

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting in the Memorial,  
Woollards Lane, Great Shelford on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Present: Councillors Mr Knowles (chairman) Mrs Bennee (vice-chairman) Mrs Amis, Mr Coggins, Mr Hinsby, Mrs Hodge, Mr Johnson Mr Nightingale, 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, Mrs Harwood, Mr Prescott, and Mr Wilkinson. County Councillor Mr Orgee and District Councillor Jamie Dipple.

### 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February were **confirmed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

The meeting was adjourned for the open session and signing of Election of Parish Councillors Nomination Papers.

As no members of the public were present, following completion of the forms the meeting re-convened.

### 2. MATTERS ARISING

a) *Mutilated Trees* (minute 4) Cllr: Smith asked whether anything had been done about the 4 trees in Chaston Road that had been mutilated. Cllr: Nightingale said no response has yet been received, he will make further enquiries.

b) *Lime Kiln Road* (minute 4) Further enquiries will be made regarding a sign at the junction of Worts Causeway cross roads; advising HGV drivers against using Lime Kiln Road.

### 3. NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

#### County Council

Cllr: Kenney referred to Cllr: Orgee's written report, highlighting some items. She talked at length about the ongoing problems and disputes regarding the Guided Bus and about pot holes, which the highways department is doing its best to deal with as quickly as possible.

#### District Council

Cllr: Nightingale said that in response to a question made last month about blue wheelie bins a picture and information had been included in the recently distributed District Council magazine. An appeal has been lodged against the enforcement order issued for the Hilltrees Pub.

Cllr: Smith questioned why the proposed council tax increase for Cambridge is just under 3%, whereas the national average is just under 2%. Unfortunately Cambridgeshire starts from the 4<sup>th</sup> lowest base in the country.

#### Police Liaison

Cllr Seekings said burglaries are still a problem in Cambridgeshire as a whole.

### 4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

#### Recreation Ground

Cllr: Johnson went through his report. Referring to the recreation ground entrances he said the area at the main entrance has been re-turfed. He proposed that during Feast week some form of protection should be used. The area by the skateboard ramp has also fared badly this winter and he proposed that vehicles should not be permitted to park in this area during the winter months.

The football pitches have also taken a battering and will need some repair work at the end of the season. The football clubs have been approached and agreed to pay £500 towards the cost of £1,087. The balance remainder is covered in the council budget.

Cllr: Mrs Hodge said she is concerned that the feast scaffolding is still leaning against some young trees. Cllr: Nightingale said he will look into this.

### **Highways**

Cllr: Mrs Bennee said the position for the proposed bus shelter on London Road has been changed by the Highways Department and will now go against the wall where the seat is. The seat will be moved further along.

**Planning** Cllr: Mrs Hodge went through her report. She said details of the S106 for the Mandarin Orient Hotel have now been agreed. The haul road will definitely come out on Granhams Road, but there is still no information as to where the spoil will actually go. Severe flooding has occurred in Elms Avenue, is due to a blockage in the parish drain under Halatte Gardens. Leach homes have been informed. The Parish Council is still concerned about the proposed farm building on the land by the Rugby Club. Cllr: Coggins suggested the council should look into conditions on agricultural development. At a Tree Wardens meeting the council was advised that trees on all parish council land should be inspected.

### **5. ANNUAL INSURANCE**

The Parish Council had been informed that administration of the Local Council Insurance policy has been transferred to a different company which seemed an appropriate time to look at other options. Aviva had in fact approached the council and was sent details of the schedule. The Aviva policy offers improved cover for the Parish, Councillors, Employees and volunteers, for a substantially reduced premium; with the option of a further 5% reduction on a 3 years binding agreement.

After considering the benefits it was proposed by Cllr: Nightingale, seconded by Cllr: Mrs Amis that the 3 years option should be taken up, and the annual fee for 2010/11 of £2,994.60 be accepted - **agreed**

### **6. CAR PARK WOOLLARDS LANE**

Awaiting copy of new lease.

### **7. PARKING RECREATION GROUND**

Stall holders at the Farmer Market have been parking their vehicles behind the scout hut; unfortunately due to the extreme weather the ground has been badly damaged this winter. Suitable repairs will be carried out.

To prevent this happening again it was proposed by Cllr: Nightingale, seconded by Cllr: Coggins that parking should not be permitted between 1<sup>st</sup> October and 31<sup>st</sup> March each year.

### **8. TURF NETTING**

As part of the repairs to the area beyond the barrier turf netting will need to be purchase. It was proposed by Cllr: Coggins propose, seconded by Cllr: Nightingale that 2 rolls of turf netting, at a cost of £1,190 are purchased – **agreed**

### **9. CRADLE SWINGS**

The front supports on one of the cradle swings are badly worn, on inspection it was suggested both swings should be replaced.

Cllr: Nightingale proposed, seconded by Cllr: Johnson that 2 swings should be purchased; using some of the money donated by the Feast – **agreed**

### **10. HIGH GREEN PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

A letter from the Post Master regarding extended parking outside the post office has been received. Several years ago the Parish Council did try to have limited parking restricted

introduced; only to be told by the Highways Division that it was unable to fund any alterations to waiting restrictions in High Green.

Following some discussion it was agreed that the council should try once again. Cllr: Nightingale proposed, seconded by Cllr: Johnson that the Parish Council should offer to pay the advertising costs, if the County Council is prepared to introduce limited parking. It was proposed that when replying to the Post Master it should be suggested that a petition might help the cause.

**11. FINANCE**

It was **resolved** that 19 accounts totalling £9,557.81, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr: Hinsby asked what was happening about the land at the end of Granhams Close. The Chairman said The Parish council is not prepared to take over the land unless it is completely cleared; at the present time the District Council does not have the resources to clear the land.

Cllr: Smith said although the flags had now been found some were missing – he was asked to purchase as necessary.

Cllr: Nightingale said he plans to have a musical event, similar to the last night of the proms on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman.....