

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial Hall,  
Woollards Lane, Great Shelford on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013

Present: Councillors Mr Nightingale (chairman) Mrs Amis, Mr Coggins, Mrs Harwood, Mrs Milson, Mr Seeking, Mr Shelton, Mr Smith, Mr Watson and Mr Winter. Also in attendance District Councillors Mr Nightingale and Mr Shelton

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

**1. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2013 were **confirmed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

a) New pavilion (minute 4) Councillor Watson has agreed to chair the management committee.

b) AOB (minute 6) The bridge crossing the stream at the back of the parochial charities has been repaired; the Health Centre has been approached regarding the untidy state of the gardens.

**3. NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**

**District Council**

Cllr: Nightingale reporting on the JDC meeting said permission has been given for the release of 320 properties at Clay Farm, 1300 on the Marshals site on Newmarket Road and 275 at the Bell School. He confirmed that the access problem at the Bell School site had been sorted.

**Police Liaison**

Cllr: Shelton said burglaries are still happening and reminder people to be vigilant about house security.

**Parochial Charities**

Cllr: Amis said tenants from one of the bungalows and one of the houses had exchanged properties.

**Sustainable Shelford**

Cllr: Winter said he had nothing to report at this stage but is researching his role and is prepared to take things forward.

**4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Recreation Ground**

Cllr: Smith said work is progressing on the new pavilion. With the approach of the new season the football clubs will need to negotiate use of the scout hut. Eighteen months ago he and Cllr: Hodge had marked all the dead trees in the coppice; to date nothing has been done. Since the last meeting he had met with David Mouseley from Clever Curves to inspect the skateboard ramp, several repairs are necessary and an estimate is being provided.

**Highways**

A letter has been drafted to the County Council regarding highways outstanding issues. Cllr: Mrs Amis said she had been contacted regarding the dreadful state of the footway between Walden Way and Davey Crescent; other areas were also mentioned. Cllr: Shelton said an inspection of footways would be carried out.

Cllr: Smith said weeds and vegetation from the building plot at the corner of Granhams/Cambridge Road is encroaching on to the footway making it treacherous for children in pushchairs; he also mentioned the problems experienced by people in buggies due to the lack of dropped kerbs. Cllr: Shelton will look into both of these problems.

**Cemetery & allotments**

Cllr: Harwood said walking round the cemetery she had notice several damaged grave surrounds; as they are in the older section it would be impossible to locate surviving relatives. It was therefore proposed that the council should arrange to have them repaired.

**Planning**

The Chairman went through the report.

**5. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY POLICING**

It was proposed that, if as last year, the police are again not permitted to officially close the road during the 2 minutes silence, the parish council should offer to pay the cost – **agreed unanimously**.

## 6. **PROPOSED ADDITIONAL HOUSING SAWSTON**

Discussing the proposed sites for additional housing at Sawston the main concern was the impact on other villages from the additional traffic the development would create. Despite this the Chairman said the parish council needed to be cautious; if the site was rejected other local villages might be targeted. Cllr: Coggins voiced his concerns that should the proposed South Cambridgeshire Local Plan be rejected at the end of the consultation period, the Government could start imposing what can and can not be done.

## 7. **FINANCE**

It was **resolved** that 11 accounts totalling £8,449.11 plus £139,968.72, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

## 8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman reported an excellent Feast, with record attendance – several overgrown hedges, letters will be sent.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Chairman.....

N.B. At the May meeting of the parish council the matter of chancel repair liability (CRL) had been discussed. It was agreed that before further negotiations took place, it would be helpful to have a further discussion with the council's legal advisor.

It was noted that cemetery plots were sold and not leased. Potentially this could mean that CRL was passed on to individual plot holders.

After advice from the legal advisor, a proposed strategy was drawn up. This was to discuss the matter further with the Vicar and PCC (now that the new vicar had arrived) to raise the possibility of a composition.