

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial Hall,
Woollards Lane, Great Shelford on Wednesday 15th June 2011

Present: Councillors Mrs Bennee (chairman) Mrs Hodge (vice-chairman) Mrs Amis, Canon Rev Goater, Mrs Harwood,
Mrs Hinsby, Mr Hinsby, Mr Knowles, Mr Nightingale, Mr Seeking and Mr Smith.
Also in attendance: County Councillor Dr Kenney, District Councillors Mr Nightingale and Mr Whiteman-Downes.

Apologies: were received from Councillors, Mr Coggins, Mr Johnson, and Mr Wilkinson, County Councillor Mr Orgee and District Councillors Mr Shelton.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th May were **confirmed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman

2. MATTERS ARISING

b) *Car park Lease* (minute 2b) The District Council has approved the lease; however before the lease can be signed an on site meeting is to be arranged with the landlord and the District and Parish Councils, to establish the condition of the car park.

3. NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

County Council

Cllr: Kenney said a meeting is being arranged between the officers and the local library committee which was formed after the annual meeting, to discuss future plans.

The opening of the guided bus is scheduled for Sunday 7th August. The service will run at ten minute intervals between St Ives and Cambridge and twenty minutes between Huntingdon and St Ives.

The County Council is proposing to extend Car Parking Enforcement (CPE) in South and East Cambridgeshire. CPE will provide a dedicated resource to allow dangerous or inconsiderate parking to be addressed. In response to a question she confirmed that sufficient staff would be available and that fines collected would cover the costs.

Cabinet approval has been given for the mineral waste plant to be sited near the Addenbrookes access road. The Trinity milestone, removed during the building of the access road, has been refurbished and re-sited on its original spot.

The Chairman asked whether anything has yet been decided about the confusing lane markings as you enter the Addenbrookes access road. Cllr: Kenney said although this was raised at today's cabinet meeting, as no highways officers were there, it will be on the agenda for next months meeting.

District Council

Cllr: Nightingale talked about the new access road and safer routes for school children, he said the council will be looking at all Hauxton Road junctions to see where crossings are needed.

A request has been made to the bus company asking it to install bus stops adjacent to Scotdales.

Talking about speed restrictions on Cambridge Road Cllr: Whiteman-Downes said consultation is under way to decide whether parish councils should have the option to decide what the restriction on any road should be, providing it is prepared cover the cost.

School

Cllr: Goater said the building project went over budget and negotiations were carried out to reduce costs. Although the plans had to be modified they are something close to the original, and the time line still holds.

Sustainable Shelford

Cllr: Harwood said despite the rain Sunday's open gardens event was a great success.

Cllr: Goater said the collection of old computers will obviously stop once he leaves the village and hoped someone else might take it over.

4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Recreation Ground

Cllr: Smith said the goal mouths have been seeded, unfortunately the area in front of the pavilion which was seeded during the spring is again being used for goal shooting.

The goal post wheels are worn and need replacing at a cost of approximately £288 plus carriage. On a proposal from Cllr: Smith, seconded by Cllr: Hinsby it was **agreed** that the wheel should be purchased.

Cllr: Hinsby said that after inspecting the recreation ground with Cllr: Johnson it was decided that the ground should be fertilized. As conditions are perfect at the moment it was **agreed** that the work should be carried out immediately.

Highways

Cllr: Nightingale asked that letters are sent to two properties in the village asking them to trim back their hedges.

The Chairman said the drain/gully on High Street has been cleared, which it is hoped will solve the problem of water flooding onto the footway. Cllr: Harwood said it has certainly improved the situation. The 'no parking' sign has been re-instated on the lamppost by the butchers.

Cemetery

Cllr: Harwood said the grass cutting contract is proving a success; public response has been very good.

Planning

Cllr: Mrs Hodge went through her report.

Following some discussion on naming the new development on Woollards Lane councillors were asked to bring any suggestions to the next meeting.

5. GRANHAMS ROAD JUNCTION

Changes at the Granhams Road junction are still being considered.

6. PUBLIC ART PROJECT

Cllr: Mrs Hinsby reported on the recent meeting where ten pairs of prints from the school art project were handed over. It is suggested that one set should hang in the library, with an appropriate place being chosen for the second set.

Decorative railings are still the preferred choice of the parish council; however a structured entrance to the recreation ground has been suggested as an alternative. The whole project has to be completed by the time the last property is occupied, estimated as the beginning of March 2012.

7. SKATEBOARD RAMP

An inspection of the skateboard ramp advised that some of the original Skatelite sheets are in a poor condition and need to be replaced; this was backed by the Rospa report.

Cllr: Hodge proposed, seconded by Cllr: Seekings that the sheets should be replaced at a cost of £750 – **agreed**.

8. BEES STONEHILL ALLOTMENTS

Cllr: Harwood said two allotment holders have asked if they can have a beehive on their plot. She said she is looking into what would be involved and has arranged for an experienced bee keeper to visit the site. Cllr: Knowles said a similar request was put forward a few years ago, which the council refused.

9. PARISH PLAN

The setting up of a Parish Plan in advance of the District Councils proposed review of its development strategy, would be of benefit to the village. The Parish Council would be involved but it also needs representatives from other groups in the village. Although several people showed an interest in the proposal put forward at the annual meeting 'that a committee should be formed to prepare a Parish Plan' no one has come forward.

10. LIBRARY

As part of the reduced library opening hours the proposal is to close all day Tuesday. This is not the most appropriate day as the shoppers coach comes into the village on a Tuesday morning; with the Country Market on Wednesday morning, Monday would be the more appropriate day to close. Cllr: Harwood said the library committee, consisting of parish councillors from Great & Little Shelford and Stapleford with four members of the public, recently met to discuss the future of the library. Cllr: Orgee was contacted and asked to arrange a meeting with himself, the portfolio holder for libraries and Christine May, acting head of libraries, but no response had been received.

11. LOCAL HERO/COMMUNITY PRIDE AWARDS

The councillors were asked to bring suggestions to the next meeting.

12. FINANCE

It was **resolved** that 19 accounts totalling £6,267.71, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman offered her thanks to Mr and Mrs Taylor for trimming the shrubs and tidying the green at Freestones corner.

Offering his resignation Cllr: Goater said has enjoyed being a member of the Parish Council and is full of respect for the care and thought the council puts into working for the village.

The meeting closed at 9. 20pm

Chairman.....