

**SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 22 MAY 2019 IN SHAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL, SHAVINGTON**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M Ferguson      Chairman  
Councillor L Buchanan  
Councillor N Cooper

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Four members of the public

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**1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN – 2019-2020**

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Matt Ferguson be elected Chairman of the Committee to serve until the Annual Council meeting in May 2020.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Parish Councillors were invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest which they had in any item of business on the agenda, the nature of that interest, and in respect of disclosable interests, to leave the meeting prior to discussion of that item.

No declarations were made.

**3 MINUTES – 20 MARCH 2018**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2019 be approved as a correct record.

**4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

In accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Orders, members of the public were able to submit a question, either in writing prior to the meeting, or orally at the meeting, or to make a statement.

Issues raised included the following:

- Anti-social behaviour at Vine Tree Play Area.
- Request to close the play area in the evenings.
- Inadequacy of the 101 Police service.

The Chairman responded to the points raised and suggested that one of the residents might wish to consider joining this Committee. The process required that nominations must come from a Member of the Committee.

In addition to the representations made by members of the public, three letters from residents were tabled each of which related to Vine Tree Play Area.

**5 CO-OPTION OF NON-PARISH COUNCILLORS**

There were two places on the Committee for non-Parish Councillors.

In accordance with the Co-option Protocol, Committee Members were invited to submit their nominations to be received by the Clerk no later than Monday, 15 July 2019. These would be considered by the Committee at the July meeting.

**6 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 MARCH 2019**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2019 be approved as a correct record.

## **7 VINE TREE PLAY AREA**

### **7.1 Litter Bins**

At a recent meeting of the Environment Committee, Members agreed that there was no requirement for additional waste bins on the Vine Tree Play Area. This was a potential cross-over matter between the Recreation Committee and the Environment Committee.

It had been suggested by some Members that during the Summer holidays in 2018 and at peak periods, the bins become overloaded. This was partly a consequence of more houses being built in the parish and the fact that the developers were not building other play areas in a timely manner.

The Recreation Committee was asked to consider this matter and reach a view as to whether there was a need for litter bins. If so, the matter could be referred back to the Environment Committee.

Following discussion, it was -

**RESOLVED:** That the Environment Committee be asked to re-consider whether an additional litter-bin should be provided at Vine Tree Play Area.

### **7.2 Opening/Closing of Vine Tree Play Area**

At the meeting on 26 September 2019, the Committee considered a petition submitted by residents who requested that the Vine Tree Play Area should be closed at certain times to restrict incidences of anti-social behaviour.

Members recalled that at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (8 May 2019) PCSO Corbett addressed Members in respect of the play area and stated that there were very few incidents. He did suggest that there should be an age restriction placed on children who were permitted to use the area.

The Committee was invited to consider this matter taking into account PCSO Corbett's feedback, general management of the play area and residents' comments.

It was suggested that there should be a 'closing time' which did not, necessarily, mean that the play area would be locked; however, if closing time was indicated on the signage, this would give PCSO Corbett the power to remove anyone in the play area after that time.

### **7.3 Signage**

At the previous meeting, Members discussed signage which would be appropriate for the play area (see Minute No. 20.2) but did not finalise the wording which should be displayed on the signs.

The Committee is asked to agree the text and pictograms to appear on the signs, following which this would be forwarded to Brave Little Tank for branding. A copy of the guidance tabled at the previous meeting was enclosed for reference.

**RESOLVED:** (a) That two signs be displayed at Vine Tree Play Area;

(b) That the wording on the signs comprise the following:

- Welcome to this Play Area which is owned and managed by Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council.  
Website: [www.shavingtononline.co.uk](http://www.shavingtononline.co.uk)
- Hours of use: 8.00 am to 9.00 pm.
- If you wish to report damage or accidents, please contact the Clerk on 01270 262636 or by e-mail at [clerk@shavingtononline.co.uk](mailto:clerk@shavingtononline.co.uk).
- Dogs are not allowed in the Play Area. (Pictograph to be displayed alongside the wording).
- Ball games are not allowed in the Play Area.

- Please dispose of your litter responsibly either by using the litter-bins provided or taking it home. (Pictograph to be displayed alongside the wording).
- Separate sign for the 'toddler park' and the larger area –
  - This equipment is to be used by children aged 8 years and under.
  - This equipment is to be used by children aged 15 years or under.

(b) That the Clerk arrange for Brave Little Tank to design an appropriate sign, using the Parish Council's branding.

#### **7.4 Repairs of Play Equipment and Fencing (RoSPA Report)**

The Chairman had contacted five contractors seeking quotations to address the issues raised in the RoSPA report which had been considered by the Committee at its meeting on 20 March 2019 (Minute No. 20.1).

The quotations were not yet available.

### **8 ACTIVITIES DURING 2019-2020**

Following the awarding of the design contract to Brave Little Tank, the director of the company would be attending a face-to-face meeting with the Communications Committee after each of the Committees had held their first meetings. The purpose was to ask the director's advice on the best way of promoting various parish activities organised by the Parish Council. To this end, each Committee was being invited to consider specific activities during the next year which they wished to promote.

The Committee did not currently have any specific activities planned.

It was suggested that a Teddy Bears Picnic could be held in August 2019 on Vine Tree Play Area. Although this was only two months away, the organisation required was minimal and publicity could be via social media, 'word of mouth' and the notice boards.

Councillor Cooper agreed to research the details and report back.

### **9 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** That in accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items owing to the confidential nature of the business to transacted and the public interest would not be served in disclosing that information.

### **10 RECREATIONAL SPACE**

The Committee received a copy of a specification, drawn up by Councillor M Ferguson for issue to three surveyors seeking to engage the services of a company which could identify, pursue and procure a green space within the parish boundary confines of the Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council area.

The expectation was that the successful contractor would be able to produce a feasibility report by the Summer 2019.

Responses would be reported to the next meeting.

### **11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

24 July 2019

(Nominations for non-Parish Council co-options to be submitted to the Clerk by Monday, 15 July 2019.)