

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial Hall,
Woollards Lane, Great Shelford on Wednesday 20th July 2011

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

Also in attendance: County Councillor Dr Kenney, District Councillors Mr Nightingale, Mr Shelton and Mr Whiteman-Downes.

Apologies: were received from Councillors, Mr Coggins, Mrs Harwood, Mrs Hinsby and Mr Johnson.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th June were **confirmed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

The meeting closed to give allotment tenants the opportunity to talk about the introduction of bee hives on the allotment site at Stonehill Road. Detailed information concerning beekeeping and what it involved had been circulated to the councillors with the agenda, and details of what the tenants have done so far were circulated at the beginning of the meeting.

A spokesman for the group said they were here to seek approval to install bee hives and to identify any concerns or issues that needed to be resolved before starting the project. Dave Jackson head beekeeper at Trumpington allotments was also present and answered questions and issues raised by the council.

The council was persuaded that it would be better to site the hives at the orchard end of the site, if housed at the other end the bees would need to cross the other allotments to collect pollen. As the rugby pitch is not used during the bee season the proposed siting should cause no concern.

Approval was given for two hives to be sited on the site for a trial period of one beekeeping year.

2. MATTERS ARISING

a) *Highways* (minute 4) Despite the clearing of the drain/gully on High Street flooding occurred following the recent heavy rains. County Council Highways has been informed.

3. NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

County Council

Cllr: Kenney said plans for the future of the library are changing direction; further information should be available shortly. The A14 is still under discussion. Alconbury is one of the Enterprise Zones.

District Council

Reporting on a recent 20 vision meeting at Addenbrookes Cllr: Nightingale said plans are in hand to build an on site low carbon waste centre. There have been 95,000 traffic movements since the opening of the road.

Response to the letter sent out regarding 'rat running' has been good.

Approval has been given to build 200 dwellings at Clay Farm and 630 at Trumpington Meadow.

Together with the three District Councillors the Chief Executive visited the area and was very impressed with the set up.

Cllr: Wilkinson said the trees planted along the access road are in a poor condition, it was suggested a letter should be sent.

Cllr: Shelton said he will be writing in response to the Railway tavern appeal

Police Liaison

Cllr: Seekings said there is a huge increase in the crime figures. The Mobile Police Station *Getting Closer* campaign will be in the village on 10th August between 3pm and 9.30pm.

4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Recreation Ground

Cllr: Smith said the feast pit still needs to be leveled and seeded. There is a hole on the footway side of the rumble strip in to the car park which needs to be repaired – County Council highways have been informed.

He is still concerned that balls are being kicked against the pavilion and thinks something more substantial should be incorporated along side the kickboard.

He had attended a meeting at Newmarket Racecourse Centre where Sport England explained the various ways that financial assistance can be obtained. Talking to people from other parishes he found their financial contribution was far higher than ours.

Cllr: Knowles suggested that now that planning approval has been given the project should go out to tender.

Cllr: Nightingale said although the dip at the entrance to the recreation ground had been filled is still flooded during feast week and asked that further work is carried out before next year.

Highways

Cllr: Nightingale talked about the proposed improvements at Granhams Road junction. Cllr: Whiteman-Downes said he raised the problems of speeding traffic on Granhams Road at the Neighbourhood Police meeting. The police agreed to look at the issues.

Cllr: Seeking said drivers are parking in De Freville Road and then cycling to the hospital. It was agreed that street parking is a problem throughout the village.

Cllr: Smith said the telephone boxes in the village are in a dreadful state with broken widows, litter and in some cases smashed hand sets. BT will be contacted.

Cemetery

Cllr: Harwood had sent her report which was distributed with the agenda.

Planning

Cllr: Hodge went through her report. She confirmed that approval has been given to the extension at Shelford Lodge.

5. GRAVE KERBS AT BURIAL GROUND

On a proposal from Cllr: Hodge, seconded by Cllr: Nightingale it was **agreed** that approval should be given to kerbs in the cemetery. The kerb must be flat to the ground and no larger than 7' x 3'.

6. SKATEBOARD RAMP

Cllr: Knowles informed the council that he had been approached by the leader of the youth initiative Adam Thoday to ask whether members of the youth club could paint the skateboard ramp.

Cllr: Knowles proposed seconded by Cllr: Smith that permission should be given, but the council would need to see the design first – **agreed**.

7. CLAY PIT PARKING

Cllr: Wilkinson suggested that if the area in front of the clay pit gate was cleared it would create parking space for two cars.

8. CAR PARK COMMITTEE

It was suggested that the committee should include the councillors that have been working on the car park lease.

9. WOOLLARDS LANE DEVELOPMENT

Following some discussion three names were considered for the new development. "Old School Court" was chosen on a vote of 6 – 3 with one abstention.

10. 31 BUS SERVICE

In response to a letter from a local from a local resident Cllr: Dr Kenney said there has been a lot of discussion by the County Council regarding local bus services; the buses being used are not really suited to modern road and travel. Transport throughout Cambridgeshire is being investigated and it is hoped that pooling the results will lead to a better service with better buses. She asked for a copy of the letter.

11. QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE

Talking about the extended bank holiday week end to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee Cllr: Wilkinson suggested that perhaps we could hold a 'village picnic' on the recreation ground, or should the weather be bad in the village hall. People would be expected to bring their own food and drinks and perhaps the parish council could organize some entertainments. Everyone thought the picnic was a lovely idea.

Cllr: Nightingale said the feast is already considering how best to celebrate the occasion. He said the Olympic torch is scheduled to come through the village on 7th July and efforts are being made to see if it can stop to allow a local person to carry it round the village.

12. LOCAL HERO/COMMUNITY PRIDE AWARDS

Suggestion were made and the forms will be sent

13. FINANCE

a) It was **resolved** that 23 accounts totalling £9,778.28, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

b) The clerk confirmed the Conclusion of Audit for 2010/2011

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was suggested that Mr Fisher should be asked to attend the September meeting to explain to the council how the section 106 operates.

The meeting closed at 9. 35pm

Chairman.....