

SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 8th JULY 2015

Present: Councillors P Yoxall, Mrs S Cheshire, Mrs V Adams, Mrs A Yoxall, W McIntyre, Mrs G McIntyre, Mrs R Hancock, B Melling, K Gibbs, W Cooper, B Gibbs and E Ankers.

Apologies for absence: None.

Also in attendance: Ward Councillor S Edgar.

041. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS

None.

042. PCSO'S AND POLICING ISSUES REPORT

The Council noted that on this occasion neither PCSO had been available to attend, and a written report on policing activity in the Parish during the previous month had been submitted by PCSO V Moulton, which was read out by the Clerk.

The Council also noted that PC Roberts had replaced PC Cooke as the Beat Officer for Shavington and Members suggested that it would be helpful if the Constable were able to attend the next meeting to effect introductions and to discuss speed limits in the Parish.

043. MINUTES

RESOLVED: a) That the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 3rd June 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
b) That the minutes of the Village Hall Management Committee Meeting held on 29th June 2015 be received and the recommendations agreed; and that they be signed by the Chairman.

044. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

In increasing the Hall rental charge Members had agreed to bring forward the decoration of the main Hall to be carried out before the hourly increase in charges was introduced in January 2016. Councillor W Cooper agreed to suggest suitable local contractors from which the Council could obtain quotations for the job.

The Chairman confirmed that the new fire door to the main Hall had been ordered and would be installed during July.

In respect of the car park gate the Council agreed that one of the new suited padlocks be used to secure the premises when there were no bookings at the Hall, and that new keys be issued to regular hirers.

Councillor W McIntyre reported that he had been contacted by Mr M Reid and advised that until recently the Imperial War Memorial website did not have details of the Shavington Memorial included. However, this oversight had now been corrected.

045. PLANNING MATTERS

i. Section 106 Funding Allocation Meeting Request

Councillors noted that after several months of delays the Chairman, Vice-Chair and Clerk finally met with Adrian Fisher of Cheshire East Council on 30th June to discuss how

S.106 monies were spent. At the meeting the Parish Council's dismay at the lack of any obvious local infrastructure improvements arising from the monies that Cheshire East collect from housing developers were restated. Mr Fisher cited wider road works such as the Barthomley link widening scheme at the M6, the South Street/Gresty Road junction improvement, and the two new link roads; all of which would go towards easing the traffic burden on the Parish.

The Parish Council's view that these would not solve the issues that remain on many roads in the Village such as poor maintenance, lack of minor improvements to junctions and traffic flow, speed indication devices, introduction of one-way schemes was argued at length.

Mr Fisher felt that there could be a way of moving forward some localised improvement works and agreement was reached that the Cheshire East Highways Development Manager, Paul Hurdes would arrange to meet the Parish Council representative to discuss the options.

ii. Planning Application No.15/2783N – Variation of condition 3 on application 14/2082N land adjacent to 16 Huntersfield (resubmission)

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council's position on this application remain unchanged from the previous applications.

iii. Planning Application No.15/2745N – Two storey side extension at 60 Broadleigh Way

RESOLVED: That no observations be made in respect of the proposal.

iv. Former Doctors' Surgery, Crewe Road

The Parish Council noted the content of correspondence from neighbouring property owners expressing their concern over the lack of consultation or information from the building's owners in changing its use to that of a Children's Day Nursery. Members felt that the approach taken by the owners had been discourteous, but because the proposals were not considered to be a change of use there had been no opportunity to make representations.

046. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- i. E-mail correspondence concerning planning application 15/0876 - Newcastle Road 28 dwellings and flood risk issues
- ii. Notifications that the following applications were to be considered by the Southern Planning Committee on 8th July::
15/1210 - 68 dwellings open grassland Crewe Road
14/2586 - 12 affordable dwellings at Shavington Lodge Weston Lane
- iii. E-mail correspondence from Cheshire East Council to Ward Councillor S Edgar concerning the Primary School car park.
- iv. E-mail correspondence from a local resident expressing concern over the traffic issues in Main Road and suggesting that traffic calming measures or a Pelican Crossing were needed.

RESOLVED: a) That in respect of item ii. above the decision made by Cheshire East Council's Southern Planning Committee to refuse both applications be welcomed.

b) That in respect of item iv. above the matter be discussed further in the meeting with Cheshire East Council's Highways Development Manager towards the end of July.

047. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved:

i.	P Yoxall, reimbursement for new padlocks	£141.06
ii.	C Moulton – Clerk's salary net of tax/NI	£724.81
iii.	HMRC Clerk's tax/NI deducted April – June 2015	£781.87
iv.	M Webster & Son – grounds maintenance work May 2015	£853.00
v.	Clerk's fuel reimbursement at cost January – July 2015	£55.44
vi.	Weaver Business Machines photocopier maintenance	£88.56
vii.	AJ Hardy Limited payroll	£15.00
viii.	C Willetts website maintenance	£25.00
ix.	Petty Cash reimbursement	£150.00
x.	D Espley quarterly play area safety inspection	£43.00

b) Grants to local organisations

RESOLVED: That decisions on all grant applications received to date this year be made at the September meeting.

048. INFORMATION EXCHANGE ITEMS

Members raised the following areas for information and/or further debate and consideration at a future meeting:

- i. Problems with rabbits at the allotment site.
- ii. The overgrown condition of Piccadilly footpath hedge, recognised as a perennial problem.
- iii. A query over when the post box removed by Royal Mail would be replaced – noted that this was likely in September/October once Royal Mail had obtained the necessary planning consent to site a new box.
- iv. A suggestion that wheeled bins could have 30mph speed limit stickers applied to them as a reminder to motorists.
- v. A report that the car dismantling facility off Newcastle Road could be in breach of planning conditions.
- vi. A report that one of the names on both Shavington War Memorials was incorrect. In respect of this item the Clerk advised that before any further consideration of what might be done to correct this mistake, proof of the error would need to be forthcoming.
- vii. A suggestion that future consultations on street naming for roads within large new housing estates in the Parish always be responded to with proposed names.
- viii. A suggestion that in the future when the Parish Council considers the detail of planning applications it pays particular attention to the potential impact on the street scene since

the first property on the new Wain Homes development off Rope Lane was 2.5 storeys tall and was noticeably out of place.

- ix. It was suggested that as the existing Co-op store would close if the proposed new store at the Vine went ahead Members should give some early consideration of what ideally the site could accommodate, before any planning application was made.
- x. It was reported that complaints were being received from local residents over parked vehicles blocking the entrance to the Piccadilly footpath and at other locations around the Village which were impeding pedestrians
- xi. A suggestion that the Parish Council look into the options for providing seats at the Sugarloaf Corner bus stops on both sides of the road. Members agreed that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion.
- xii. Councillor W Cooper kindly agreed to re-stain the Diamond Jubilee bench at the Co-op store in Main Road.
- xiii. A suggestion that more be done to deter and prevent large lorries coming through the Village when large housing developments were in the process of being built; notwithstanding the fact that deliveries had to be made it was felt that drivers could be encouraged to use less disruptive routes.

049. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Section 19(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, by reason of the confidential nature of the business next to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the Meeting.

050. SCHOOL CAR PARK

Further to the discussions at the last meeting the Parish Council considered the response received from the Chair of Governors confirming that the cost proposed to the Parish Council by the School remained as quoted; and also advising that should the Council not wish to take up the option then the School would continue its negotiations with a commercial car park operator.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Chair of Governors to refuse the School's offer of a 30% increase in the annual charge, and to point out that the annual charge invoiced by the School over the past several years had been for the same figure year on year; and one which the Parish Council feels was a fair price.

The letter to also confirm the Parish Council's willingness to enter into a fresh agreement to hire the car park on behalf of local residents; but from a starting point of the existing rental fee and not a starting figure which included a backdated increase of several years.

051. PCSO's

The Parish Council noted recent press articles which appeared to indicate that the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) was considering amendments to the way PCSO's were stationed in the County; in particular a suggestion that each electoral ward would be allocated a dedicated PCSO. If this were the case then there would be little economic reason for the Parish Council to continue to fund two dedicated PCSO's for the Parish.

Members noted that to date no direct contact from the police or PCC had been received in respect of this issue.

Members then discussed where the Parish Council stood and what alternatives may be possible, particularly since the current year was the last of the existing contract/Service Level Agreement with the PCC for the provision of PCSO's.

RESOLVED: That further investigations be made into the proposals and that the matter be raised with the PCC for explanation in order that the Council can make informed decisions over its future funding of PCSO's.

052. CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

The Parish Council noted that the Clerk to the Council would shortly be leaving the position.

The Council discussed detailed arrangements for advertising the post and agreed the content of the application form, and wording for the advertisement to accurately reflect the requirements of the role and the qualities expected of the successful candidate.

RESOLVED: a) That the post be advertised immediately in line with the agreed job advertisement, via Chalc and on the Parish Council's own website and notice boards.
b) That the closing date for receipt of completed application forms be 31st July 2015.
c) That interviews be carried out by a Panel to be appointed at the August Parish Council meeting, and to take place during August with a view to the successful candidate commencing duties during September 2015.

053. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: a) That the next meeting be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 5th August 2015 commencing at 7.15pm.

b) That exceptionally, the September meeting be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, the 9th September 2015.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.10pm.

Chairman
5th August 2015