

**GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL**  
Minutes of Meeting held in the Memorial Hall, Woollards Lane,  
Great Shelford on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010

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

Also in attendance: County Councillors Mr Orgee and Dr Kenney; District Councillors Jamie Dipple, Mr Nightingale and Mr Shelton.

Apologies: were received from Councillors Mr Coggins, Revd: Goater and Mr Knowles.

**1. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September were **confirmed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

No members of the public were present.

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

*Boiler House* (minute 2) Referring to the proposal that the Feast committee should use the boiler house for storage, Cllr: Smith said the boiler house is included in the Memorial Hall lease; therefore, the Community Association will need to be consulted.

**3. NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**

**County Council**

Referring to the Governments Spending Review, Cllr: Orgee said, the County Council reductions are expected to be 7% for this year, and the following four years. However, as Cambridge is deemed the fastest growing area in the country it is hoped the reduction may be slightly lower. Being aware of the medium term plan set down by the previous Government, the council did take this in to account when setting its budget; although the actual reduction is slightly greater than expected.

The County Council contributed half a million pounds towards the introduction of the blue recycling bins.

Together with councillors Kenney, Nightingale and Shelton he is a member of the Cambridgeshire Joint Development Control committee.

The Addenbrookes access road is due to open next week.

When asked about Northstowe, he said building is due to start shortly; however now that upgrading of the A14 has been suspended, the number of houses will be limited.

Cllr: Kenney said houses at the Trumpington and Northstow sites will be built to a low carbon design. An exhibition at Long Stanton has a low carbon house showing how it all works.

A new emergency number *112* has been introduced; this will eventually replace the old 999 and can be used throughout Europe.

Efforts are in hand to introduce high technology broadband to the area. Cllr: Orgee said Andrew Lansley has taken this on board and is doing everything he can to help.

**District Council**

Cllr: Shelton said the introduction of the blue recycling bins is going well.

Cllr: Nightingale congratulated the Parish Council for being awarded second place in the Community Pride Awards.

Talking about Speed issues in the village he said a speed check had recently taken place on Hinton Way. When asked about other areas he said for health and safety reasons Hinton Way is the only stretch of road long enough for a speed check.

He asked if anyone would be interested in helping with a survey on diabetes, or help with funding for a helipad at Addenbrookes.

He confirmed that Andrews Lansley had agreed to hold a meeting in the village hall, to discuss the impending opening of a Tesco Express.

### **Community Association**

Cllr: Smith said changes to the boiler system are going well. Letting charges for the hall have been increased by 2%.

Cllr: Hodge said nothing has yet been done in response to her request that the cleaning equipment is stored somewhere else. At present it blocks the entrance to the parish council records store. A letter will be sent to the chairman of the Community Association.

### **Police Liaison**

The Co-op was broken into at 4am on Saturday. The thieves avoided the alarm system by removing a glass panel at the entrance.

### **Sustainable Shelford**

In light of what is happening at Eden Lilley Cllr: Harwood talked about the lack of planning legislation regarding the change of use when shops change hands and suggested that the community should do something about it. Cllr: Hodge agreed to talk to Gareth Jones.

Cllr: Nightingale said he thought public houses should also be included.

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

### **Recreation Ground**

Cllr: Smith said he had raked and seeded the area by the implement shed and the area by the barrier has now been seeded by the contractor.

An unsatisfactory reply to the letter sent to the Football Foundation has been received.

He commented on how well the recreation ground is kept; Seamus does a good job and should be congratulated.

### **Highways**

Cllr: Nightingale said at a meeting to consider what changes should be made at Granhams Road junction, it was suggested that the 30mph limit should be extended to the other side of the railway bridge, the entrance should be widened and there should be better signage. Drawings will be available for the next meeting.

Spring bulbs have been planted in the verges on Cambridge Road. The gritting machine has been purchased and arrangements for the bins are in hand.

### **Planning**

Cllr: Hodge went through her report. She said it would be useful if the Parish Council could be notified in advance when planning applications, relevant to Great Shelford, are to be discussed.

At the recent District and Parish Council Liaison meeting the new IT system was discussed.

When section 106 payments were considered Parish Council representatives said they would like to know how the system works and suggested that a meeting should be called to give them the opportunity to learn how it operates.

Four planning applications have been received from Tesco and will be made available to the public. The committee room has been booked for Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November when the plans will be on view from mid-day until 8pm.

## **5. CAR PARK LEASE**

The lease is with Mr Rayment for approval, before being passed to the Parish Council.

## **6. PARISH PLAN**

The Chairman said she has been contacted by two people interested in helping with a parish plan. Although the Parish Council would be involved, it needs an independent group to work on the plan.

Cllr: Kenny suggested they should be asked to try to find other similar minded people.

**7. CHRISTMAS TREE**

A young yew tree has been planted near the War Memorial, once established it will be a suitable tree for the Christmas lights. However until this is possible, it was proposed that a collapsible wooden structure should be made to hold the lights.

**8. FINANCE**

It was **resolved** that 25 accounts totalling £5,980.17, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The waste bin by the bus stop on London Road needs replacing – Arrangements are in hand for it to be replaced.

The commemorative seat at the War Memorial Green needs cleaning – this will be arranged.

The trees at The Memorial Green need to be looked at – this will be investigated.

Cllr: Wilkinson congratulated the Chairman on how well she had coped with the public meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

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