

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee
held in the Memorial Hall, Woollards Lane, Great Shelford on
Wednesday 17th August 2011 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Mrs E Bennee (Chairman) Mrs B Hodge, Mrs J Amis, Mrs H Harwood, Mr E Knowles, Mr C Nightingale and Mr A Smith.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 2010 were **confirmed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20th JULY 2011

Library (minute 3) Reporting on a meeting with the Head of Library Services Cllr: Mrs Harwood said local library support groups are being consulted regarding volunteers, and financial assistance that might be available. The Chairman said it was made clear that Great Shelford was not in a position to offer financial assistance and the parish council was not prepared to increase the annual precept.

Future plans will be presented to the County Council Cabinet on 25th September.

Bee Hives An addition to the tenant's agreement permitting bee hives to be sited on the allotments at Stonehill Road was approved by the meeting.

3. NEW PAVILION

Cllr: Knowles said grant applications are being submitted to the various organizations offering financial assistance and a list of potential companies is being compiled as part of the formal tender process.

4. FINANCE

Payments It was **resolved** that 17 accounts totalling £6,082.65, as presented by the Clerk, be passed for payment.

Budget The meeting considered the income and expenditure accounts, as presented by the Clerk.

Salary increases It was proposed that staff wages should be increased by approximately 3%.

Cemetery It was proposed that all cemetery fees should be increased by approximately 5%.

Allotments It was proposed that allotment rents should be increased by £2 - £5 per annum, depending on size.

Annual Fair and Circus It was proposed that the daily rate should be increased by approx: 3%.

Youth Initiative It was proposed that the annual grant should be increased by 10%.

Mobile Warden Scheme It was proposed that the annual grant should be increased by 9%.

Pavilion Electricity Service costs for the pavilion have increased considerably since the removal of the card meter by the electricity company, therefore a different system is needed to apportion the costs to the individual sports teams. After considering two options presented by the clerk it was proposed that a charge per game would be the better option.

5. COUNCIL VACANCY

Confirmation has been received from the Returning Officer that the vacancy can be filled by the means of co-option.

6. DOG FOULING

Dog fouling on the recreation ground is again becoming a problem; despite the number of bins provided people are not clearing up after their pets.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman.....