

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial Hall,
Woollards Lane, Great Shelford on Tuesday 23rd April 2013

Present: Councillors Mr Nightingale (chairman) Mrs Amis, Mrs Bennee, Mr Coggins, Mrs Hinsby, Mr Johnson, Mr Shelton, Mr Smith, Mr Watson and Mr Winter. Also in attendance District Councillors Mr Nightingale and Mr Shelton and three members of the public.

Apologies: were received from Councillors Mrs Harwood, Mr Knowles, Mrs Hodge, Mr Seeking, Mr Orgee, and Mr Whiteman-Downes.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2013 were **confirmed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

CO-OPTION

Three candidates had put their names forward to fill the one vacancy on the council. As no poll had been called the council was expected to fill the vacancies. A voting system was operated and the successful candidate, Mr Mike Winter was welcomed on to the council.

2. NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Community Association

The new Memorial Hall windows are now in place.

Police Liaison

Cllr: Shelton said a suspicious character had been spotted in the Sawston, Melbourn and Foxton areas, as a result of local vigilance he has been stopped in his tracks.

3. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Recreation Ground

Talking about the new pavilion Cllr: Smith said the grant from Ameycespa has at last been secured, as has an additional £10,000 from the Football Association. The replacement boundary hedging is not as tall as expected; the Chairman confirmed this has been reported and is being dealt with. Cllr: Smith said the goal posts have been relocated while the new pavilion is being built. Despite being chained and locked they are being misused; as soon as the football season is over a better system will need to be found. He said he is extremely concerned that the Feast fencing, stored behind the implement shed, is being used to climb on to the roof of the shed, while other pieces of equipment are scattered throughout the coppice. Although this is not council owned land he is still concerned that the parish council could be held responsible.

Highways

Cllr: Shelton said a most unsatisfactory reply had been received from the County Council regarding Granhams Road junction and the parking bays opposite the post office. Following some discussion it was proposed that the highways committee should consider how to respond; a meeting will be called to look at this and discuss and other outstanding items.

Planning

Cllr: Bennee went through the report.

4. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY

It was **resolved** that the Equal Opportunities Policy which had been circulated to the councillors and then discussed at the last meeting should be adopted by the council.

5. TENNIS CLUB FOOTPATH

The tennis club wishes to install a footpath leading from the car park to the gate into the tennis club and has secured a grant of £1,000 towards the project. The Chairman he and Cllr: Smith has met with members of the tennis club to consider where the path should go. The tennis clubs preferred route is across the front of the skateboard ramp. Following some discussion when the safety element of being near the skateboard ramp was raised, it was proposed that before any decision could be made members of the council should look at the site at the end of the meeting

6. SCOUT PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNMITY PROJECTS

A request has been received asking whether there are any community projects that the scout could join in. The two suggestions put forward were litter picking and gardening. The shrubs and flower beds at the front of the village hall being one option.

7. FINANCE

It was **resolved** that 20 accounts totalling £14,282.27, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman said the District Council is still having problems trying to evict the man from the Hilltrees Pub site and asked that the parish council send an official letter of complaint.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman.....