

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial Hall,  
Woollards Lane, Great Shelford on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011

Present: Councillors Mrs Bennee (chairman) Mrs Amis, Mr Coggins, Mrs Harwood, Mrs Hinsby, Mr Hinsby, Mr Johnson, Mr Nightingale, Mr Seeking and Mr Wilkinson.

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

Apologies: were received from Councillors, Mrs Hodge, Mr Knowles, Mr Smith and District Councillor Mr Shelton.

## 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July were **confirmed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

The meeting closed and Mr Alan Neville from National Express East Anglia was introduced. Mr Neville said that as the manager for East Anglia he is responsible for the day to day management of 10 railway stations including Great Shelford, and explained what this entailed. He then talked about the improvement being made at Great Shelford and introduced Mr Gough, who under the 'station adoption' scheme, has taken on the task of improving the environment and facilities at the station. New trains and services are being introduced across the region which should reduce the journey time between Cambridge and London by eight minutes. New time tables will be introduced and a great effort is being made to promote local rail services. He then answered questions from the floor.

The Chairman thanked Mr Neville and introduced Adam Thoday, the lead worker of the Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative. He talked about the activities of the group and said they try to work on a community basis and would like to know the parish councils views and opinions as to what it expects from the group. A full discussion followed.

## 2. MATTERS ARISING

*Finance* (Minute 4 F & GP minute) It was resolved that the increases proposed at the F & GP meeting be accepted – **agreed**.

## 3. NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

### County Council

Cllr: Orgee said the guided bus is proving to be a great success, with 224,054 people using the service during the first month. It is a reliable traffic-free public transport link that helps beat the queues on the A14. Although improvements to the A 14 have been on hold for the last 2 years the success of the guided bus could bring planning approval for development of Northstowe; this would take some of the pressure away from Great Shelford. Referring to the library services he said the cabinet will be considering revised plans next week. Although library services may change each library is different. Initially too much was asked of people and further consultation is needed.

### District Council

Cllr: Whiteman-Downes said he had talked to highways about introducing a 30 mph speed restrictions on Cambridge Road and was told they would not stand in the way of the parish council providing it is prepared to pay.

Cllr: Nightingale said the licensing committee had no option but to grant Tesco permission to sell alcohol as other premises in the village already have licenses permitting the sale of alcohol until 23.00.

Hilltrees pub is going to court this month.

### Parochial Charities

Cllr: Mrs Amis said all properties at Mores Meadow are occupied and there is a waiting list of future tenants. The annual maintenance report revealed that the heating systems in the properties will need to be replaced in the future. This will take 7 years to complete as only 4 properties can be done each year; the work has already started. Allotment rents were raised this year and all are being worked.

## **Community Art Project**

Cllr: Mrs Hinsby said 17 artists made submissions for the art project and were eventually reduced to four. They made presentations at a recent public meeting with the eventual winner being Holkham Forge in Norfolk. Holkham Forge will be asked to produce some designs for consideration.

## **Police Liaison**

Cllr: Seekings said following the theft of £3,000 from McColls, village surveillance has been intense, particularly in the De Freville Road area. The next Police Panel meeting will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011.

## **4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **Recreation Ground**

Cllr: Smith had submitted his report which had been distributed to the councillors.

### **Highways**

Cllr: Nightingale said the 30mph recycling bins stickers will be distributed within the village where it is thought they will be most effective.

### **Planning**

Cllr: Hodge had submitted her report which had been distributed to the councillors.

## **4. NOTICE OF MOTION**

The notice of resolution was read to secure the use of monies for use in accordance with the Section 106 allocation on Number 2 Mingle Lane and land off Orchard Road. The indemnity was duly signed.

## **5. MEMORIAL RAILINGS**

The Chairman said enquiries had been made to see whether the paint could be mechanically removed from the railings. Unfortunately sand blasting is not an option as it would have to be done on site. The only way to remove the paint would be by hand.

## **6. VILLAGE HALL WINDOWS**

The planning committee is not happy with the design of the new windows and wished the Parish Council as a whole to consider the proposal. After some discussion the Chairman said there are at least two companies that do double glazed window in the same (Crittall) style as the present ones and asked that they are contacted before a final decision is made.

## **7. LIBRARY**

Cllr: Harwood said 40 people attended a recent meeting in Shelford Library to discuss the setting up of a *Friends Group*. Letters have been written and replies received and a second meeting will take place in November to set up the group formally.

## **8. FINANCE**

It was **resolved** that 26 accounts totalling £9,643.47, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter concerning cycling on the footway was referred to the highways committee.

## **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

a) Cllr: Nightingale said the murals displayed on the hoardings at the new development are part of the public art project and he is concerned that they have been removed to the school and asked for it to be an agenda item for next month.

b) Cllr: Wilkinson said plans for the Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations are still going forward although music is causing a problem. As it is a holiday period many of the people that would normally have been involved will be away.

The meeting closed at 9. 25pm

Chairman.....