

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial,
Woollards Lane, Great Shelford on Wednesday 16th March 2011

Present: Councillors Mrs Bennee (chairman) Mrs Hodge (vice-chairman) Mrs Amis, Mr Coggins, Rev Canon Goater, Mrs Hinsby, Mr Hinsby, Mr Knowles, Mr Nightingale, Mr Smith and Mrs Wilson.
Also in attendance: County Councillor Mr Orgee, District Councillor Mr Nightingale and one member of the public. Apologies: were received from Councillors, Mrs Harwood, Mr Johnson, Mr Seeking, Mr Wilkinson and District Councillors Jamie Dipple and Mr Shelton,

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th February were **confirmed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

The meeting closed for members of the public to speak.

Mr Nigel Pett, Clerk to Stapleford Parish Council talked about the number of heavy contract transport lorries going through Shelford and Stapleford on their way to Flint Cross; instead of using the A10 and M11 onto the A505. Similarly contract lorries have been seen to use the same route to access Dernford Farm. Bearing left off the A1301 towards Sawston, they do a right turn at the end of the slip road, and turning towards Stapleford are able to access Dernford Farm on a left turn.

It would appear that a restriction on taking spoil through the villages was omitted when planning approval was given for the developments at the Rosie and Clay Farm.

There being no further question the meeting reconvened.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE F & GP MINUTES

a) *Art Project* The Chairman said that at an open meeting with Shelford School, Cllr. Mrs Hinsby and members of the Art Development group to discuss the hoarding project, the Manager Lesley Morgan had offered her apologies for not including the Parish Council from the start.

The design is for 10 panels of approximately 1.22 meters with post card size copies for sale to members of the public. The hoardings will eventually be used by the school to create the walls of an outside theatre.

The consensus for the 'public art scheme' is decorative railings round the play area on the recreation ground. Local artists will be invited to submit a design for the art work.

b) *Car park Lease* (minute 2a) Cllr: Knowles said negotiations are at an impasse, the council's legal advisor is not happy with the repairing obligations and the standard of maintenance written into the lease. The only way the parish council could meet these obligations would be by raising the council tax, which in the current economic conditions is not something the parish council is able to accept. A letter explaining the position of the parish council will be sent to the landlord's agent.

c) *Cemetery Sign* (4) An estimate has been received from County Council Highways for the installation of a location sign to the cemetery. An estimate for a similar sign had been obtained by the parish council for less than half the price. Highways will be asked if the parish council could have permission to organize the installation itself.

3. NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

County Council

Cllr: Orgee said he is also concerned that lorries are bringing spoil through the villages from the Rosie. Talking about the future of the libraries he said Great Shelford Library is an important part of the community and a fantastic local asset. It is the most widely used in the county, with 93,124 books issues in a 12 month period. The County Council is seeking to reduce general library costs by setting up a Trust that is able to access money not available to the council, to look after the running of the libraries; sharing services with other council councils and encouraging a greater community involvement.

District Council

Cllr: Nightingale endorsed the concerns regarding lorries travelling through the villages and requested that the registration numbers of offending lorries are emailed to him.

At the March Planning Committee meeting it was proposed that before any decision could be taken on the Tesco Plant application an independent traffic and noise survey should be carried out by Atkins. The railway Tavern planning application is going to committee.

Sustainable Shelford

Cllr: Mrs Harwood said the energy monitor has now been moved to the committee room in the village hall.

4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Recreation Ground

Cllr: Smith went through his report. He said one of the main items discussed was the unacceptable increase of dog fouling. Dog owners arriving by car often let their dogs run on to the recreation ground unattended, and as a result are not always aware of where the fouling has occurred.

The committee suggested that additional notices should be displayed close to the entrance, and an article put in the Village News, advising dog walkers that unless the situation improves the Parish Council will have to consider banning dogs from the recreation ground.

Although the 'no rights of way' notice at the London Road end of Woodlands Road is permissible, there is still a right of way for people walking along the road into the recreation ground.

Highways

Cllr: Nightingale said nothing has been heard in response to a letter sent to the residents living opposite the parking bays in Church Street, asking for their views on the proposal to remove them. No progress to date regarding the introduction of restricted parking at the post office.

Planning

Cllr: Mrs Hodge said the committee had recommended refusal on the planning application for the Railway Tavern site.

5. GRANHAMS ROAD JUNCTION

The meeting considered a sketch of proposed changes at Granhams Road junction, provided by the Road Safety Engineer Team, which include the moving of the 30mph speed limit to the north western side of the bridge, coloured surfacing on this section of the road, refreshed white lining to help the junction stand out and red surfacing in the cycle lane.

The meeting was pleased that the speed limit would be moved and asked if it would also be possible to have 30mph marked on the road and a "village entrance" to make it clear to motorists that they are entering a village. It was also suggested that there should be yellow lines along Granhams Road, from the junction to the railway crossing, to prevent parking during the day.

6. SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

As in previous years the Parish Council is happy to support "Circus Stars", the libraries summer Reading Challenge.

Cllr: Knowles proposed, seconded by Cllr: Goater that £250 should be offered – **agreed**.

7. EXERCISE CLASSES

The council had no objections to a request for permission to use the recreation ground for a weekly exercise class for mums and toddlers; but agreed that as it was to be run on a commercial basis, a charge would be made.

8. FINANCE

It was **resolved** that 20 accounts totalling £10,091.69, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

In response to a letter from a resident concerning parking problems in Maris Green, the County Councillor confirmed that as a disabled person she is entitled to have parking restriction lines outside her property - details of who to contact will be provided.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Questions were raised regarding the parish drain and whether it is still blocked.

The meeting closed at 9. 18pm

Chairman.....