

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting in the Memorial,
Woollards Lane, Great Shelford on Wednesday 16th June 2010

Present: Councillors Mrs Bennee (chairman) Mrs Hodge (vice-chairman) Mrs Amis, Mr Coggins, Mrs Harwood, Mr Hinsby, Mr Prescott, Mr Seekings, Mr Smith, and Mrs Wilson. Also in attendance: County Councillor Dr Keney and District Councillors Mr Berent, and Mr Nightingale.

Apologies: were received from Councillors Revd: Goater, Mr Johnson, Mr Knowles, Mr Nightingale and Mr Wilkinson. County Councillor Mr Orgee, District Councillor Jamie Dipple and Mr Nightingale.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th May were **confirmed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

No members of the public were present.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Mutilated Trees (minute 2a) No further information available about the four trees in Chaston Road.

3. NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

County Council

Cllr: Kenney said the Government Transport Department is backing officers and members of the Council regarding problems with the guided bus.

She had attended the Joint Development Control committee meeting concerning the development at Trumpington Meadows. Approval was eventually given after a long and complicated meeting. In response to two questions she said it is part of the planning condition that the Addenbrookes access road does not open until the infrastructure at Trumpington Meadow is complete. Although a final decision has not been made it is quite possible that this development will come under the City.

Cllr: Smith talked about the fencing on the railway bridge and asked whether the County Council had claimed for the repairs against the insurance of the driver who crashed through the fence –

Cllr: Kenny said she would investigate.

District Council

Cllr: Shelton said he was also at the Trumpington Meadow meeting; he asked if the Parish Council has received a Design Code. Cllr: Hodge confirmed that it had.

He reminded people of the forthcoming Proms concert in July on the recreation ground.

Community Association

Simon Sparrow has been elected the new chairman of the Community Association. Two letters from the CA were presented to the council. The first informing the council that a gas heating system is to be installed in the hall: the second concerning registration with the Land Registry.

Police Liaison

Cllr Seekings said cars parked at Wandlebury and Gog Magog Downs are constantly broken into. This is an ongoing problem and the police are asking people not to leave personal possessions on show, but to lock them away out of site.

Energy Partnership

Cllr: Harwood Said the Parish Council is now a member of the District Council Energy Partnership. An open vegetable garden event is planned for next year and she asked for permission to approach the allotment holders - **agreed**.

4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Recreation Ground

Cllr: Smith went through his report.

Cllr: Hinsby said he had been approached by Mr Charlton about ivy in the hedge bordering his property. Cllr: Hodge volunteered to investigate and to remove where necessary.

Dog fouling is becoming a problem; many owners let their dogs off the lead at the entrance to the recreation ground to run free. Having no idea where the dog has fouled they are not clearing up after them.

Highways

The bus shelter has at last been installed on London Road, without the need to move the seat.

A letter has been received from the County Council stating that it proposes to make an Order, the effect of which will be the removal of the existing prohibited waiting restrictions on the west side of Station Road.

Cemetery & Allotments

Cllr: Harwood said the compost bins are working well. The tarpaulin is in situ but needs two posts to finish it off.

Planning

Cllr: Mrs Hodge went through her report. She then reported on the proposed changes to the planning system as outlined in the Conservative Green Papers 'Control Shift' and 'Open Source Planning'. These include abolition of the regional tier of planning and regional housing targets and the removal of the natural policy on housing density. Local plans will replace the current development plan system and will include zoning of uses. There is a proposal to set up local Housing Trusts at the Parish level which could bring forward small scale developments for affordable housing outside the planning process.

These and other proposals will be confirmed in legislation in the future.

5. GROUNDWORKS ESTIMATE

Following on from the last meeting the recreation ground committee had further considered the best option to deal with the damaged ground beyond the barrier. After carefully considering the options the committee agreed that the groundworks proposed by S & L Builders is the best option. It was proposed by Cllr: Smith, seconded by Cllr: Seekings that the estimate from S & L Builders of £1,600 should be accepted – **agreed**.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION

The Chairman read the following notice of resolution

'that the Parish Council, in accordance with provisions of section 14(3) Local Government Act 1972, should enter into an appropriate form of indemnity to secure the use of monies for the use of such purposed in accordance with the Section 106 Agreement that relates, upon the Parish Council in this matter'.

The indemnity form for a section 106 allocation on 33 Coppice Avenue was duly signed by two members of the council.

7. NEW PAVILION

Cllr: Smith talked about funding for the new pavilion and said the Parish Council will be expected to contribute a reasonable amount before the Football Foundation and other organizations that have been approached will back the project. To date the council has received several section 106 payments which he suggested should go towards the new pavilion.

Following some discussion it was proposed by Cllr: Smith, seconded by Cllr: Seekings that section 106 payments should go to a 'Pavilion and Recreation Fund' – **agreed**.

8. GRANHAMS ROAD JUNCTIONS

Although the Parish Council has tried to find out what improvements are planned for the Granhams/Cambridge Road junction no response has been forthcoming. Since the last meeting the Chairman has contacted the section 106 Officer, who confirmed that the planning gains monies had been received but was not able to offer any ideas as to what would be done.

Cllr: Nightingale said in his written report that a meeting with officers is being arranged and should take place within the next few weeks.

9. RUGBY CLUB LEASE

The 15 years lease for the allotment land on Stonehill Road has now expired and a new lease is being drawn up; however, due to the potential demand for allotments it will be for a much shorter period and will have a suitable break clause.

10. SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

As in previous years the Parish Council is happy to support the library reading Scheme. Cllr: Bennee proposed, seconded by Cllr: Hodge that £250 should be offered – **agreed**.

11. COMMUNITY PRIDE/LOCAL HERO AWARDS

These are awards announce by the District Council to recognize the contributions of local people to their community and the work of Parish Councils in making South Cambridgeshire the place where people are proud to live. The closing date is 31st July and it was proposed that suggestions should be brought to the next meeting.

12. FINANCE

It was **resolved** that 23 accounts totalling £8,112.79, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Complaints were raised about overgrown shrubs and bushes; and gravel from drives spreading onto the footway. Cllr: Prescott has produced a list of offending householders and is prepared to put letters through doors.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Chairman.....