

**SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE**  
**VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2014**

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

**Apologies for absence:** Councillors Mrs A Yoxall, Mrs R Hancock and B Melling

**Also in attendance:** PCSO V Moulton, Ward Councillor D Brickhill and one member of the public.

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

None.

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

The Council welcomed PCSO V Moulton and she presented a 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.

In addition Councillors discussed some concerns over anti-social behaviour at locations in the Village and asked PCSO Moulton to pass these on to the Police.

The recent fire at Grove Farm was also discussed with Members expressing concern that firefighters had to be called from Middlewich to attend to the blaze as there had been fires at two more farm buildings in other locations on the same evening. The Clerk was asked to write to the Chief Fire Officer to request an explanation

**051. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Questions relating to Village Hall bookings procedures were raised and answered.

**052. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**053. Allotment site (031 and 040)**

The Chairman reported that Lee Beckett of Cheshire East Council was in the process of obtaining prices for reducing the height of both trees.

**054. Appeal: 17 dwellings at Main Road for Wulvern Housing – Ombudsman (043 iv)**

The Parish Council noted that an Ombudsman case had to be brought by an individual and as such Councillor W McIntyre acting in his private capacity had reported the concerns over way in which Cheshire East Council had defended its decision at the Appeal hearing to the Ombudsman

**055. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS**

**i. Toilet Improvement Scheme**

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council's sketch proposals were with Stewart Thorley and his feedback over whether they were feasible was awaited. Members asked the Clerk to arrange for them to meet with Mr Thorley once a sketch scheme was available.

## **ii. Must See Musicals**

The Council noted that the meeting with Must See Musicals on 11<sup>th</sup> June to discuss outstanding matters relating to the hire of the Hall by the Group had been productive with agreement reached on various issues. The Group has asked to book a week for a production in the same way as the Drama Group does and would make a written request with options for consideration for 2015 in due course.

One of the issues raised by Must See Musical was the potential for releasing occasional weekends for bookings other than parties in order that some rehearsal time could perhaps be available. A lengthy discussion on this issue ensued.

**RESOLVED:** a) That the principle of a week-long hire from 2015 be agreed subject to usual availability considerations.

b) That the Village Hall Management Committee be asked to consider what arrangements should apply to Hall availability on Sunday's, and present its recommendations to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

## **iii. Village Hall Bookings Officer**

The Clerk reported that enquiries were continuing with a view to attracting interested local people in the bookings officer work, and the Council agreed that reference be made to the role in the next edition of the Village Voice.

## **056. COMMEMORATION OF THE CENTENARY OF THE START OF WWI**

The Parish Council discussed possible suitable forms of commemoration for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the start of World War I.

**RESOLVED:** That a commemorative plaque be obtained at a cost of £228 and permanently sited at the Village Hall

## **057. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- i. The Police & Crime Commissioner's invitation to his next meeting with Parish Council Chairs to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm in the Town Hall Congleton.
- ii. A letter from the Leader of Cheshire East Council concerning 'Resident First' planning.
- iii. E-mail correspondence from Ward Councillor D Brickhill concerning double yellow lines to Crewe Road to improve conditions for residents of Brook Avenue.
- iv. A briefing note from Rob Welch concerning the A500 widening scheme due to commence in July.
- v. A thank you letter from the Scout Group for the Parish Council's support and assistance for the recent litterpick.
- vi. A thank you letter from Rodney Walker for the Parish Council's donation of £250 towards the Youth Club.
- vii. Correspondence from Ward Councillor D Brickhill with additional comments sent to the Inspector in support of the Parish Council's views over the Gresty Oaks Appeal.
- viii. Correspondence from Ward Councillor D Brickhill also concerning the proposed carriageway amendments for the Gresty Oaks scheme; and suggesting that the Parish

Council may wish to consider commissioning an independent highway consultant to prepare a case for retaining the existing road layout.

- ix. A quotation from M Webster & Son in respect of weedkilling a strimming work to the boundary of the Vine Tree play area.

**RESOLVED:** a) That in respect of item viii. The Chairman and Vice-Chair be asked to investigate what assistance may be available from local businesses since certain employers had previously used the services of a Highway consultant.

b) That Mr M Webster be asked to carry out the tidying work to the play area.

## **058. PLANNING MATTERS**

### **i. GRETTY OAKS APPEAL**

The Parish Council noted that this appeal was due to commence on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 and would be held at Dane Bank College.

### **ii. SHAVINGTON EAST APPEAL**

The Parish Council noted that this appeal was due to commence on either the 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> July but the notification was confusing. The Council asked the Clerk to check and advise Members accordingly.

### **iii. PLANNING APPLICATION No.14/2586N - 12 AFFORDABLE DWELLINGS AT LAND ADJACENT TO SHAVINGTON LODGE, WESTON LANE**

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

The proposed development is located in open countryside outside of the settlement boundary.

There is the potential for a crossroads effect to be created as this site is on the opposite side of Weston Lane to the David Wilson application for 50 dwellings.

The applicant states that these would go some way towards meeting the identified local need for 54 affordable dwellings, but does not state that the need for affordable dwellings is already more than adequately met within the existing large scale housing development approvals in Shavington.

### **iv. PLANNING APPLICATION No.14/2457N – RESERVED MATTERS FOR 40 DWELLINGS AT CREWE ROAD GRETTY**

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

Both proposed entrances to the sites are onto a narrow and busy stretch of Crewe Road and the Parish Council would require a condition of any approval to be that **no** access be permitted from Crewe Road until such time as the new spine road onto the Basford West site is completed and opened.

### **v. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL LEADER COUNCILLOR M JONES**

The Parish Council noted the contents of a letter from Councillor Jones concerning housing developments in the area and published in the Crewe Chronicle.

There was a lengthy discussion over the content of a suitably robust response and it was:

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to the Editor in strong terms to put the Parish Council's point of view.

## **059. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **a) Payment of Accounts**

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

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| i.  | C Moulton – Clerk's salary net of tax/NI             | £724.81 |
| ii. | M Webster & Son – grounds maintenance work June 2014 | £845.44 |

iii.	C Willetts website maintenance	£25.00
iv.	AJH Accountancy monthly payroll	£15.00
v.	D Espley quarterly play area inspection	£40.00
vi.	Weaver Business Machines photocopier	£84.35
vii.	St Mark's PCC for Toddler Group	£250.00

#### **b) Small Grants Fund**

The Parish Council considered the detail of three applications for grant aid under the Small Grants fund.

**RESOLVED:** That grants of £100 each be made to Must See Musicals, Shavington Drama Group and 12<sup>th</sup> SW Cheshire Shavington Scouts.

#### **c) Yew Tree Christmas Lights**

The Council discussed the Christmas Lights on the Yew Tree which were a central and well appreciated feature in the Village. However, the present installation was nearing the end of its useful life with a great many strands now beyond repair.

**RESOLVED:** a) That following specialist advice received the current lights be removed from the tree and replaced with a multi-coloured LED installation which would give many years maintenance free service.

b) That the Clerk be authorised to make the arrangements for the work to be carried out before the end of November.

#### **d) Replacement Notice Boards**

Following the unsuccessful tendering in 2013 of the scheme to replace the notice boards the Council considered the options for buying-in a similar but modern alternative to the existing Boards. Investigations had revealed a quality product from the same manufacturer as the original boards which was vandal resistant with anti-glare toughened polycarbonate glazing and lockable (with all keyed alike locks), and would include the name of the Parish Council and the Santune crest on the header panel. The boards would be a smart and durable addition to the streetscene in the Parish and will give many years of service.

**RESOLVED:** That 5 x A1 and 1 x A0 Cambridge style notice boards be purchased from WDS Signs at a total cost of £5,880 plus VAT from balances, with separate arrangements being made for installation.

### **060. PARISH INFORMATION MATTERS**

The Parish Council noted the following items reported by Members:

- The Chairman would formally re-opening the Co-op store at the end of July following completion of its refurbishment.
- Ward Councillor D Brickhill would be meeting with the Regional Manager of the Post Office later in the week.
- The Chairman reported on arrangements being made for the Piccadilly footpath overgrowing hedges to be cut back to improve conditions for pedestrians.

### **061. 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> August 2014 commencing at 7.15pm.

***There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.25pm.***

Chairman ..... 6<sup>th</sup> August 2014