

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial Hall,
Woollards Lane, Great Shelford on Wednesday 20th February 2013

Present: Councillors Mr Nightingale (chairman) Mrs Bennee, Mr Coggins, Mrs Harwood, Mrs Hinsby, Mr Knowles, Mrs Milson, Mr Seeking, Mr Shelton, Mr Smith and Mr Watson. Also in attendance: County Councillors Dr Kenney and Mr Orgee, District Councillors Mr Nightingale, Mr Shelton and Mr Whiteman-Downes. One member of the public was also in attendance.

Apologies: were received from Councillors Mrs Amis, Mrs Hodge and Mr Johnson.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2013 were **confirmed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

The meeting closed to give members of the public the opportunity to raise local issues:

Jane Smith a resident of Church Street talked about the virtually non existent yellow lines in Church Street and High Street and why despite many requests they had not been replaced. Her understanding was that following completion of Old School Court it was the remit of Hill Residential to reinstate the lines adjacent to the junction. She told the meeting she had met with Mike Cooper from the Highways Department to discuss lines and potholes; having not informed the parish council of his visit and arriving without appropriate tools she was of the opinion that he was not really interested. She then talked about her opposition to the proposed reduction of the speed limit on Cambridge Road and Hinton Way and felt money would be better spent on controlling traffic speed and congestion in Church Street; which will be exacerbated by the proposed development at Rectory Farm.

Apologising for the attitude of Mike Cooper Cllr:Orgee said neither he or Cllr: Kenney had been informed of the visit. He confirmed that the County Council is aware of the poor condition of roads and footways within the county and has budgeted for fifteen million pounds to be spent over the next 5 years. Cllr: Nightingale said three years ago there was an onsite meeting with Amanda May to look at lining in the village and in June 2012 to look at what should be done at Granhams Road junction. Since then numerous complaints have been lodged and promises made but nothing has been done.

The PCSO's who were also in attendance said it is extremely difficult to deal with parking infringements when yellow lines are virtually non-existent.

Cllrs: Kenny and Cllr: Orgee were asked to follow this up and it was proposed that a letter should be sent by the parish council.

The PSCO's said there have been a lot of burglaries in the neighbourhood and as a consequence night patrols have been in place; they advised everyone to make sure doors and windows are locked when they leave the house and to be vigilant at all times.

There being no further topics the meeting resumed.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE F & GP MEETING

a) *Open Session* Efforts to eliminate the muddy area behind the scout hut are being investigated.

b) *Arch* (minute 7) Cllr: Hinsby voiced her concern that the arch may be relocated. The Chairman explained that the arch would be moved while the pavilion is being built, after which it will be decided whether it should be returned to its original position.

c) *Hedge recreation ground* (minute 10) As most of the boundary hedge has been wrongfully removed cutting the rest has been postponed until replacement hedging has been planted.

3. NEW PAVILION

Cllr: Knowles said seven tenders had been received and were opened on Wednesday 30th January, unfortunately all higher than envisaged. They were then taken away by the architect to see where and how savings could be made. He then listed the grants already obtained; regretfully the ECB had turned down the Cricket Club's application for an interest free loan of £50,000. Over the last two weeks the two lowest tenders have been considerably reduced and the architect has agreed to reduce his fee, despite this there is still a shortfall. Following a full discussion it was unanimously agreed that the project should continue.

The Public Work Loans Board has the power to lend to Parish Councils and on a proposal from Cllr: Coggins, seconded by Cllr: Seekings it was **resolved** that an application should be made for the £90,000 needed to complete the project – **agreed**.

4. **NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**

County Council

Cllr: Kenney said temporary cabins to accommodate Sawston Library are due to be delivered on 6th March. BT the winning bidder aims to roll out super broadband within the next 3 years. She then talked about a community design bus service which it is hoped will provide a service that meets the needs of local communities.

Cllr: Orgee – see attached report.

5. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Recreation Ground

Cllr: Smith said dog fouling on the recreation is still a problem. The tennis club has obviously solved the problem of changing the spot light bulbs as everything is back to full strength. As work on the new pavilion is scheduled to start before the end of the football season the football clubs are having to seek alternative venues.

Highways

Cllr: Shelton presented his report. Referring to the proposal for a 30mph speed limit along Cambridge Road and Hinton Way it was agreed that there should be no additional street furniture other than the change of speed limit signs. It was proposed that a letter should be sent to Nick Clark regarding yellow lines in the village.

Cllr: Seeking said the hedge at the corner of High Street and Buristead Road in encroaching on to the footway making it difficult for pedestrians.

Planning

Cllr: Bennie went through the report.

6. **DANDYS COPPICE**

Over the years the perimeter ditch at Dandys Coppice has become very over grown and needs attention. Estimates have been obtained but it may be possible to get a Community Chest grant, an application will be sent. However it was agreed the work should be carried out before the birds start to nest. Cllr: Nightingale proposed, seconded by Cllr: Smith that CGM Landscapes should carry out the work at a cost of £880 - **agreed**.

7. **BOWLING CLUB**

Great Shelford Bowling Club has asked for financial support towards the upkeep of the green; despite efforts to raise extra income the club is struggling with maintenance costs. Last year the club was awarded a Community Chest grant, but due to the wet summer missed out on its usual donation from the annual feast. It was suggested that the club should apply for a further Community Chest grant; if this is not successful the council would be prepared to offer financial support. Cllr: Seekings declared an interest.

8. **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Chairman informed the meeting that Cambridgeshire's first Police & Crime Commissioner Sir Graham Bright has agreed to speak at the annual parish meeting. To meet with his schedule make this possible the meeting will to be held on Monday 15th April. The monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd April.

9. **FINANCE**

It was **resolved** that 19 accounts totalling £13,089.69, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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