

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial Hall,  
Woollards Lane, Great Shelford on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2011

Present: Councillors Mrs Bennee (chairman) Mrs Hodge (vice-c/man) Mrs Amis, Mr Coggins, 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 Johnson, Mr Orgee and Mr Shelton.

#### 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September were **confirmed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Copies of the contract for the public art commission with Holkham Forge were approved and signed.

#### 2. MATTERS ARISING

*Open session* Cllr: Nightingale said he had attended an awards ceremony in Norwich, where Great Shelford railway station was named the *Best Small Station* in East Anglia.

*Village Hall Windows* (minute 6) The Community Association has been asked to provide the Parish Council with a copy of the specification and estimates for the proposed new windows.

#### 3. NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

##### County Council

Cllr: Dr Kenney said that over the years there has been concern about the safety of the A1307 between Cambridge and Haverhill, and following a recent fatal accident at Dean's Crossing a review has been carried out. Speed limits have already been introduced on some stretches with improved signage and lining and a camera. Further work could include casualty route warning signs.

Thousands of pieces of fake designer clothing seized by the Trading Standards are now given to a charity, His Church, who de-brand them and give them to worthy causes.

The merging vision coming through is that there will be no library closures; where possible the intention is to share the building with other groups. This is already happening in Ramsey, very successfully.

Cambridgeshire has a generous supply of salt for the coming season. The fleet of 39 specialised gritters, 100 trained drivers, quad bike and back pack sprayers are ready for anything winter brings.

##### District Council

Cllr: Nightingale said the council has won the case against the gentleman at Hilltrees and are awaiting the paperwork. The police are already putting fixed penalties notices on any vehicles parked near the road. He said he has received numerous complaints about lorries at Tesco's, even when they are in fact making deliveries to the other shops. The shop is here now and people must accept this.

##### Police Liaison

Cllr: Seekings said several Fridays ago a huge number of young people congregated on the recreation ground. Following this members from the Youth Initiative, the parish and district councils and the police, met with a teacher at Sawston Village College. As a result of this discussion it was agreed that members from the Friday night club would not be taken out on to the recreation ground for the next three months. The police suggest that a light in the youth shelter might be helpful.

#### 4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

##### Recreation Ground

Cllr: Smith said dog fouling is still a problem. He said he thought the fencing should be removed from the shrubs planted round the implement shed.

Talking about several dead trees in the coppice he was advised that a letter had been sent to the owner regarding their removal.

##### Highways

Cllr: Nightingale went through his report, highlighting several items including refurbishment of the white lines in the village. It was agreed that all lines, yellow included need to be done. Further suggestions for the daffodil bulbs were put forward.

**Planning**

Cllr: Hodge went through her report.

**5. NEW PAVILION**

Cllr: Knowles said the up to date costing for the new pavilion is £487,000 and listed grant applications made to date. The Tennis Club supports the project and enquiries are being made regarding an application to the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA). At this stage money already in hand plus expected grants still leave a shortfall of approximately £50,000.

**6. CAR PARK**

Member of the Parish Council met with its legal advisor to discuss the works schedule and quotation from South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) for repairs to the car park. Although the Parish Council is responsible for two items on the list it was agreed that SCDC should carry out all the work and invoice the Council accordingly.

**7. ART PROJECT MURALS**

Cllr: Nightingale reiterated his concerns of last month, that the murals displayed on the hoardings at the new development have been removed to the school. As part of the community art project they should be on display to the public, however, to gain access to the school people would need to be CRB checked.  
Cllr: Mrs Hodge said the schools plan is to have an open stage with the hoarding forming the walls. Following a full discussion Cllr: Nightingale conceded that providing decent shelter is provided at the school and the pictures depicting the scenes are on display in the village he would be quite happy.

**8. FELLING DEAD TREE**

Approval was given for the felling of an ivy covered dead tree at the top of the recreation ground, at a cost of £60.

**9. FINANCE**

It was **resolved** that 15 accounts totalling £4,259.42, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr: Nightingale said parents from the school would like to raise money for new play equipment at the recreation ground – no objections.  
Cllr: Smith asked why there are leaves piled up on the recreation ground – these will be collected by a local resident for composting.  
He has a walnut tree that needs a home - suggestions for a suitable site please.  
Although Mingle Lane is an entrance to the village there is no sign at the boundary with Stapleford – to be investigated.

The meeting closed at 9. 20pm

Chairman.....