

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

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

Also in attendance: County Councillor Dr Kenney, District Councillors Jamie Dipple and Mr Shelton, together with five members of the public.

Apologies: were received from Councillors Mr Johnson and Mr Nightingale.

## 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October, following amendments, were **confirmed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

The meeting closed to allow member of the public to speak.

A local resident asked if the lease for the car park has been signed. Cllr: Knowles said the lease is with the Parish Council's solicitor at present and members of the council have met with him to discuss it.

The Chairman was thanked for posting the minutes on the Parish Council website.

## 2. MATTERS ARISING

a) *District Council Report* (minute 3) The Chairman said Andrew Lansley plans to hold a meeting in the Memorial Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> January to consider village issues.

b) *Parish Plan* (minute 6) The Chairman said she and Cllr: Hodge have arranged to meet in January with the two people interested in helping with a parish plan.

c) *Christmas Tree* (minute 7) The Chairman said four aspen poles have been purchased to form a pyramid structure for the festive lights, to fit over the yew tree at the War Memorial.

d) *Any Other Business* (minute 9) Arrangements are in hand for the trees at the Memorial Green to be inspected.

## NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

### County Council

Cllr: Kenney talked about the changes that will need to be made to public services as a result of the Government cut backs. Drastic cuts to reduce spending are scheduled for the Social Care Services. A new assessment service is to be introduced offering care and help to sharpen up adult social care.

The Addenbrooke's access road has been officially opened and is making a difference already. Many street lights are coming to the end of their productive life and it is planned to replace them within the next 5 years with down facing white lights. This has to be approved by the Transport Minister.

Referring to adult social care Cllr: Goater talked about a dedicated monitoring street scheme, where people keep a watchful eye on vulnerable neighbours. Cllr: Kenney confirmed that Sawston is already setting up such a scheme.

### District Council

Cllr: Jamie Dipple told the meeting about a Village Energy Show at Comberton on 27<sup>th</sup> November. Excavation confirmed that the meeting had been moved after 200 letters protesting against the Tesco applications had been received; more letters are expected.

He then went on to explain that on Thursday he will be putting forward a motion on behalf of the Parish Council asking the District Council to support and forward to central Government a proposal for a change in planning legislation, to ensure that movement from a non-food use to a food use in Class A1 of the Use Classes Order 2010 will require planning permission.

### **School**

Cllr: Goater said the school's Christmas Fair is on 4<sup>th</sup> December and he hoped as many people as possible would come along.

### **Police Liaison**

Cllr: Seekings said the support of the police at the Remembrance Day Service was welcomed; the absence of traffic much appreciated.

Speed checks on Hinton Way during October had caught several drivers exceeding the speed limit.

Cllr: Hodge said the County Council has been contacted regarding HCV lorries loaded with gravel, that use Tunwells Lane on a regular basis.

### **Sustainable Shelford**

Cllr: Harwood talked about the motion being put before the District Council and thanked Cllr: Shelton for his help. The Chairman of the Community Association is looking at the possibility of installing solar panels as a source of electricity for the Memorial Hall and has asked Sustainable Shelford for advice.

## **4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **Recreation Ground**

Cllr: Smith said the seat in memory of Charlie Fletcher has now been installed. Young people are using the pillars at the front of the pavilion as goal posts. To prevent this happening the area has been seeded and netting installed. It is hoped this might encourage them to use the kick wall instead.

### **Cemetery and Allotments**

Cllr: Harwood said complaints have been received concerning the poor condition of the cemetery. The committee will meet on site to consider what action should be taken to improve the situation.

Allotment rents are in the process of being renewed, some tenants have given up their plots which will clear the present waiting list.

**Planning** Cllr: Mrs Hodge went through her report.

## **5. CAR PARK WOOLLARDS LANE**

The lease is with the Parish Council's solicitor.

## **6. GRANHAMS ROAD JUNCTION**

Cllr: Nightingale had sent a report and a map showing the proposed changes at Granhams Road junction. There is a BT box in the footway, where it is proposed to introduce a new kerb line, which would have to be relocated. The cost to do this is unknown at present and may reflect on the final decision. There will also be anti-skid surfacing and red surfacing for a cycle lane. There was no mention of moving the 30mph sign.

## **7. FINANCE**

It was **resolved** that 19 accounts totalling £10,713.66, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

## **12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman said she had been approached by a farmer interested in building leisure accommodation and a conference facility at the Dernford Reservoir. He would like the council views and has asked if he could attend one of the meetings. It was suggested that he should come to the January meeting.

Cllr: Smith talked about a barrier to protect the fence in the car park – until the lease is signed there is nothing the council can do.

He then talked about estate agents advertising boards – Cllr: Hodge will investigate.

The meeting closed at 8.58pm

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