

## SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2018 IN SHAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL, SHAVINGTON

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| <b>PRESENT:</b>              | Councillor M Ferguson                  | Chairman |
|                              | Councillor M Andrews                   |          |
|                              | Councillor L Buchanan                  |          |
| <b>NON-PARISH COUNCILLOR</b> | Nicola Cooper                          |          |
| <b>APOLOGIES:</b>            | Councillor K Gibbs and Mr G Hodgkinson |          |

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#### 9 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.

Non-Parish Council Members were required to declare any conflict of interest in any item on the agenda. Ms Cooper was not present at the meeting at this point in the proceedings.

#### 10 MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING – 15 AUGUST 2018

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 August 2018 be approved as a correct record.

(Note: Ms Cooper arrived at this point in the proceedings.)

#### 11 NEW HOMES BONUS

It was reported that the new homes bonus was a base of £50,000 and a top-up of £120,000 giving £170,000 for the Crewe area which comprises Crewe, Haslington, Shavington, Rope, Willaston, and Wistaston.

The funding allocation would initially be decided by a verification process to ensure that it met basic criteria; it would then be submitted to a committee of Ward Councillors: Crewe – nine: Haslington: two: Willaston: one; Wistaston: two, and Shavington: one.

The criteria were to be set around benefit to the community, alleviation of the effects of new houses, future proofing etc. There was a minimum award of £10,000 with no maximum limit. The deadline date for applications is December 2018. There would be a similar grant for houses built during 2018.

The Committee was invited to consider suitable projects which might be funded from this source, and to make recommendations to the Parish Council.

Councillor Steve Edgar had made some suggestions for consideration:

- Additional allotments
- Improvement of existing allotments
- Kick-about football field
- Older persons Luncheon Club
- Support for Festival Committee
- Support for Drama Group
- Support for Youth Club

Cheshire East Council had forwarded information inviting town and parish councils to feed in to the Local Awards Groups which had been set up to consider schemes. Shavington fell within the Crewe Group and its first meeting was to be held on 1 October 2018. Applications were not required for this meeting, the purpose of which was to agree 3-5 priorities for the Parish Councils' areas.

As this meeting was prior to the Parish Council meeting, the Council could, potentially, be disadvantaged. The Committee was, therefore, asked to nominate a Member to attend that meeting and report back to the Parish Council.

Members agreed that in view of the significant amount of housing already developed in the parish, and continuing to be developed, the main priority was open space for use by residents of all ages. This had been supported by the consultation carried out to inform the Neighbourhood Plan, an early draft of which had been submitted to the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May 2018.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor M Ferguson attend the Local Awards Group meeting to be held on Monday, 1 October 2018 to inform the Group that open space for use by residents of all ages was the key priority for the parish.

## 12 ACTIONS AGREED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members were invited to report back on actions agreed at the previous meeting.

1. Identify existing **recreation areas** in the parish, past and present.

No action taken.

2. An **inventory of the following play areas** was required to include the type of equipment on each.

- ☐ Gresty

- ☐ Opposite the Cheshire Cheese public house

Ms Cooper undertook to take photographs of this play area.

- ☐ Vine Tree Play Area

- ☐ Wessex Close Play Area (A copy of the RoSPA inspection report was submitted. The inspection had been carried out in November 2017.)

Members agreed that the equipment on the play areas required painting and the Committee should prepare a project plan and undertake the work, possibly as a community project during the summer 2019.

3. Identify other **potential areas** which could be used by the whole community.

Reference was made to a site which might be suitable as a recreation area. Following a discussion of the pros and cons of acquiring this site, it was **AGREED** that this be added to the agenda for the Parish Council meeting to be held on 3 October 2018, as a Part 2 item.

4. The **Clerk to contact local developers** in respect of their proposed play/recreation areas on developments currently being built and ask if they would be willing to contribute to the Committee's work by inputting as appropriate.

Information had been provided by Councillor Edgar to the Clerk, but the Clerk had not yet contacted developers.

5. The Clerk had been asked to contact Councillor S Edgar in his capacity as Chairman of the **Youth Club** to enquire if there was any protection status on the wall surrounding the building.

Councillor Edgar was unaware of the existence of any protection. Further enquiries were to be made by the Clerk.

6. **Nicola Cooper would be taking photographs** of play/recreation areas in the parish.
7. Individual **Members to inspect maps** to identify green spaces. This had yet to be carried out.
8. **Wessex Close Play Area**

The Clerk had contacted the Cheshire East Council Assets Manager to ask (a) if CEC would consider transferring the Wessex Close Play Area to the Parish Council; and (b) to request a copy of the last inspection report for the play area. As noted in item 2 above, the inspection report had been provided.

A response was awaited in respect of the potential transfer of the play area.

### **13 LAND TO REAR OF 71 MAIN ROAD**

The Committee was invited to give initial consideration to the possibility of purchasing the property at 71 Main Road, Shavington. The site had a large paddock which was also to be offered for sale.

It was acknowledged that this was outside the remit of the Committee, but Members could make a recommendation to the Parish Council, if considered appropriate.

There was a brief discussion, but no decision made.

### **14 VINE TREE PLAY AREA**

The Committee received a petition from residents who were requesting the closure of the Vine Tree Play Area 'at a reasonable time'.

As reported previously to the Parish Council, the PCSO had visited the play area on numerous occasions as part of his duties, but also in response to 101 calls. There had been no evidence of anti-social behaviour.

Members were of the view that if the Vine Tree Play Area were to be locked at certain times, this would have the effect of displacing activity to the Wessex Close Play Area. Both play areas should be freely available.

Councillor Andrews undertook to contact PCSO Corbett to obtain the figures for calls made through the 101 and 999 services and if there were significant incidents, the Committee could consider this matter again.

### **15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

There was no date set for the next meeting. This would be arranged when there was business to discuss.

The meeting commenced at 7.15 pm and concluded at 9.00 pm