

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held in the Memorial Hall, Woollards Lane,
Great Shelford on Wednesday 8th September 2010

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

Also in attendance: County Councillor Dr Kenney and District Councillors Mr Nightingale and Mr Shelton.

Apologies: were received from Councillors Mrs Harwood and Mr Seekings, County Councillor Mr Orgee and District Councillors Jamie Dipple.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st July were **confirmed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

No members of the public were present.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Paper Banks/Boiler Room (minute 5 July minutes) Cllr: Knowles proposed that once the old boiler and storage tank have been removed from the boiler house it should be offered to the Feast committee as storage space. This proposal was seconded by Cllr: Johnson and **agreed** by the council.

Cllr: Johnson said he would like to meet with members of the Feast committee to discuss their storage arrangements.

Finance (Minute 3 F & GP minute) The increases proposed at the F & GP meeting were considered by the council. On a proposal by Cllr: Nightingale, seconded by Cllr: Knowles it was **resolved** that all increase be accepted.

3. NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

County Council

Cllr: Kenney said the Addenbrookes access road is scheduled to open by the end of the year; possibly a little earlier. She had attended an interesting presentation by the developers of the Trumpington Meadow site about the artwork. The slides and pictures showed how impressive the development would look. At this stage 350 houses will be built; a quarter of the final number.

In response to a question regarding the planned budget cut imposed by the Government she said 30% has to be saved over the next 4 years. Talking about street lighting she said it is planned to introduce PFI lights, a more flexible system which should reduce costs, without turning the lights off. Several councillors showed their concern at the amount of light pollution.

Cllr: Knowles asked whether there is any way that members of the public can make suggestions; perhaps by public consultation.

District Council

Cllr: Shelton said he was also at the Trumpington Meadow meeting and was suitably impressed.

Cllr: Nightingale said overnight lighting at the Park & Rise sites, is for security reasons. Referring to the current investigations at Hauxton and the Portfolio Offer had recently visited the site; a statement will be issued next Thursday.

A further step has been taken in the legal procedure against the gentleman at Hilltrees.

Action is also being taken regarding the storage of logs by a resident of Granhams Close.

Community Association

Cllr: Hodge said asked if something could be done about the cleaning equipment stored in the cupboard which blocks the entrance to the parish council records. Cllr: Nightingale said he would raise it at the next meeting of the association.

Parochial Charities

Cllr: Wilkinson said financial assistance for a wall mounted television had been donated by the Parochial Charities, Oral History Group and the Feast.

School

Cllr: Goater said the children are back at school. There is a new figure in the telephone kiosk, he urged people to read the accompanying poem.

Cllr Hodge confirmed that the Chestnut tree in the Church yard has been inspected and declared safe.

4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Recreation Ground

Cllr: Smith said there is sufficient material left to have the drainage area beyond the barrier extended. It was agreed to wait and see how the present area copes through the coming winter. He said the pavilion had been thoroughly cleaned by a contract cleaner and then went on to talk about the heavy demands on the toilets and the lack of respect from the clubs that use them. Cllr: Johnson said the sports clubs that use the toilets expect them to be cleaned on a daily basis; this is not financially viable unless the clubs are prepared to make a contribution towards the costs. The recreation ground committee was asked to consider this at its next meeting.

Highways

Cllr: Nightingale went through his report. Talking about winter gritting he proposed, seconded by Cllr: Hodge that a salt/grit spreader at a cost of £252 is purchased – **agreed**. Four grit bins will also need to be purchased.

Work has been carried out in Elms Avenue to clear the parish drain. The broken light on the village sign will be replaced using a photocell fitment.

Planning

Cllr: Hodge gave her report.

5. PAVILION

Cllr: Knowles said he and Cllr: Smith met with Jim Hill, the representative of from the Football Association to discuss funding for the new pavilion; only to be told that the Football Foundation had run out of money. All of its funding for 2011 had already been committed.

The combined funding for Cambridgeshire, expected from the Premiership and the Government over the next 3 years is £350,000; far less than previous years. The most the council could expect to receive would be £50,000, as apposed to the 50 to 55% originally mentioned.

Cllr: Knowles went on to describe the history of what had happened so far and expressed his anger at how badly served the council has been by the Football Association.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Football Foundation, with a copy to the Football Association and Andrew Landsley; setting out exactly what has happened over the past 3 years.

6. BOBBY SCHEME

In response to a request for financial help for the Bobby Scheme, which offers security advice to both victims of burglary and potential victims, it was proposed by Cllr: Nightingale, seconded by Cllr: Wilkinson that, as last year, £500 should be given – **agreed**.

7. FINANCE

It was **resolved** that 17 accounts totalling £6,903.43, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Now that the station area is being cleaned by a local volunteer, is it possible to replace the waste bins – enquiries will be made.

There are two maps of the village at the station, could one be moved to the other side – permission was given.

The trees at Chaston Road still have not been replaced – the housing Department will be contacted.

The Cricket Club has been promoted, a congratulatory letter should be sent from the council – as letter will be sent.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Chairman.....