.

#### **157. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- i. A letter from the 'A voice for Crewe' campaign asking for the Parish Council's support for the proposal to establish a Town Council for Crewe.
- ii. E-mail correspondence from Ward Councillor D Brickhill concerning the question of speeding vehicles along Crewe Road.
- iii. A response from Cheshire East Street Lighting Team concerning street lights in Brook Avenue following a report of them being non-operational.
- iv. An e-mail from the Council's insurers over the 'Gate' issue between St Mark's and the Village Hall advising that it would not be unreasonable to request indemnity in this instance; but also confirming that even without this the Parish Council's existing insurance would adequately cover it.

**RESOLVED:** a) That in respect of item i. above the Clerk write to Cheshire East Council confirming that this Council's view is unchanged since the original consultation, in that it supports the proposal for the establishment of a Town Council for Crewe.

b) That in respect of item ii. above the Clerk be asked to advise Ringway Jacob that the lamps in question were not owned by the Parish Council.

c) That in respect of item iv. above the Clerk be asked to arrange a meeting of representatives from the Church and the Parish Council in the New Year to discuss the matter further in the light of this advice.

#### **158. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

i.	C Moulton – Clerk's salary November 2011 (£820.56 less tax/Ni)	£618.57
ii.	M Webster & Son – grounds maintenance work November 2011	£744.68
iii.	Shavington High School – donation for Buglar	£25.00
iv.	Shavington High School – competition prize	£30.00
v.	Cheshire East Council car park rental	£1,050.00
vi.	HMRC Clerks tax/Ni deducted October-November 2011	£605.97
vii.	St Mark's Church Hall donation for Hall use 13 <sup>th</sup> November	£30.00
viii.	R Aspinall – litter picking perimeter	£504.00
ix.	D Espley – Play equipment quarterly inspection	£40.00
x.	D Espley – Play equipment maintenance	£245.00

#### **159. YOUTH CLUB REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

Further to previous discussions and correspondence with the Chairman of the Youth Club over the request for financial assistance the Parish Council considered a detailed response received in respect of the questions

raised; and a set of accounts as requested. Also considered was a Cheshire East press release from November 2011 concerning 'Changes in delivery of youth services in Cheshire East'. A lengthy debate ensued.

**RESOLVED:** a) That the Clerk write to Councillor Mrs H Gaddum, Portfolio Holder for Children and Family Services, to ask how the proposed changes may impact on Shavington Youth Club, and whether or not there would be any direct assistance from Cheshire East, via the former Connexions staff, in running the Club after 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012.

b) That Ward Councillor D Brickhill be asked to speak with Officers at Cheshire East over the options available for the Parish Council to undertake the running of the building, and if a positive response was forthcoming then arrangements be made to hold exploratory talks over this possibility. If it were possible to arrange for an Officer from Cheshire East to attend the January meeting then this would be welcomed.

c) That following receipt of the information in i. and ii. above the Parish Council would consider the question of grant aid at the January 2012 meeting, and whether to release any funding agreed in instalments.

#### **160. OTHER PARISH INFORMATION ITEMS**

##### **Lighting on school car park**

The Parish Council received a report of a Hall user who had suffered a fall on the school car park following an evening function at the Hall because the car park lights were switched off. The Chairman agreed to raise this matter at the School and request that the timer be adjusted to keep the car park lights on later in the evening.

#### **161. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the next Meeting of the Parish Council be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012 commencing at 7.00pm.

Chairman .....

4<sup>th</sup> January 2012