

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial,
Woollards Lane, Great Shelford on Wednesday 19th January 2011

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

Also in attendance: County Councillor Mr Orgee, District Councillor Mr Nightingale, together with four members of the public.

Apologies: were received from Councillors Mrs Hodge, Mr Johnson and Mr Smith, District Councillors Jamie Dipple and Mr Shelton.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th November were **confirmed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

The meeting closed for members of the public to speak.

The Chairman introduced Mr Smith of Russel Smith Farms who talked about his proposal to develop a holiday and wild life centre at Dernford Reservoir. A number of holiday homes would be based around a 35 acre lake with various leisure facilities such as sailing, swimming, dipping ponds, tennis courts, a gymnasium and spa and interactive features. A question and answer session followed.

Mrs Katherine Page said her husband was almost knocked over when using the zebra crossing on Saturday. Being concerned about this and the excessive speed of traffic in Church Street the police were contacted and a policeman was sent from Cambourne. When he arrived he was amazed, not only with the location of the crossing but also the poor lighting and painted road markings.

A discussion followed when many cases of near misses when motorists do not stop at the crossing and the excessive speed of traffic were raised.

It was agreed that an on-site meeting should be arranged with Mr Lines the Area Traffic Engineer to consider what can be done to improve the situation.

There being no further questions the meeting resumed.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE F & GP MINUTES

a) *Cemetery* (minute 2) Three contractors have now visited the cemetery and estimates for cutting the grass are awaited

b) *Car park Lease* (minute 2) this is ongoing.

c) *Sports Club Payments* (minute 4) It was agreed that the 2011/12 annual payment by the sports clubs, towards the upkeep of the recreation ground should be increased by approximately 3%.

3. NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

County Council

Cllr: Orgee confirmed that at the planning meeting in January the Tesco application for plant had been deferred, in order that an independent traffic survey could be carried out. It will be reconsidered at the March meeting.

He said winter gritting has been carried out on a regular basis; however when the temperature is minus 8°C or lower the salt content is no longer effective. Further salt supplies are now in place and on-site grit bins will be replenished imminently.

At a recent speed limit review, changes were proposed for the A1301 which will affect the Sawston bypass and the cycle path.

Recycling centres in the county now have facilities for recycling CDs, DVDs, board games, books and paint.

He then talked about the County Council budgets; having to save £160.6 million over five years will bring big changes to the way services are delivered. To achieve these reductions the council needs to make better use of its community assets and the major areas for reduction will be education and social services. Care services will be made more efficient: the workforce will be reduced; some services will change and others will cease.

District Council

Cllr: Nightingale said the meeting with Andrew Lansley had gone well although it had been hoped other areas apart from Tesco could have been raised.

Complaints were raised about the poor PA system in the village hall.

The gentleman at Hilltrees is still causing problems; the police, County and District Councils are pursuing the case.

School

Cllr: Goater said that as part of the Community Art work scheme the school is involved with designing the hoardings for the development at Woollards Lane.

The Chairman explained that as part of the approval scheme £13,000 has been allocated for Community Art Work. Unfortunately Hills Residential did not follow the proper procedure; it should have consulted the Parish Council before deciding how the money would be used.

Police Liaison

Cllr Seekings said rogue traders are operating in the area and advised local residents to be aware.

Cllr: Goater said training days are being organized to encourage volunteers to talk to senior citizens about safety in the home; unfortunately the nearest training session is in London. He wondered whether a local group could be formed to carry out a similar service.

4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Recreation Ground

Cllr: Smith had sent his report.

Highways

Cllr: Nightingale said nothing has yet been decided about changes at the Granhams/Cambridge Road junction.

The yellow lines on Station Road will be moved in the spring.

In response to a suggestion that a 20mph speed limit should be introduced in the village, Cllr: Orgee said the police will not speed check anything below 30mph, therefore the village would have to 'police' a lower speed limit themselves.

Planning Cllr: Mrs Hodge had sent her report.

5. NEW PAVILION

Cllr: Knowles said the plans for the new pavilion have at last been approved by the Football Foundation and Football Association and the council is now in a position to apply for planning permission. The Architect showed enlarged views of the proposed building and answered questions.

After which Cllr: Nightingale proposed, seconded by Cllr: Wilkinson that the plans should be presented to the District Council for approval – **agreed unanimously**.

6. FINGER POSTS

Directions to the library need to be added to the three finger posts in the village. On a proposal from Cllr: Amis, seconded by Cllr: Knowles it was agreed that three replacement fingers should be purchased at an approximate cost of £600 – **agreed**.

7. BOWLING CLUB

In response to a request for financial assistance towards maintenance costs for the upkeep of the bowling green it was proposed by Cllr: Nightingale seconded by Cllr: Coggins that a donation of £500 should be given -**agreed**. (Cllrs: Amis, Prescott, Seekings and Wilkinson declared an interest)

8. TREES DE FREVILLE ROAD

The residents of De Freville wish to plant 4 trees in the grass verge, to enhance the appearance of the road. Highways has to check the area to see where the service lines are before permission can be given. The Parish Council has no objections.

FINANCE

The proposal, submitted by the F & GP committee, that the precept for 2011/2012 should be £84,000, an increase of approximately 5% (actual 3.78%) on the previous year, was **approved** by the full council. It was **resolved** that 12 accounts totalling £3,319.08, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Flooding on the footway outside 18 – 32 High Street was raised – Highways to be informed.

The meeting closed at 9. 40pm

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