

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

Present: Councillors Mr Nightingale (chairman) Mrs Hodge (vice-chairman) Mrs Amis, Mrs Bennee, Mr Coggins, Mrs Harwood, Mr Johnson, Mr Knowles, Mr Seeking, Mr Shelton, Mr Smith and Mr Wilkinson. Also in attendance: County Councillor Mr Orgee and District Councillors Mr Nightingale, Mr Shelton and Mr Whiteman-Downes.

Apologies: were received from Councillor Mrs Hinsby,

### 1. MINUTES

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

The meeting closed to give representatives from Welchs the opportunity to present the plans for development of the garage site in Great Shelford and three other sites in Stapleford. Following an extensive and interesting presentation there was a questions and answers session. The Chairman thanked Mr Bovill.

Mr Salisbury a local resident put forward his proposal for a fun run around the village, outlining his views on how it should be organized and asking for approval from the council. Following several questions it was suggested that the council needed to know more. Having organized a fun run last year Cllr: Nightingale said he would be happy to help and advise.

### 2. MATTERS ARISING

- a) *Waiting Restriction High Green* (minute 2a) No further details available. Cllr: Mrs Bennee said she assumed it was the bays opposite the post office that had been advertised. Cllr: Orgee was asked to find out why it is taking so long to install the parking bays.
- b) *Roundabout Hinton Way* (minute 7) Cllr: Nightingale said Scotsdales has agreed to design the planting for the roundabout at Shelford Bottom which the council will be asked to approve.
- c) *Additional Car parking* (minute 6) The owner of the private road leading to the piece of land being considered for additional parking is not prepared to give permission for the parish council to adopt the road; no further action is possible.

### 3. NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

#### County Council

Cllr: Orgee talked about the importance of the consultation period for the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan, which he hoped councillors would respond to both jointly and as individuals, the issues of a new transport strategy for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire and Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2012-2017. His main concerns regarding the local plan are the proposals for the green belt which needs to be defended at all costs.

#### District Council

Cllr: Shelton endorsed Cllr: Orgees views regarding the green belt. He said Cambridgeshire is one of the best counties for recycling; despite this the environment scrutiny committee is looking to reduce landfill targets by including small electrical items, such as toasters and kettles, in the recycling collection.

Cllr: Whiteman-Downes stressed the importance of individual response to the local plan and the need to defend the green belt. A committee has been set up to look at the street scene in local villages with the view to reducing signage and street furniture; which in many cases can be overwhelming.

Cllr: Nightingale said the Enforcement Officer is taking legal action regarding the eviction order at Hilltrees. Plans are being considered to move the bus stop from Westfield Road to Scotsdales. Scope and Cancer Relief have been consulted.

#### Twinning Association

Cllr: Nightingale said a group from France spent a happy week-end with local hosts.

#### Police Liaison

Cllr: Shelton said crime figures have dropped. The last meeting of the neighbourhood panels was held at Bassingbourne, the chosen priority for the coming months was theft and speeding.

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

The Chairman said that in order to have fuel for the tractor delivered on site a new oil tank was required. A situation developed where the tank was needed immediately; an order was placed and delivery taken this morning.

Cllr: Coggins said this was obviously an emergency and proposed, seconded by Cllr: Knowles that retrospective approval should be given to the purchase of the oil tank – **agreed**.

#### **Recreation Ground**

Cllr: Smith reported the following:

- a) due to the weather the play equipment has not yet been moved however the holes in the rocking horse and roundabout have been repaired
- b) Still no action regarding the dead trees in the coppice
- c) the skate board ramp needs attention
- d) he is concerned that the feast fencing stored behind the implement shed is being used by youngsters to build ramps in the coppice. Cllr: Nightingale said he would speak to the feast committee.

#### **Planning**

Cllr: Hodges went through her report.

#### 5. **CAMBRIDGE CITY PLAN REVIEW**

Cllr: Hodge speaking about the Cambridge City Plan Review said she thought the Parish Council should write stating its views on future plans, particularly those for the green belt, and also question whether a new sports stadium is necessary and if so where it should be built.

#### 6. **GRANHAMS ROAD**

The Chairman said that following his complaint alteration have been made to the kerb and red markings laid; however there are still discrepancies such as overhanging trees, moving the fence and several others. It was suggested that an on site meeting with officers from the County Council should be arranged. Cllr: Orgee agreed to look into this.

#### 7. **NEW PAVILION**

Talking about the new pavilion Cllr: Knowles listed the grants already received and those still outstanding. Should the outstanding applications be successful there will still be a shortfall of approximately £40,000, which the council has already resolved to borrow.

The architect is at present preparing tender documents working with Anson Timber Experts, Stuart Olley Associates, who will undertake the mechanical and Electrical design, and Hannah Reed Structural Engineer. A new up to date costing will also be prepared, the last one was done in 2009. Approval was given for the above undertakings.

As the next full meeting of the council is not until September Cllr: Knowles asked that any necessary decisions should be delegated to the F & GP committee at its August meeting – **approved**.

#### 8. **PLANTING FREESTONES CORNER**

Cllr: Harwood said a group of local residents have asked for permission to plant apple trees on the green at Freestones Corner; the trees would be approximately 15 feet high planted in a cluster. Following some discussion the general view was that there are already big mature trees and any further planting would block the view of the Village Sign. Other suitable areas were suggested and it was agreed to investigate further.

#### 9. **LIBRARY**

Cllr: Harwood said library hours have been cut by a third with a single librarian helped by a rota of volunteers; the librarian is struggling to cope with the work load. The main grouse is the reduction of opening hours which are not suitable for children to visit the library after school; in the past 45% of library users were children. It is expected that at the end of six months borrowing figures will be issued.

#### 10. **EMERGENCY PLAN**

Cllr: Whiteman-Downes said nothing major has happened.

#### 11. **FINANCE**

It was **resolved** that 17 accounts totalling £4,583.97, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Tree Officer has confirmed that the maple tree outside the memorial hall is diseased and needs to be removed. Shrubs along the path at the back of the memorial green need to be cut back as do the shrubs around the war memorial.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

Chairman.....