

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial Hall,  
Woollards Lane, Great Shelford on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2011

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

Also in attendance: County Councillor Dr Kenney, District Councillor Mr Nightingale and one member of the public. Apologies: were received from Councillors, Mr Johnson, Mr Knowles and Mr Seeking, and District Councillors Jamie Dipple and Mr Shelton.

### 1. MINUTES

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

### 2. MATTERS ARISING

Before commencing her report Cllr: Mrs Hinsby declared an interest.

a) *Art Project* Cllr: Mrs Hinsby said only one artist has shown any interest and produced a draft design for the railings so far. It is hoped other artists will come to the annual meeting. Being a professional artist herself Mrs Hinsby said she is considering whether to submit a design. There seems to be a some resistance from the Arts Manager to using local artists and craftsmen; as this is a community project the Parish Council feels local people should be involved. Lesley Morgan and Andy O'Hanlon will be at the annual meeting to talk about the Community Art Project and explain how it works.

b) *Car park Lease* (minute 2a) Negotiations are at a stand still. A letter explaining the position of the parish council has been sent to the landlord's agent and a reply has not yet been forthcoming. Cllr: Coggins expressed his concern at the amount of time it is taking to establish a new lease adding that to lose the car park would be disastrous to the village. Cllr: Nightingale said legal negotiations have been in progress for some time and confirmed that the District Council is still paying the rent.

c) *Cemetery Sign* (minute 2c) In response to a request that the parish council could install the sign itself a set of regulations were imposed by the County Council. Unfortunately the company the council wished to use was not able to comply with these conditions. Cllr: Kenney offered to look into the problem.

### 3. NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

#### County Council

Cllr: Kenney talked about Cambridgeshire Integral Plan 2011/2012 and said this has been the worst financial settlement in the history of the council. The Government has offered to pay an extra 2.5% if the council tax is not increased. Demography suggests there are more infirm and weak residents needing social care so the council feels it is important to protect the vulnerable and weak and have tried to protect children and adult social care.

At the recent consultation meeting concerning library closures she said she thought it sad that people spoke of the need to protect libraries but no one actually volunteered to help; there must be many local residents prepared to man the desk.

Children taken into care under the Placement Strategy for looking after children has increased by over 25% and the council is trying to address this by changing the way that Social Workers are deployed.

School Funding in Cambridgeshire in 2011/2012 received a dedicated grant of £4,643.51 per pupil, less per pupil than all but 8 councils, and substantially less than our neighbouring counties. The National government has provided Cambridgeshire with a substantial amount of money to repair potholes; there is a dedicated number to ring.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April the County Council is responsible for managing the National Concessionary bus pass scheme.

## **District Council**

Cllr: Nightingale said the Railway Tavern planning application and the Tesco highway traffic survey have been deferred to the meeting in May.

Lane markings as you enter the Addenbrookes access road are rather confusing and as a result some drivers are turning into the path of oncoming traffic.

## **Community Association**

Cllr: Harwood said one estimate has already been received for solar panels on the village hall and another is expected.

## **Sustainable Shelford**

Cllr: Harwood said several allotment holders have agreed to support the 'Open Vegetable Gardens' and asked for permission to use a piece of spare ground at Stonehill Road for exhibition purposes – **agreed**.

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

### **Recreation Ground**

Cllr: Smith said additional dog fouling notices have been posted close to the entrance and other strategic places on the recreation ground and a notice will go in the Village News to advise dog owners that unless the situation improves the Parish Council will have to consider banning dogs from the recreation ground. It was suggested that perhaps the notice at the entrance to the recreation ground should be replaced with something more stringent. It was agreed that dog fouling and litter has become a problem throughout the village.

Photographs of the damaged skateboard ramp have been sent to the contractor so that he can see what needs to be done.

### **Highways**

Cllr: Nightingale said replies have now been received from at least two residents living near the parking bays in Church Street; one for and one against. Following some discussion it was agreed that the final decision should be deferred until after work at the Old British School site has been completed.

### **Cemetery**

Cllr: Harwood said a working party of councillors and two members of the public spent a some time tidying the cemetery.

Several complaints have been received about the long grass at the cemetery, it is hoped this will be resolved now the contractors have started the cutting schedule.

### **Planning**

Cllr: Mrs Hodge went through her report.

## **5. GRANHAM'S ROAD JUNCTION**

The design for changes at the Granhams Road junction is progressing slowly. Some of the changes proposed at the last meeting, including 30 mph roundels and a SLOW marking on the road approaching the junction, are acceptable to the Road Safety Engineer Team. However as the change in speed limit is not at the edge of the village it is unlikely that a village gateway/entrance would be effective. The Divisional traffic Engineer will be consulted about parking restrictions along Granhams Road.

## **6. FINANCE**

It was **resolved** that 22 accounts totalling £5,133.91, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

In response to a letter from a local resident regarding the speed of traffic, particularly motor bikes, in Macaulay Avenue it was suggested the PCSO should be asked to visit the area.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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