

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2018 IN SHAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL, SHAVINGTON, CREWE**

PRESENT:	Councillor W Cooper	Chairman
	Councillor V Adams	Councillor M Andrews
	Councillor S Cheshire	Councillor M Ferguson
	Councillor B Gibbs	Councillor K Gibbs
	Councillor R Hancock	Councillor G McIntyre
	Councillor W McIntyre	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Borough Councillor S Edgar	
	Mr W Atteridge	Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
	Averill George	Shavington Methodist Church
	Roger Bracey	St Marks' Church
	Four members of the public	
APOLOGIES:	Councillor E Clayton	
ABSENT:	Councillor E Ankers	

197 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members 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 the discussion of that item.

No declarations were made.

198 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 January 2018 be approved as a correct record.

199 MATTERS ARISING from the Minutes

199.1 Funding for PCSOs

It was reported that following approval of the budget at the January 2018 meeting, a resident started an on-line petition to protest that the Parish Council had funded only one PCSO, rather than two PCSOs which had been result of the survey conducted in September 2017.

The Clerk had responded to the petitioner, and, in consultation with the Chairman of the Communications Committee, produced a statement which had been posted on-line. There had been 100 signatures between 11-14 January 2018 and since publication of the statement, no further signatures had been received.

200 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public were able to ask questions or address the Parish Council in respect of any item on the agenda, or any matter relevant to the Parish Council's business and the local area.

The following issue was raised:

- The questioner stated that he was aware of various conflicting reports about the five-year housing land supply.

The Clerk was asked to invite an Officer from Cheshire East Council to attend a Parish Council meeting to update the Council on the current position.

201 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR STEVE EDGAR

Councillor S Edgar reported on the progress of various planning applications and the status of specific planning appeals. He also provided an update in respect of outstanding parish matters.

Councillor Edgar made reference to the comment made during Public Question Time about the housing land supply and stated that Cheshire East Council considered that it had a 5.3 years housing land supply, which, together with a 20% buffer, equalled a supply for 6.3 years.

Planning application 17/0295N (Shavington Villa). This appeal had been upheld by the Inspector partly on the basis of the perceived inadequacy of the five-year housing land supply. CEC Officers were considering whether to take legal action to refute this assertion.

202 POLICE MATTERS

Although PCSO P Corbett was not in attendance, the Beat Manager's report had been forwarded to Members under separate cover.

203 CAR PARKING FOR DISABLED RESIDENTS

The Parish Council was asked to consider a request from the two churches, for the Village Hall car park to be made available each Sunday morning (from 9.00 am – 12 noon) for the benefit of disabled residents who attended the services at the two churches.

Roger Bracey of St Mark's Church and Averil George of Shavington Methodist Church were in attendance and spoke to the item.

In response to a Member's question about the condition of the car park surface and potential claims by any resident who was injured, Members were reminded that the Council had public liability insurance and any claim would be dealt with through the Council's insurers.

Members considered the feasibility of the request, following which it was –

RESOLVED: (a) That the Village Hall car park be made available on Sunday mornings between 9.00 am and 12 noon for use by disabled residents who were attending church services; and

(b) That in the event of there being any bookings in the hall on Sunday mornings, the Churches be notified at the earliest opportunity to enable the respective congregations to be informed.

(Note: The car park would be unavailable on 25 February 2018 as there was a prior booking in the Village Hall.)

204 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Mr W Atteridge, the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group updated the Parish Council on progress on preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Steering Group was working with Lucy Hughes from Cheshire Community Action, to prepare the various draft policies which would inform the final Plan. In due course, the Draft Plan would be submitted to the Parish Council for approval, prior to the Regulation 14 consultation period.

205 PLANNING MATTERS

205.1 Planning Applications

The Parish Council was invited to comment on the following planning applications.

18/0372N 56 Crewe Road, Shavington, CW2 5DW - Advertisements within the site

18/0373N 56 Crewe Road, Shavington, CW2 5DW - Advertisement 6.1 m x 1.5 m

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council object to planning applications Nos. 18/0372N and 18/0373N on the following grounds.

- On the application form, part of question 8 asked if the advertisements for which permission had been sought, were already in place. The applicant had put 'no' as the response, but this was false information as signs had already been displayed on the site.
- Sign No. 6 (Cherry Tree Park) was a potential highway safety hazard as it could prove distracting for motorists.

18/0377N Basford West Development Site, Jack Mills Way, Shavington
Approval of reserved matters (access and landscaping) pursuant to 14/0378N of the Basford West development site, Crewe Road, Crewe

18/0475N Basford West Development Site, Jack Mills Way, Shavington
Approval of reserved matters (access and landscaping), pursuant to 14/0378N of the Basford West development site, Crewe Road, Crewe - Outline planning application for B2 (general industry) and B8 (storage and distribution) comprising 1,042,500 sq ft with ancillary offices and maximum storey height of 18m, and associated works including construction of new spine road with access from Crewe Road and A500, creation of footpaths, drainage including formation of swales, foul pumping station, substation, earthworks to form landscaped bunds and landscaping.

18/0589N 37 Chestnut Avenue, Shavington, CW2 5BJ - Rear ground floor extension

18/0366N 25 Lordsmill Road, Shavington, CW2 5ET
Certificate of lawful proposed development of dormer conversion and Internal structural alterations.

RESOLVED: That no objections be raised in respect of planning applications Nos. 18/0377N, 18/0475N, 18/0589N and 18/0366N

18/0011N 271 Newcastle Road, Shavington, CW5 7ET
Proposed building extension for car repairs and MOT bay, additional open storage in connection with car repair, dismantling and salvage of parts and re-arrangement of parking.

RESOLVED: (a) That no objections be raised in respect of planning application No. 18/011N; and

(b) That the Local Planning Authority be asked to ensure that the current hours of operation are maintained and that appropriate signage is displayed.

205.2 Confirmation of Public Path Diversion Order Public Footpath No 4 (Part)

It was reported that Cheshire East Council had confirmed the Public Path Diversion Order. A copy of the correspondence from CEC was submitted.

206 HIGHWAY MATTERS (MINUTE NO. 186)

Councillor Steven Edgar invited the Parish Council to consider if it wished to support the introduction of a 30mph speed limit on Newcastle Road from the Elephant & Castle public house to the garage.

A Member spoke against the proposal and it was agreed that the matter required further consideration before a decision was made.

RESOLVED: That this matter be deferred to the next meeting.

207 COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – 17 JANUARY 2018

The Minutes of the Communications Committee meeting held on 17 January 2018 were submitted for information.

208 FINANCIAL MATTERS

208.1 Financial Statements – 1 April 2017 – 31 December 2017

The Parish Council received the following financial information showing the position of the Council's accounts at 31 December 2017:

- Receipts & Payments Statement, together with bank reconciliation
PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNT
- Receipts & Payments Statement together with bank reconciliation
VILLAGE HALL ACCOUNT
- Budget Monitoring Statement to 31 December 2017.

RESOLVED: That the financial statements for the period 1 April 2017 – 31 December 2017 be received and that the bank reconciliation for each account be noted as follows:

<u>Parish Council Account</u>	£
B/fwd on 1 April 2017	83,041.87
Receipts	94,111.92
LESS Payments	-61,085.17
TOTAL	<u>116,068.62</u>
Balance at bank (31 December 2017)	116,662.62
LESS Unpresented cheque (Ten & Bourne Ltd)	-594.00
TOTAL	<u>116,068.62</u>
 <u>Village Hall Account</u>	
B/fwd on 1 April 2017	4,951.88
Receipts	8,884.00
LESS Payments	-7,214.79
LESS Cheque returned - insufficient funds	-199.50
TOTAL	<u>6,421.59</u>
Balance at bank	6,421.59
TOTAL	<u>6,421.59</u>

208.2 Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:

A Parish Council Payments

£890.95	Mrs C M Jones	Net salary – January 2018
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£282.86	HMRC	Tax and Employer's NI
£15.00	A J Hardy Ltd	Monthly payroll service.
£80.00	C Willetts	Website support
£875.50	M Webster & Son Ltd	Grounds maintenance (£729.58 net and £145.92 VAT)
£7.63	Councillor B Gibbs	Reimbursement for Facebook buffer payment
£135.00	NicsPics	Payment for photos of village scenes. Cheque payable to N Parton
£208.40	KCOM	Wi-Fi service in the Village Hall
£171.60	Montgomery Marketing	Provision of 6' 10" tall Foamed Board Cut-out of Police Officer (£143.00 net and £28.60 VAT) (to be delivered week commencing 5 February 2018)

B Village Hall Payments

£372.50	Mrs B Fraser	Cleaning of the village hall (December 2017 and January 2018)
£50.81	ASH Waste Services Invoice 499305	Fortnightly collection of waste from the village hall. (£42.34 net and £8.47 VAT)
£22.04	ASH Waste Services	Underpayment on Invoice 490629 (authorised at Jan 2018 meeting).
£101.06	Trident	Supply overflow and waste for sink, plus labour (£84.22 net and £16.84 VAT)
£114.00	British Gas Invoice BR2330747SE	Heating problems in Village Hall (£95.00 net and £19.00 VAT)
£114.83	PPL	License to authorise public performance of sound recordings.
£62.52	North Staffs Fire Services Ltd	Provision of fire equipment
£16.50	Councillor V Adams	Village Hall supplies

208.3 Grounds Maintenance - Rose Beds

Mike Webster, the grounds maintenance contractor, had asked for approval to spend approximately £130.00 for the provision of bark mulch for the Rose beds.

RESOLVED: That Mike Webster & Son Ltd. be authorised to spend approximately £130.00 to fund bark mulch for the Rose beds.

209 OUTSTANDING MATTERS

The Clerk reported on the following outstanding matters.

209.1 Post Office Services

As requested, the Clerk had contacted the Manager of NISA who had confirmed that the shop was unwilling to re-introduce a Post Office service.

209.2 Parish boundary signs

The Clerk was awaiting a response from Cheshire East Highways.

210 CONNECTED COMMUNITIES NEWSLETTER

The Parish Council received a copy of a new publication by Cheshire East Council: Connected Communities.

It was suggested that as residents would be unaware of the existence of this publication, a note could be added to the newsletter.

**211 TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS CONFERENCE – TUESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2018
WESTFIELDS, SANDBACH**

The Parish Council was invited to nominate representatives to attend the Town and Parish Councils Conference to be held on Tuesday, 20 February 2018. The agenda for the meeting had yet to be finalised. Although the time had not been notified, it was likely that this would be an evening meeting.

Cabinet Members and the Corporate Leadership Team would be in attendance to answer questions.

RESOLVED: That Councillor M Andrews represent the Parish Council at the Town and Parish Councils Conference on 20 February 2018.

212 SHARED ITEMS

Members were able to share information which was not available for inclusion on the agenda. Decisions could not be taken under this item. The following issues were raised:

- The Drama Group wished to record its thanks to Councillors W McIntyre and V Adams for their help in facilitating use of the Village Hall for its activities.
- Councillor Cooper confirmed that he and his wife would be attending the Shavington Village Festival Committee pantomime (Aladdin) to be held on Friday, 23 February at Shavington Academy.
- Blocked grid: In response to a Member's question, it was confirmed by another Member that CEC had scheduled gulley-emptying in February 2018. This would be added as an item on the March agenda to review action taken.
- Pot-holes. The Clerk was asked to write to Cheshire East Highways to enquire into its programme of repairing pot-holes.
- The Chairman reported that he had purchased a bottle of whisky for the gentleman who carried out litter-picking in the village. Other Members would contribute to the cost.
- The Chairman had received invitations from Crewe Town Council to attend a variety of events.
- The possibility of introducing timed agendas was raised but considered to be impractical at this time as it could stifle debate.

**213 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
7 MARCH 2018**

Councillor R Hancock gave advance apologies for the March meeting.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.15 pm and concluded at 9.10 pm