

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

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

**Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Councillor S Hogben, and Ward Councillor D Brickhill.

**Also in attendance:** PCSO P Corbett.

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**101. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor R Clarke declared a prejudicial interest in minute Nos. 108 and 109 as he was related to Mrs Clarke, who was also the Secretary of the Youth Club Committee, and took no part in the discussion and voting on these matters.

Councillor Mrs R Hancock declared a personal interest in minute No. 109 as she was the Parish Council's representative on the Youth Club Committee.

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

PCSO P Corbett presented his verbal report on incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour in the Village over the previous month and Councillors noted the detail of the six crimes and six incidents of anti-social behaviour over the month.

PCS Corbett also reported on a number of on-going initiatives currently being pursued including suspicious person checks, youth damage, parking issues and licensing checks on scrap metal collectors. He then also reminded Councillors of the contact phone numbers for both himself and PCSO M Minton.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Corbett for his attendance and report.

**103. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** a) That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 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 10<sup>th</sup> August 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**104. St Mark's Church Hall – gate to Village Hall car park (081)**

The Clerk was asked to obtain written advice from the Parish Council's insurers on the extent of its liability, and also obtain separate Health and Safety advice from Mr D Espley on the matter before a meeting was arranged with representatives from the Church.

**105. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Parish Council considered one planning application.

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

Application No. 11/2126N – Conservatory at 9 Park Estate - no objections.

## **106. PLANNING MATTERS**

The Parish Council noted that there had been significant activity since the last meeting, and a great deal of correspondence with Cheshire East Council over the Shavington public open meeting originally proposed by Councillor Brown at the Crewe Alexandra meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> July. This meeting had eventually been arranged for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at the Village Hall.

Cheshire East Council had indicated that it would give a presentation about the Local Development Framework and the Place Shaping consultation; and also explain the assessments they are doing of the potential sites that they have been asked to consider by landowners and developers; and how decisions would be made in drawing up the proposals to be included in the Local Development Framework.

Members also noted that Cheshire East Council would be back in the Village for the last of its Local Development Framework (LDF) consultation events being held at the Methodist Hall on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

Members had also met informally with the Parish Council's Planning Consultant to consider their approach.

In respect of the application by Belway to build 51 houses at Gresty Farm, the Parish Council noted that this was to be considered by Cheshire East Council's Strategic Planning Board on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2011. The meeting would be held in the Assembly Rooms, at Macclesfield Town Hall from 2pm and members felt that this would exclude or at least inhibit Shavington residents from participating due to the distance to the venue.

**RESOLVED:** That Mr R Ellison be asked to attend both Cheshire East consultation meetings on 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September and also to subsequently meet with the Parish Council to assist in the formulation of an initial response to the LDF consultation, to be submitted before the end of September.

## **107. PARISH PLAN COMMITTEE**

Councillors Mrs G McIntyre and Mrs R Hancock reported that the questionnaires were now ready and would be printed shortly with circulation to every property in the Village anticipated during the last week of September.

## **108. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS**

The Clerk reported the details of a written expression of interest in the vacant seat for a co-opted public member of the Committee. One of the two co-opted 'public' (non-Councillor) seats on the Committee had been vacant since May when the previous holder resigned.

**RESOLVED:** That Mrs Janet Clarke be appointed to the vacant seat to serve until the next annual meeting of the Parish Council in May 2012.

## **109. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- i. A letter from SVFC concerning the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and proposals for a special Festival.
- ii. E-Mail correspondence from Cheshire East Council advising of the arrangements for the site inspection of 2 Weston Court on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 10am.
- iii. A poster prepared by Sagra for Cheshire East Council's public open meeting at the Village Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm.
- iv. A letter from the Willaston Green Gap Action extending an invitation to Councillors to attend the next meeting at Willaston Social Club at 7.30pm on 20<sup>th</sup> September.
- v. A briefing sheet from Cheshire Community Action introducing its new Community Lead Planning Team.

- vi. E-mail correspondence from Chalc concerning Councillor training sessions being held during September and October.
- vii. A letter from Cheshire East Council advising that it is seeking Fairtrade status and asking for the support of Parish Councils.
- viii. A letter from Cheshire East Council advising of the outcome of the application for a premises licence at 2-3 Weston Court.
- ix. A notice of a temporary road closure for the A500 (East) on the 11<sup>th</sup> September for resurfacing works.
- x. A notice of a temporary road closure for the A500 (west) between Cheerbrook and Meremore roundabouts between the 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> September for resurfacing works.
- xi. An e-mail request for grant aid from the Chairman of the Youth Club.

**RESOLVED:** That in respect of item xi, after lengthy debate, the Clerk was instructed to write to the Youth Club Chairman to advise that the Parish Council had tentatively agreed to allocate £1,000 at this stage, but had a number of questions about the operation of the Youth Club which it would want to see answers to before the funds were released; and that when it considered the responses to the questions it would also reconsider the amount allocated.

#### **110. PARISH INFORMATION ITEMS**

Members reported and noted the following items:

- Councillor Mrs R Hancock reported on significant weed growth in road gutters throughout the Greenfields estate and asked the Clerk to pass on these concerns to Cheshire East Council.
- Councillor R Clarke suggested that now would be a good time to revisit the question of a Parish Council website and suggested that this item be placed on the agenda for the October meeting.

#### **111. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

i.	C Moulton – Clerk’s salary August 2011 (£820.56 less tax/NI)	£618.57
ii.	M Webster & Son – grounds maintenance work August 2011	£744.68
iii.	Shavington-cum-Gresty PC - Village Hall (VAT refund transfer)	£720.80
iv.	HMRC Clerk’s tax and NI deducted July - September 2011	£605.97
v.	Best Kept Gardens Competition 1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£50.00
vi.	Best Kept Gardens Competition 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£30.00
vii.	Best Kept Gardens Competition 3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£20.00
viii.	HMRC employers NI contribution April – September 2011	£227.28
ix.	P Yoxall – reimbursement for sale or return drinks for BKG	£121.00
x.	Best Kept Gardens Competition oap bungalow prize	£10.00
xi.	Best Allotment Plot prize	£10.00
xii.	P Yoxall – travelling expenses	£13.00
xiii.	R Dodd – allotment hedge cutting	£50.00
xiv.	D Espley – Play area quarterly safety check	£40.00

**b) That the Clerk’s financial progress report for the first six months of 2011/12 be received.**

#### **112. 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> October 2011 commencing at 7.15pm.

Chairman .....  
5<sup>th</sup> October 2011