

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

Present: Councillors Mr Nightingale (chairman) Mrs Hodge (vice-chairman) Mrs Harwood, Mr Seeking, Mr Shelton and Mr Smith, Revd: Talbott, Mr Watson and Mr Winter. Also in attendance County Councillor Mr Orgee, District Councillors Mr Nightingale and Mr Shelton.

Apologies: were received from Councillors Mrs Amis, Mr Coggins, Mrs Hinsby, Mr Knowles and Mrs Milson.

#### 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013 were **confirmed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

No members of the public were present.

#### 2. MATTERS ARISING

- a) *Rectory Farm* (minute 2a) A planning application which sought the removal of the condition to provide affordable housing has been submitted.
- b) *Broken Fencing* (minute 3) Following an inspection of the fence by the Enforcement Officer Network Rail was contacted and is appointing a contractor to undertake the repairs.

#### 3. NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

**County Council** - report attached

##### **District Council**

Cllr: Shelton talked about the 'City Deal' – report attached

Cllr: Smith questioned the waiting times when ringing the District Council, in his experience it is far longer than indicated. Cllr: Shelton agreed to investigate.

Cllr: Nightingale said approval has finally been given to build 250 houses on the Bell Language School site.

##### **Police Liaison**

Cllr: Shelton talked about the increasing problem of rogue traders, cold callers who target vulnerable householders, and the increase of shed burglaries, advising everyone to be alert and aware of these problems.

#### 4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

##### **Recreation Ground**

Cllr: Smith said two councillors had met with the village man to inspect the safety equipment and suggested that it might be helpful if a safety officer could talk to Mr Fegan, offering him advice where necessary. A new work schedule is being compiled.

The hedge behind the houses at the top of the recreation ground needs attention, a quotation is being obtained to carry out this work together with the pruning of overhanging branches on the recreation ground side of the coppice.

Old oil drums need to be removed from the implement shed; however as a heavy vehicle would be involved this will have to wait until the ground dries out.

##### **Highways**

Cllr: Shelton said a productive meeting had taken place with Emma Murden, Services Manager for Local Infrastructure and Streets, to look at various outstanding highway problems, including parking on High Green and Woollards Lane. Although things are moving it will take some time before everything is settled.

Talking about blocked drain Cllr: Shelton explained that there is an underground leak in the pipe running from the old Frestones Bakery diagonally across the traffic lights to the opposite corner. To repair this leak the road will need to be closed for a minimum of at least three days. Despite visits from the road sweeping machine many other drains in the village are blocked, the general feeling was that the only solution would be to ‘deep clean’ each drain.

### **Planning**

Cllr: Hodge went through her report.

#### **5. NEW PAVILION**

Talking about the new pavilion Cllr: Smith suggested that the parish council could use some of the storage space for parish records.

#### **6. CHANCERY REPAIR**

Cllr: Harwood reported that at a meeting with the Parochial Church Council (PCC) the PCC did not consider the Parish Council's request to compound (or buy out with a one-off payment) the chancel repair liability (CRL) was viable. This was because it had been told by its legal adviser that the process of arriving at the sum for compounding would cost about £3,500.

The parish council had taken 2 legal opinions for itself, and in addition the PCC had forwarded the recommendations of its legal adviser. One suggestion worth pursuing is to approach Jesus College for a deed of rectification of the 1928 conveyance by extending the indemnity (since there was already one indemnity for the Vicar's Portion) to include chancel repairs, on the grounds that a mistake was made at the time.

After discussion it was agreed that Cllr: Nightingale should arrange for a solicitor's letter to be written to Jesus College.

#### **7. STONEHILL FOOTPATH**

Residents from Stonehill Road had contacted the County Council to report the ‘digging up’ of a footpath in the field beyond the allotment and rugby pitch, the county council is looking into why this has happened.

#### **8. TOUR DE FRANCE**

The Chairman said the Feast committee and Twinning Association would like to join the Parish Council in organizing an event to celebrate the Tour de France coming through Great Shelford. As this occasion coincides with the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Twinning Association, a contingent from France will already be in the village. The green behind the War Memorial would be an appropriate spot for the celebration and a good vantage point to see the race.

#### **9. PAROCHIAL CHARITIES**

The council **resolved** that approval be given to the appointment of Mr Simon R F White for a 4 year term of service as a Nominative Trustee, commencing in January 2014.

#### **10. FINANCE**

It was **resolved** that 14 accounts totalling £122,068.67, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

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