

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting in the Memorial Hall,  
Woollards Lane, Great Shelford on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Present: Councillors Mrs Bennee (chairman) Mrs Hodge (vice-c/man) Mrs Amis, Mr Coggins, Mrs Harwood, Mrs Hinsby, Mr Hinsby, Mr Nightingale, Mr Seeking, Mr Shelton, Mr Smith, Mr Wilkinson and Mrs Wilson.

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

Apologies: were received from Councillors Mr Johnson and Mr Knowles.

### 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November were **confirmed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

The Council Safety Advisor & Emergency Planning Officer Lawrence Green talked about the concept of an Emergency Plan for the village. He said the potential benefits to the communities are improvements in the Emergency Services and Local Authority response to a major incident, which in turn facilitates a speedy return to “normality” following a major incident. The plan template is really a starting point that can be adapted to suite the needs of the village.

Two residents from High Green were in attendance to support their objections to the proposed introduction of waiting restrictions in High Green in its present form. The restrictions would put unfair limitations on all local homeowners including the many who live down the small lanes leading off the main road; who incidentally were not issued with notice of the proposals.

Following some discussion it was agreed that Highways should be asked to change the limited waiting restrictions to the 2 bays in front of the Post Office and the 2 bays on the footway on the opposite side of the road.

### 2. MATTERS ARISING FROM F & GP MEETING

*Car Park Lease* (minute 2) The lease is being readied for signing.

*Village Sign* (minute 2) Village sign to be re-painted at a cost of £450.

*Pavilion Electricity* (minute 4b) A meter system for the pavilion has at last been found, approval was given to have it installed.

### 3. PRECEPT

The proposal, submitted by the F & GP committee, that the precept for 2012/2013 should be £85,160, an increase of approximately 1.38% on the previous year, was **approved** by the full council.

### 4. NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

#### County Council

Cllr: Orgee gave his report.

Cllr: Harwood said she is concerned that figures for the library service had been calculated on population not usage. Cllr: Orgee said he is also concerned and will follow up.

#### District Council

Cllr: Nightingale said despite efforts to retain a green area as a gateway to Cambridge it has now been revealed that a developer is proposing to build an 8000 seat football stadium on the corner of the M11 and Hauxton Road into Trumpington. To cover the cost of the stadium 400 extra homes would need to be built in the green belt.

Help the Aged has just launched a free shopping service for Cambridgeshire residents aged over 60 who are unable to, or have difficulty doing their shopping.

Cllr: Shelton said the District and County Council are pushing forward to improve broadband in the area and money has been made available. The initiative from BT to upgrade the system will not cover the whole region; this is where the county will step in to help.

#### Parochial Charities

Cllr: Amis said one of the bungalows has been vacated and then re-let.

#### Police Liaison

Cllr: Seekings said at the recent neighbourhood meeting it was revealed that great changes and cuts backs are forecast, the outcome of which remains to be seen. There has been an increase in burglaries and theft

of cycles in the village recently. The PCSO's are asking motorists parking outside Tesco to move on and in some instances have issued parking tickets.

### **Sustainable Shelford**

Cllr: Harwood said the group is quietly dying, however the energy camera is still being used.

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

### **Recreation Ground**

Cllr: Smith said as this is the centenary year of Shelford Football Club they are planning to hold a celebratory dinner. They wish to have a pig roast and would like permission to use two car parking spaces; the event will be covered by the football insurance – **agreed**.

Cleaning of the toilets and overall cleanliness of the pavilion leaves much to be desired – it was suggested that perhaps a new cleaner should be sought.

### **Highways**

Cllr: Smith said there is still no dropped kerb at Chaston Road – Cllr: Nightingale said he would follow up this request.

### **Cemetery & Allotments**

Cllr: Harwood said a safety check of the cemetery and allotments was carried out earlier this week. The lychgate and four wooden seats need urgent treatment, an estimate has been obtained. It was agreed that the work should be carried out as soon as possible.

### **Planning**

Cllr: Hodge went through her report.

### **Public Art**

Cllr: Mrs Hinsby went through the report of the last meeting of the group. The design for the arch is on display in the library and it is hoped local residents will record their comments and suggestions. The actual siting of the arch still has to be approved.

Cllr: Nightingale said the school has no funding to build the theatre where it was intended to incorporate the art project hoardings and believes the hoardings should be on display somewhere else in the village. Framed prints of the hoardings will be hung in the library.

## **5. BOUNDARY SIGN MINGLE LANE**

In response to an enquiry as to why there is no boundary sign in Mingle Lane the council was informed that the boundary in Mingle Lane does not cross Mingle Lane at right angles but runs up the centre of the road, also there is little or no space for a village sign on the public highway. In view of this information it was agreed that no further action would be taken.

## **6. STREET LIGHTING PFI**

A street lighting replacement programme is in progress to upgrade the old street lighting columns. Due to a reduced budget some of the columns will not be replaced, however, with the change to a white light source the impact upon the street will not be great. Leaflets explaining what will happen will be delivered to residents in due course.

## **7. SEAT RECREATION GROUND**

As part of the celebrations for the Queens Diamond Jubilee Cllr: Wilkinson suggested that a wooden commemorative seat should be installed on the recreation ground. This together with the planting of two trees and the public picnic, discussed at a previous meeting, would be fitting for the occasion.

Cllr: Nightingale proposed, seconded by Cllr: Coggins that £1,000 should be allocated for the Jubilee celebrations in the village – **agreed**.

## **8. YOUTH SHELTER LIGHT**

Following a suggestion that perhaps a light should be fitted in the youth shelter much thought has been given to the practicalities. Fitting a light in the shelter itself is not an option and a spotlight might be intrusive to neighbouring properties. The shelter is in fact fairly well illuminated by the bank and adjacent street lighting; it has therefore been decided that no further action should be taken at this stage.

**9. SHRIEVALTY TRUST**

This is part of the Bobby Scheme that has two Security Advisors who attend homes of both victims of burglary and potential victims to make good minor damage and fit door chains and other safety devices. Over the past few years the council has made a contribution to this worthwhile scheme. On a proposal from Cllr: Nightingale, seconded by Cllr: Seekings it was resolved that £500 should be offered – **agreed**.

**10. FINANCE**

a) It was **resolved** that 8 accounts totalling £3,716.58, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

b) Talking about funding for the new pavilion Cllr: Hodge said money raised from grant allocations may not meet the required target figure leaving a short fall of approximately £40,000. Unless this can be raised by other means it may be necessary to take out a ten year interest free loan. Following some discussion Cllr: Coggins proposed, seconded by Cllr: Seekings that the council should agree in principle to the use of loan facilities if deemed necessary – **agreed**.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The land owner will be contacted regarding a damaged tree branch on Cambridge Road that needs to be removed.

The meeting closed at 9. 50pm

Chairman.....