

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting in the Memorial,
Woollards Lane, Great Shelford on Wednesday 17th February 2010

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

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

Apologies: were received from Councillors Mrs Harwood and Mr Johnson.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th January were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. MATTERS ARISING

a) Seat Church Street (minute 8) The seat has been repaired and will be cleaned and treated in due course.

b) Farmers Market (minute 12) The muddy area on the recreation ground, beyond the barrier, has been filled with wood chippings.

3. NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

District Council

Cllr: Jamie Dipple talked about pot holes and said there is now a dedicated website for people wishing to report them. Referring to the council tax she said a proposed increase of just below 3% is going before the full council for approval. To achieve this cuts of 2.2million are planned, with a further half million being taken from the reserves.

Cllr: Smith congratulated the council for keeping its costs the same as last year.

In response to a question made last month concerning larger blue wheelie bins, for flats and housing complexes, she said this comment has been noted but at present the distribution of blue wheelie bins is still at the development stage.

Cllr: Nightingale reported the possibility of 13 redundancies in the planning department. The enforcement order has been issued for the Hilltrees Pub. Plans are in hand to change the proposed Best Kept Village to Community Pride; the final decision has yet to be made. He congratulated Sawston Youth Drama Group for the successful production of Oklahoma, in celebration of its 40th Birthday.

Parochial Charities

Cllr: Mrs Amis said all 28 parochial bungalows are now occupied.

Police Liaison

Cllr Seekings said there has recently been a spate of burglaries in the village. Whilst the occupants of a bungalow opposite him had been away, someone had broken in and ransacked the property. When this reported the police response was good.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Recreation Ground

Cllr: Smith said the football pitches are suffering from the bad weather and overuse.

Cllr: Hinsby said unfortunately it is not possible to fit a speed adjuster to the tractor, without reducing its efficiency.

Highways

Cllr: Mrs Bennee said although the pot holes on the railway bridge had been repaired there are still many more to be done. The council's main concern is why the repairs are not being sealed. A letter will be sent to the Highways Department asking why this is not done. The number of large lorries that pass through the village was discussed.

Cllr: Hinsby said he thought a further sign, at Worts Causeway cross roads, advising HGV drivers against using Lime Kiln Road would be helpful. Cllr: Nightingale will contact Bob Dridon.

Planning Cllr: Mrs Hodge went through her report. She said the East of England Assembly had agreed to adopt scenario 1. There is a Mineral and Waste plan on display at the Rugby Club, a review on Local Transport Plan at Sawston and a workshop on how to organise a village clean up at Camboume: Remembering the lack of response to the clean ups the council has tried to organize in the past, this workshop could be very useful.

Cllr: Nightingale said Circle Anglia is no longer interested in developing the land at the rugby Club.

Cllr: Smith talked about 4 trees in Chaston Road that have been mutilated - Cllr: Nightingale will check.

5. RECREATION GROUND

The chairman said the Football Club would like to install a seat in memory of Mr Fletcher and are also seeking permission to fly a football club flag during football matches. The council fully supported these proposals.

A quotation has at last been received to repair the broken coping stones at the front of the village hall at a cost of £380.

Cllr: Nightingale proposed, seconded by Cllr: Bennee that this quotation should be accepted - agreed.

6. RoSPA REPORT

The Clerk listed several items from last year's report that needed attention. Cllr: Hinsby agreed to lubricate the seesaw and to move the water butt next to the skateboard ramp. A contractor will be asked to look at the sand pit gate and protruding bolt on the slide.

7. CAR PARK WOOLLARDS LANE

The present lease of the car park in Woollards Lane expires in May. The District Council has agreed to be responsible for reinstatement of the car park site to meadow land should this become necessary. Under these conditions the Parish Council would be prepared to take over the new lease, subject to acceptable terms.

The District Council would no longer be responsible for maintenance or re-surfacing of the car park; under the new lease this would fall to the Parish Council.

8. RUGBY PITCH LEASE STONEHILL ROAD

The present lease of an area of allotment land at Stonehill Road expires in May this year. The Rugby Club has been advised that should it wish to renew the lease it may be necessary for the council to offer a shorter period. This would enable the council to open up further plots, should the need arise.

Nationally the demand for allotments has increased; however by reducing the size of plots; thus increasing the quantity, the Parish Council has managing to meet its needs.

It was proposed that a 5 years lease be offered.

9. TRUSTEES FUNDING

Cllr: Nightingale said the Feast is now a registered charity and has been advised by the Charities Commission that as trustee members should have public liability cover. He asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to cover the £400 annual fee. The Chairman said the council would need to see information from the Charities Commission before any decision could be made.

10. FINANCE

It was resolved that 19 accounts totalling £3,717.64, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The councillors were made aware that should the General Election be scheduled for 6th May, the date of Parish Council elections would have to be changed, as they cannot both be held on the same day. Further information will be forthcoming.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman.....