

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial Hall,  
Woollards Lane, Great Shelford on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Present: Councillors Mr Nightingale (chairman) Mrs Hodge (vice-chairman) Mr Coggins, Mrs Harwood, Mrs Milson, Mr Seeking, Mr Shelton, 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, Mrs Hinsby, Mr Knowles and Mr Whiteman-Downes.

The Chairman welcomed the new clerk elect who was attending the meeting to observe.

### 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were **confirmed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Open Session:

Mr David Mead Planning Consultant acting for Mr Nick Collett director of Great Shelford Ten Acre Ltd, which has an outstanding planning application for 25 affordable homes, addressed the Parish Council. He said he wished to establish a dialogue regarding any possible benefits such as open space or local facilities that may arise should planning permission be granted and would present these at a future Parish Council meeting.

Dr Lynn Morgan Chief Executive at the Arthur Rank Hospice talked about the proposed development at Shelford Bottom, on land leased from South Cambridgeshire District Council on a 99 year lease. An architect has already been appointed and it is envisaged that the project will be completed by February 2016. This will be an ideal location for the new hospital, offering a green and quiet environment for the new Hospice, with up to 24 beds and respite facilities. Talking about the Mill Road site Dr Morgan said there is a great community involvement and she hoped that similar community links would be established with local residents at the new site.

There being not further business the meeting re-convened

### 2. MATTERS ARISING

- a) *Chancel Repair* (minute 2a) The solicitor is still working on gathering all the information he can before offering advice on how to continue.
- b) *Vacancy Parish clerk* (minute 3) The Chairman introduced the new clerk who will take up the post at the beginning of April.
- c) *Work Schedule* (minute 4) The groundsmans new work schedule is in operation.

### 3. ANNUAL PRECEPT

The proposal submitted by the F & GP committee, that the precept for 2014/2015 should be £96,000 was put to the full council. Cllr: Coggins said he is concerned, and thought it unwise that no provision had been included towards the purchase of the Grange Field. Following a full discussion where members voiced their views about the reduced parish council reserves, future section 106 funding and grants towards the purchase of recreational land, it was agreed that a sum, to cover loan facilities should the Grange Field become available, should be added to the precept. Cllr: Coggins proposed, seconded by Cllr: Seekings that an additional £4,000 should be added to the figure, making the precept for 2014/2015 £100,000 – **agreed unanimously**. A full report explaining how the new pavilion was funded will be published.

### 4. NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

**County Council** - report attached - Questions were raised regarding bus 'Real Time' signs, pot holes and footway surfaces.

## **District Council**

Cllr: Nightingale said 'Hilltrees' is still ongoing. A problem has arisen over someone sleeping in a caravan on Buristead Road.

## **Police Liaison**

Cllr: Shelton said there has been a rise in crimes, as a deterrent an alarm can be purchased from the police.

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

### **Recreation Ground**

Cllr: Smith questioned why the tree that fell on to the fence at the top of the recreation ground had been removed by Acacia, as an estimate to trim this area had already been received from a different contractor. The Chairman explained that as this was an emergency that occurred over the holiday period the first available service was used.

Arrangements are in hand for a safety officer to talk with Mr Fegan, offering advice where necessary and discussing regular inspection of the machinery.

The estimate to cut back the hedge behind the houses at the top of the recreation ground will be discussed at the next recreation ground committee meeting.

### **Highways**

Cllr: Shelton said following the on site meeting with Emma Murden to look at several outstanding highway issues discussions are in hand. Complaints have again been received concerning the speed of traffic on Granhams Road and the dreadful condition of some of the footways on Cambridge Road. Other areas where footways are poor and the large amount of lying water, particularly outside the post office and at Freestones Corner were raised.

Cllr: Harwood said she is concerned for the safety of pedestrians crossing Woollards Lane in the Tesco, Barclays Bank area and suggested that a safe crossing area should be considered. Cllr: Orgee said a speed cushion might be helpful.

### **Cemetery**

Cllr: Harwood said she and Cllr: Knowles cleared out the interior of the container at the Cambridge Road allotment site, inspected the memorial stones and looked at the trees in the cemetery. She feels the trees need to be inspected by a professional tree surgeon – arrangements will be put in hand.

### **Planning**

Cllr: Hodge went through her report. Removal of the affordable housing at the Rectory Farm development has been refused by the District Council.

## **5. TRAINING SESSIONS CLERK**

The clerk explained that in accordance with the Contract of Employment the Parish Council is expected to support and meet the expenses of agreed training for Officers and Employees. Cllr: Hodge proposed seconded by Cllr: Milson that the Parish Council should finance the attendance of the new clerk elect at six CILCA training sessions, plus a registration fee and traveling expenses at a cost of approximately £765 – **agreed.**

## **6. NEW PAVILION**

Hand over of the new pavilion is still scheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> January. The Chairman said he is concerned that the dreadful state of the area is a health and safety problem. Concern has been voiced that members of the public are not fully aware of what grants were secured and where other funding came from. A detailed report will be published in due course.

## **7. TOUR DE FRANCE**

Following some discussion for this event it was proposed that no decisions regarding financial assistance should be made until further ideas and a wider discussion had taken place.

**8. REPLACEMENT DAMAGED FENCE**

Due to the urgency of the situation, removal of the tree and repair of the fence bordering Barclays Bank car park needed to be carried out immediately, at an overall cost of £760. Cllr: Nightingale proposed, seconded by Cllr: Shelton that retrospective approval be given - **agreed**.

**9. FESTIVAL OF WHEELS**

Cllr: Shelton talked about the proposed Festival of Wheel, scheduled to take place on the recreation ground and in the village hall on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2014. Key contributors will be car dealers, to include Roll Royce, model railways, police and fire services with many others agreeing to take part. The event is gathering pace.

**10. FINANCE**

It was **resolved** that 11 accounts totalling £66,782.18, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment

**11. ANY OTHER BUSSINESS**

The problem of overgrowing shrubs and bushes was raised – notices to be sent where appropriate. One of the birch trees on Cambridge Road fell onto the roof of a house during the stormy weather – it was proposed that an inspection of the remaining birch trees on Cambridge Road should be carried out.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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