

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial Hall,  
Woollards Lane, Great Shelford on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Present: Councillors Mr Nightingale (chairman) Mrs Hodge (vice-chairman) Mrs Amis, Mr Coggins, Mrs Harwood, Mrs Hinsby, Mr Johnson, Mr Knowles Mr Seeking, Mr Shelton and Mr Smith. Also in attendance County Councillor Dr Kenney, District Councillors Mr Nightingale and Mr Shelton and five members of the public.

Apologies: were received from Councillors, Mrs Milson, Mr Watson, Mr Winter, Mr Orgee and Mr Whiteman-Downs.

## 1. MINUTES

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

The meeting closed for the open session.

Mr and Mrs Asher questioned why the parish council had not objected to the revised design for 39 Westfield Road, following its objection to the original planning application. The planning chairman explained the council's actions and confirmed that the application has in fact been refused.

Kirstie Lothian said she is concerned for the safety of her three children when going to and from the local school. Having experienced two terrifying incidents, when vans had mounted the footway she feels something should be done to solve the traffic problems on Woollards Lane and Church Street. She talked of other near misses when an outraged driver had put pedestrians at risk by taking the law into their own hands; reversing at speed along Church Street.

The chairman said a meeting has already been arranged with Tesco, Macoll's, the Co-op and the police to discuss delivery schedules to help ease the problem. The parish council is mindful of the traffic problems outside the school, which has been ongoing for many years, and has tried numerous times in the past to find a solution.

It was suggested that perhaps the PTA could get involved, the more evidence made available to support this cause the better.

Talking about the planning application for Rectory Farm the Architect explained that the application is for 6 dwellings to include 2 affordable units; unfortunately no RSL is interested or prepared to take on the affordable units. The village stands to benefit socially from the affordable units, however should the existing consent be reduced to the 4 houses a sum would be paid to South Cambridgeshire District Council but this would not necessarily be spent in the village. Following some discussion it was proposed that the Parochial Charities might be interested and should be made aware of the situation.

There being not further items the meeting resumed.

## 2. MATTERS ARISING

a) *Highways* (minute 2) A response to the letter regarding outstanding highways matters have been sent to the County Council.

## 3. NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

### County Council

A report from Cllr: Orgee had been circulated to members of the parish council. Cllr: Kenny reported on changes to the County Council, the busway, plans for upgrading the A14, Waste, highways maintenance, the raising of the age of leaving education. The Cycle City Ambition Grant and encouraging smokers to stop – see attached. A questions and answers session on local items followed.

### District Council

Cllr: Nightingale confirmed that a meeting has been arranged with the police and local stores to look at delivery times and ways of easing traffic congestion in the village.

Cllr: Shelton said solar panels have already been fitted to 1,000 council houses, the project is ongoing. As a result costs to householders have reduced dramatically. In response to a comment from the floor he said he would look into the problem of blocked drains.

#### **4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

##### **Recreation Ground**

Cllr: Smith said the skateboard ramp has been repaired; however there has been no action regarding the dead trees in the coppice. Shelford Reserves is the only team using the pitch so far this season and is using the scout hut facilities. A meeting has been arranged with the Ecology Officer to look at the river bank. Representatives from the Football Foundation and Football Association will inspect the new pavilion on 25<sup>th</sup> September.

##### **Highways**

Cllr; Shelton said he had met with Mike Cooper from the Highways Department to discuss the introduction of some form of parking restrictions at the cyleway end of Chaston Road. In response to a complaint from a resident on Cambridge Road regarding the condition of footways Mike Cooper had carried out an inspection and found nothing untoward. Where he actually looked was questioned, many of the footways along Cambridge Road are extremely bad. He confirmed that outstanding highways matters are still ongoing; with regards to the lines outside the school an on site meeting will be arrange with David Lines.

##### **Cemetery & allotments**

Cllr: Harwood said she and Cllr: Nightingale had met with members of the Parochial Church Council to consider the Chancel Repair Liability. Following a full discussion it was proposed that a copy of the conveyance between the Parish Council and Jesus College should be shown to Solicitors acting for the council and the PCC to ascertain the legality of the conveyance. It was also suggested that perhaps the parish council should contact Jesus College.

This week a group of nine volunteers worked tirelessly in the cemetery; tidying where necessary and returning grave numbers to their original plots.

##### **Planning**

Cllr: Hodge went through her report.

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

Cllr: Knowles talked about a recent meeting of the F & GP committee and the Architect to consider potential changes to the contract. Most of the amendments are only minor with the exception of the gas and electricity installation; this has increased considerably. As a result overall there is a shortfall of £27,000. As with most projects of this magnitude changes and increases are inevitable. Acceptance of the additional cost was agreed by the full council.

#### **6. GROUND MAINTENANCE**

Cllr: Harwood said the parish council is responsible for many garden areas in the village, maintained in general by a few willing members of the council, who already spend much of their time on other council matters.

#### **7. FINANCE**

It was **resolved** that 18 accounts totalling £11,081.11, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

Increases to burial costs and the Youth initiative and Mobile Warden Scheme grants, as proposed by the F & GP committee were approved by the full committee.

The meeting closed at 9.24pm

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