

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee
held in the Memorial Hall, Woollards Lane, Great Shelford on
Wednesday 15^h August 2012 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Mr Nightingale (Chairman) Mrs B Hodge, Mrs J Amis, Mr E Knowles, Mr B Shelton and Mr A Smith – apologies were received from Mrs H Harwood.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2011 were **confirmed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman

2. MATTERS ARISING

- *Granhams Road* (minute 6) The Chairman said he and Cllr: Orgee had an on site meeting with the new Highways Officer, Amanda May to discuss the changes already made at Granhams Road junction and to consider further improvements.
- *Waiting Restrictions High Green* (minute 2) Amanda May agreed to look into why these restrictions are not already in place.

3. CODE OF CONDUCT

A copy of the new Code of Conduct (pursuant to Section 27 of the Localism Act 2011) sent by the District Council was circulated to all councilor. CPALC had recommended that parish councils adopt the same code as their respective district councils.

It was proposed that in view of the above recommendation and consent of the full council the new Code of Conduct should be adopted – **agreed**.

4. NEW PAVILION

Cllr: Knowles said unfortunately WREN has turned down the recent grant application. Monies already available, plus a further £10,000 expected from the District Council and the possibility of a £50,000 interest free loan from the Cricket Foundation still leaves a shortfall of £55,000.

Fund raising is still ongoing and it is proposed to carry on with the program. Should there be a shortfall towards the end of the project fitting out and equipping a portion of the facilities will be considered.

5. SKATEBOARD RAMP

Several of the under sheets on the skateboard ramp have rotted and need to be replaced as does one of the skatelite sheets. It was proposed by Cllr: Smith, seconded by Cllr: Hodge that the repairs should be carried out at a cost of £650 – **approved**.

6. RECTORY FARM

With the proposed development at rectory farm it was suggested that Jesus College should be asked to allow parking for 28 days of the year. This could be part of the local green space scheme.

7. FINANCE

Payments It was **resolved** that 24 accounts totalling £19,912.53, as presented by the Clerk, be passed for payment.

Annual Return The Clerk reported closure of the audit for the year ended 31st March 2012.

Budget The meeting considered the income and expenditure accounts, as presented by the Clerk.

Salary increases It was proposed that staff wages should be increased by approximately 2%.

Cemetery Varying increased were proposed.

Allotments Many of the allotments are neglected and under used; the general feeling was that if the rent was higher people would be more inclined to tend their plots. It was proposed that rent should be increased substantially.

Annual Fair and Circus It was proposed that the daily rate should be increased by approx: 3%.

Youth Initiative It was proposed that the annual grant should be increased by £100 to £2,300.

Mobile Warden Scheme It was proposed that the annual grant should be increased £200 to £3,200.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from Shelford Football and Cricket Clubs concerning a problem that has arisen regarding double booking of the pitches on Saturday 1st September. Following some discussion it was proposed that by changing the starting times it should be possible to accommodate both matches. The clubs will be advised accordingly.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

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