

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial Hall,
Woollards Lane, Great Shelford on Wednesday 15th February 2012

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

Also in attendance: District Councillors Mr Nightingale, Mr Shelton and Mr Whiteman-Downes.

Apologies: were received from Councillors Mrs Hinsby, Mrs Hodge Mr Johnson, Mr Knowles, Mr Smith and County Councillor Mr Orgee.

1. MINUTES

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

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM F & GP MEETING

Emergency Plan A call for volunteers to help formulate an emergency plan will be in this months *Village News*.

Waiting Restriction High Green The introduction of two permanent waiting restricted parking bays opposite the post office will need to be advertised. (See agenda item 4 highways)

Car Park Lease (minute 2) Progressing slowly.

Pavilion Electricity (minute 2) Due to the type of electricity supply at the pavilion a suitable card meter could not be found.

Recreation Ground (minute 4) It was agreed that cleaning the pavilion should be part of the village mans work schedule.

Seat Recreation Ground (minute 7) The commemorative seat has been ordered and will be delivered for installation a week before the jubilee celebrations.

3. NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

County Council

Cllr: Orgee sent his report which was circulated at the meeting.

District Council

Referring to the proposed 8000 seat football stadium, Cllr: Nightingale said all sites, apart from the one at Trumpington have been eliminated without any consultation taking place. The three District Councillors voiced their objections and confirmed that they will make their feelings known when it goes to the Joint Development Control Meeting. There will also be a consultation period.

Permission has now been given under conditions of the enforcement notice, to clear the Hilltrees site.

The site at the end of Granhams Close is to be cleared and fenced and the lease called in on the adjacent garages. The land will then be sold for development.

Cllr: Shelton said the new people at the Plough public house are doing well and are becoming involved in the village community.

Cllr: Whiteman-Downs said the District Council has accepted the Government grant and by so doing frozen its council tax for this year.

Blue bin recycling currently stands at 65% there is still room for improvement. He then talked about the proposed reductions in sheltered housing allowances, how they are used and what effect the reductions will have.

Community Association

Cllr: Nightingale said the committee has decided to put forward a further planning application for replacement windows in the village hall, as this will be refused it will then be taken to appeal.

Police Liaison

Cllr: Seekings said the PCSO's are still issuing parking tickets at Tesco and the Co-op.

Sustainable Shelford

Cllr: Harwood said she has resigned as chairman of the group.

4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Recreation Ground

Cllr: Smiths report was circulated with the agenda. Enquiries are in hand and estimates being sought to install railings around the play area.

Highways

Cllr: Nightingale said he, the Chairman and the Head Mistress of Shelford School had met with David Lines to consider what could be done to solve the traffic problem outside the school. The outcome of the meeting was that several passing places, marked with double yellow lines, will be introduced which it is hoped will ease the situation. These changes will need to be advertised and the Parish Council is expected to cover the cost.

Cllr: Nightingale proposed, seconded by Cllr: Wilkinson that the Parish Council should pay £500 to cover the advertising of the lines at the school and the 2 parking bays opposite the post office.

He said the intention of the changes at the corner of Church Street and Woollards Lane is to make drivers stop instead of accelerating into Church Street. Until the development is complete and road markings in place it is difficult to see how this will work.

The repair of pot holes in the village is still ongoing. The proposed changes at Granhams Road corner will go to committee on 18th February.

Cemetery & Allotments

Cllr: Harwood said she is arranging a working party on Thursday 15th March at 10am for a general tidy up at the cemetery.

The clerk said she wished to make tenants at the cemetery allotment site aware of petty pilfering. Over the past few months several gardening tools and items of produce have been taken from one of the plots.

Planning

Cllr: Hodges report was circulated with the agenda.

Public Art

A design of the arch, including small amendments was shown to the meeting. A workshop with Holkham Forge is planned for Saturday 25th February between 10am and 3.30pm on the recreation ground; when members of the public will be able to make and initial their own *ivy leaves*.

5. PAVILION

The financial position for the new pavilion is at a stage to set the formal tender process in motion –

Approved.

6. CEMETERY FENCE

Cllr: Harwood proposed, seconded by Cllr: Amis that two damaged fence panel should be replaced at the cemetery, at a cost of £733.40 – **Agreed.**

7. LAND CLAY PIT

The meeting considered a proposal that the Parish Council should try to acquire the small piece of land to the left of the entrance gate at the Clay Pit. Although the land belongs to St Johns College it was suggested the council could at least try.

8. BOWLING CLUB

A second request has been received from the Bowling Club for financial assistance towards the replacement of the frost damaged slabs around the green and also towards green maintenance. The council still feels grants may be available from other bodies and has in fact provided two contacts. Following some discussion regarding maintenance of the green it was suggested that some assistance could be given on this occasion.

Cllr: Nightingale proposed, seconded by Cllr: Shelton that a one off payment of £200 should be offered – **agreed.**

9. FINANCE

a) It was **resolved** that 23 accounts totalling £11,734.82, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The permission for an advertising board at a property in Granhams Road was questioned.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman.....

