

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting in the Memorial,
Woollards Lane, Great Shelford on Wednesday 14th April 2010

Present: Councillors Mr Knowles (chairman) Mrs Bennee (vice-chairman) Mrs Amis, Mrs Harwood, Mr Hinsby, Mrs Hodge, Mr Nightingale, Mr Prescott, Mr Smith, Mr Wilkinson. and Mrs Wilson.

Also in attendance: District Councillors Jamie Dipple and Mr Nightingale.

Apologies: were received from Councillors Mr Coggins, Mr Johnson and Mr Seekings and County Councillor Mr Orgee.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th March were **confirmed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

No members of the public were present.

2. MATTERS ARISING

a) *Mutilated Trees* (minute 4) Cllr: Smith asked whether there was any news about the 4 trees in Chaston Road that had been mutilated. Cllr: Nightingale said he had talked to the tree officer but had heard nothing further.

b) *Lime Kiln Road* (minute 4) Any further action regarding a sign at the junction of Worts Causeway cross roads; advising HGV drivers against using Lime Kiln Road will have to wait until after the local elections.

c) *Highways* (minute 4) Cllr: Smith said he is at a loss to see why the seat on London Road has to be moved before the bus shelter can be installed. This is the decision of the County Council.

3. NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

District Council

Cllr: Nightingale said he has contacted highways regarding the white lines at the entrance to Scotsdales which are virtually non existent. The yellow lines at Shelford Park Avenue will be discussed at the Traffic Management Area Joint Committee next week.

Community Association

Cllr: Nightingale said plans are in hand to change the boiler to gas and a trench will be dug along the edge of the car park to house the gas pipe.

Twinning Association

A group of French visitors are expected this week-end.

4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Recreation Ground

Cllr: Wilkinson asked if there were any plans to re-site the kick wall. The Chairman said it is proposed to place it further down the recreation ground, close to the basket ball area.

Highways

Cllr: Mrs Bennee said pot holes in the village are gradually being repaired; although the ones outside Lloyds Bank and the Co-op have not; despite a promise from the Highways Department that they would be top priority.

Cllr: Prescott has been trying to ascertain what changes are planned for the Granhams/Cambridge Road junction now that the £50,000 section 106 from the Abberley Woods development has been released.

Cllr: Nightingale said he would talk to the Section 106 Officer.

Following a discussion about the poor state of the footways it was agreed contact details of where to complain, should be put in the *village news*.

Cemetery & Allotments

Cllr: Mrs Harwood said arrangements are in hand to tidy the area where the graves soil is kept. A covering for the soil enclosure and compost bins will be purchased. It has been almost impossible to close the main gate for some time and it was proposed that John Ringer should be asked to see what needs to be done to solve the problem.

Planning Cllr: Mrs Hodge gave her report on the meeting held earlier in the evening.

5. PARISH DRAIN

The Chairman said that severe flooding in Elms Avenue is the result of a blockage in the parish drain. The damage occurred during the construction of Halatte Gardens; when despite being advised that the drain was there; one of the houses was built on top of the drain. This was investigated by the County Council highways department a year ago and the household had been in touch with the District Council. The Parish Council wrote to Leach Homes, receiving a negative reply. A letter was then sent to the Environment Agency who has agreed to investigate the problem further.

6. NEW PAVILION

The latest plans for the pavilion are with the Football Foundation, if acceptable the Chairman proposed that the next step should be to put it out to tender. That way the council will know exactly how much funding needs to be raised.

7. MEMORIAL HALL WINDOWS

Cllr: Nightingale said an application has been submitted to the District Council to change the windows in the village hall following approval by the Conservation Officer. The Community Association will approach WREN regarding a grant but before doing so asks that the Parish Council, as the owner of the hall, also makes a contribution.

8. CAR PARK WOOLLARDS LANE

The District Council has agreed to share the legal cost for the new lease 50/50 with the Parish Council.

9. HIGH GREEN PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Before adding the request for a Traffic Regulations Order to its waiting list the County Council needs confirmation that the Parish Council is willing to cover the costs of the signs and lines associated with limited waiting bays. It was agreed the estimated cost of £660 should be set aside.

10. FINANCE

Cllr: Wilkinson proposed, seconded by Cllr: Mrs Hodge that the Parish Council investments account should be moved from Barclays Bank to the Cambridge Building Society for a higher rate of interest. It was **resolved** that 22 accounts totalling £6,986.15, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr: Smith said the seat opposite Bridge Close has been badly damaged. Several trees on the cyleway have also been damaged. The area around the War Memorial is rather untidy. Cllr: Mrs Hodge said she has removed the Christmas tree from behind the memorial and suggested a permanent tree should be planted. At the litter pick six bags of rubbish was collected along Hinton Way and one side of Granhams Road; only one member of the public offered any help.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Chairman.....

