

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial Hall,  
Woollards Lane, Great Shelford on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2012

Present: Councillors Mrs Bennee (chairman) Mrs Hodge (vice c/man) Mrs Amis, Mr Coggins, Mr Knowles, Mr Nightingale, Mr Seeking, Mr Smith and Mr Shelton,.

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

Apologies: were received from Councillors Mrs Harwood, Mr Hinsby, Mrs Hinsby, Mr Johnson and Mr Wilkinson.

## 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February were **confirmed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## 2. MATTERS ARISING

*Emergency Plan* So far there has been no response to the call for volunteers to help formulate an emergency plan. Cllr: Whiteman-Downes said he would be happy to help.

*Waiting Restriction High Green* The two restricted parking bays opposite the post office still have to be advertised. These will be advertised along with the proposed changes in Church Street.

*Car Park Lease* (minute 2) Signing of the lease is imminent.

*Railings Play area* (minute 4) Two quotations have already been received with others to follow.

*Clay Pit* (minute 7) St John's College is not prepared to let the parish council have the small piece of land adjacent to the clay pit.

*Advertising Boards* (minute 10) The Enforcement Officer has been asked to look at how long advertising boards can be displayed.

Cllr: Whiteman-Downes drew attention to the boards at Abberley Woods.

## 3. NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

### County Council

Cllr: Orgee went through his report – see attached.

Questions were asked about why the C7 bus does not go to the Grafton Centre and about pot holes in the village.

### District Council

Cllr: Nightingale said the gentleman at the Hilltrees is challenging the legality of the enforcement notice to clear the site.

The site at the end of Granhams Close has been cleared and fenced and will be sold for development.

The District Council has started its local development plan up to 2031.

Following Cllr: Nightingales report that 21 High Green is still doing B & B; Cllr: Hodge said she will check the rules and legality of residents offering this facility.

Cllr: Shelton said council house tenancies are under review, various options are being considered, such as fixed term tenancies. This would make it possible for parents living in a large property after their children had moved out, to be moved to a smaller property. It would also stop houses being passed on to the next generation. Obviously elderly and disabled tenants would need to be protected.

On Friday there were large groups of young people in the village between 8pm and 9pm, he will flag this up at the next Neighbourhood Panel meeting, and also arrange a meeting with the youth Leader and the PCSOs.

He said he endorsed the parish council's comments regarding the change of use from A1 to A2, on the shop in the Hill Residential development.

### Police Liaison

Cllr: Seekings said there has been an increase in thefts from cars and house burglaries. Cllr: Shelton said this is happening all over the county.

## 4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### Recreation Ground

Cllr: Smiths said the showers seem to be working now and cleaning of the pavilion has greatly improved. Fresh chippings have been spread on the path by the river. The river bank itself is falling away and needs some attention.

## Highways

Thanks were offered to Nigel and Gill for their gardening efforts at Freestones corner.

## Cemetery & Allotments

Cllrs: Mrs Harwood and Mrs Hodge as the only members of the 'working party' cut back the lavender hedge, turned and cleared the compost bins and did a general tidy of the cemetery.

## Planning

Cllr: Hodges went through her report.

## 5. NEW PAVILION

Cllr: Knowles said on 2<sup>nd</sup> March Sport England presented the Parish Council with a cheque for £50,000 toward the new pavilion. Explaining the present financial position he said this week two grant applications had been turned down. The council can re-apply for one of the grants but will have to provide further information regarding community use of the pavilion; other grant options are also being investigated. However the whole project is reliant on the Football Foundation grant of £150,000. A general discussion followed when it was proposed that Andrew Lansley should be made aware of the situation.

## 6. ARCHWAY

The Chairman said the open forge session was a great success; a large number of people came to watch and participate in the leaf design. The positioning of the arch has been agreed and it is hoped to have an official opening at the Jubilee celebrations in June.

## 7. FEAST INSURANCE

Cllr: Hodge proposed, seconded by Cllr: Amis that as in previous years the Parish Council should pay the insurance for Feast week – **agreed**.

## 8. READING SCHEME

Plans are underway for this year's library Reading Challenge "Story Lab". As ever there will be medals and certificates for children who complete and the target is to involve even more children.

Since its inception the parish council has made a contribution towards the scheme and on a proposal from Cllr: Knowles, seconded by Cllr: Amis a donation of £250 was **agreed**.

## 9. FINANCE

a) It was **resolved** that 19 accounts totalling £4,732.95, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

## 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr: Amis said she had visited the Old School Building and was very impressed.

The meeting closed at 9.22pm

Chairman.....