

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial Hall,
Woollards Lane, Great Shelford on Wednesday 19th September 2012

Present: Councillors Mr Nightingale (chairman) Mrs Hodge (vice-chairman) Mrs Amis, Mrs Bennee, Mr Coggins, Mrs Harwood, Mrs Hinsby, Mr Seeking, Mr Shelton, 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 Councillors Mr Johnson, Mr Knowles and Mr Smith.

1. MINUTES

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

CO-OPTION

Three candidates had put their names forward to fill the two vacancies on the council. As no poll had been called the council was expected to fill the vacancies. A voting system was operated and the two successful candidates, Mrs Angela Milson and Mr Malcolm Watson were welcomed on to the council.

2. MATTERS ARISING

a) *Granhams Road* (minute 2) The Chairman confirmed that yellow lining and other work at Granhams Road junction will be carried out by the end of October, also the introduction of 'no waiting' bays opposite the post office.

3. NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

County Council

Cllr: Orgee talking about the need for superfast broadband said 150,000 people have already registered their interest. Referring to the Local Development Plan he said he had responded emphasizing the importance of retaining the green belt – see attached report.

District Council

Cllr: Shelton said he had attended the procedure meeting of the Shadow Police and Crime Panel which is taking over the Police Authority,

Parochial Charities

Cllr: Amis said general maintenance is ongoing.

Police Liaison

Cllr: Shelton said rural businesses are worried about crime and are setting up a Business Watch, which is similar in principal to the Neighborhood Watch.

4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Recreation Ground

Nothing has happened about the dead trees in the Coppice; the skateboard ramp has been repaired but still needs some minor adjustments and the hedge between the goalpost pound and Woodlands Road needs cutting.

The playground fencing gates are constantly left open allowing dogs to enter the play area. 'Please Close the Gate' and 'No Dog' signs will be ordered.

Planning

Cllr: Hodges went through her report. In response to a question about the shop in the Old School Court development she said the original plans had it as a retail shop. The parish council had objected strongly to the proposed change of use, the delegated report thought otherwise.

Highways

Cllr: Shelton said he is making every effort to have a time display unit installed at the bus stop opposite the post office.

Cemetery/allotments

Cllr: Harwood said an inspection of the cemetery and allotment site had recently been carried out.

Sustainable Shelford

Cllr: Hodge said a meeting will take place in October to consider cycling in Cambridge and Great Shelford.

5. NEW PAVILION

Cllr: Hodge said the council is still trying to raise funding for the new pavilion. Although there should be additional section 106 money it was suggested perhaps local businesses should be approached. Should there be a shortfall as the project nears completion it may be necessary to reduce the fittings and equipment until further funding is procured.

6. REFURBISHMENT VILLAGE FURNITURE

An estimate to refurbish three painted and eight stained seats had been obtained. Cllr: Hodge proposed, seconded by Cllr: Nightingale that the work should be carried at a cost of £1,190 – **agreed**.

7. REPAIRS BARRIER

The post and fitments for the barrier at the side of the village hall are damaged. Although one estimate had already been obtained it was proposed other prices should be sought.

8. SAFETY SURFACING

New safety surfacing needs to be installed under the re-sited play equipment. An estimate has been obtained from the company that installed the original grass grow through matting. Following some discussion it was proposed by Cllr: Wilkinson, seconded by Cllr: Seeking that safety surfacing at a cost of £6,895 should be installed – **agreed**.

9. ROUNDABOUT HINTON WAY

Cllr: Nightingale displayed a planting design for the roundabout at Shelford Bottom. The proposals are to leave the original trees and shrubs in place with three new flower beds below filled with decorative shrubs and plants. Hill Residential has offered to sponsor the roundabout with Scotsdales responsible for the design and maintenance. Following an enthusiastic discussion the proposed changes were welcomed. On a proposal by Cllr: Wilkinson seconded by Cllr: Bennee it was agreed that the project should go ahead.

10. EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr: Whiteman-Downes said the plan is almost finished except for the recruitment of volunteers prepared to offer their services. Local people with particular skills they could use in an emergency, those who know the area or those willing to make tea and comfort are needed. Information on who to contact will be in the *Village News* and on the web site.

11. GRANGE FIELD

Cllr: Bennee said she had been talking to a member of the District Council at the recent Local Development Consultation meeting about the Parish Councils efforts to obtain the Grange Field. He indicated that there has been a change of policy regarding compulsory purchase but he would need to see a summary of what had been done in the past. Following some discussion it was agreed that the need for additional recreational space is as great as ever and that it was worth re-considering the options.

12. FINANCE

It was **resolved** that 28 accounts totalling £12,718.54, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

The increases proposed by the F & GP committee at the August meeting were approved by the full council.

The meeting closed at 8,55pm

Chairman.....