

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial Hall,
Woollards Lane, Great Shelford on Wednesday 19th March 2014

Present: Councillors Mr Nightingale (chairman), Mrs Hodge (vice-chairman), Mrs Amis, Mr Coggins, Mrs Harwood, Mrs Milson, Mr Seeking, Mr Shelton, Mr Smith, Revd Talbott, Mr Watson and Mr Winter. Also in attendance County Councillor Dr Kenney, District Councillors Mr Nightingale, Mr Shelton; Mr Kydd (Clerk-elect); and one member of the public.

Apologies: received from Councillors Mrs Hinsby, Mr Knowles and Mr Orgee.

Open session

Elaine Westwick said she is a local resident currently teaching Pilates in the Johnson Hall, Stapleford and would like to add an outdoor class on Friday afternoons on the Recreation Ground throughout the summer months. The exercises would be similar to tai chi slow standing movements - no running or lying down. She hoped to attract around 10 people, probably less to begin with and would charge around £5 per person. It would be based outside only and would avoid any grass which has been damaged by the rain. She is a member of the Register of Exercise Professionals and the Body Control Pilates Association and has insurance cover. The Parish Council had no objection to this proposal and would contact Elaine Westwick to agree a suitable fee.

The meeting re-convened.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2014 were **confirmed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- a) *Festival of Wheels* (minute 2) Cllr: Shelton said he is concerned that conditions on the recreation ground will not be fully recovered in time for the Festival of Wheels.
- b) *Abberley Wood* (minute 7) A further incident occurred at the pumping station last week, fortunately this time the response from Anglian Water was much improved.
- c) *Tree work* (minute 8) Cllr. Hodge said she feels that if the hedge behind the houses at the top of the recreation ground is cut back too severely it will be detrimental to the appearance of the area. She suggested that the only tree that needs to be removed is the dead one overhanging the seat. An inspection of the trees is being arranged.

3. NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

County Council

Cllr. Kenney gave her report.

District Council

Cllr. Shelton said the Local Plan had been approved at a recent meeting, 26 to 21 with 5 members abstaining; a good result.

The Conservation and Planning departments have successfully merged. He is concerned that in some cases where the parish council has recommended refusal of a planning application approval is granted by the delegated committee; irrespective of the parish council's comments.

In response to a comment regarding the dirty condition of signs in the village Cllr. Kenney said this is a County Council item and will follow it though.

4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Recreation Ground

Talking about the groundwork at the new pavilion Cllr. Smith said he and Cllr. Knowles had worked with forks on the flooded spots in an attempt to disperse the water. He understood that a

contractor would be coming on Monday 24th March to start work on the area. The Chairman disputed this, saying he had been informed that they would not be coming until April. Concern was expressed that the ground might not be in a suitable condition for the forthcoming festival of wheels or the annual feast. Following further discussions it was proposed by Cllr. Shelton seconded by Cllr. Coggins that should the contractor not arrive on the 24th March an extraordinary meeting would be called to discuss what action should be taken.

Highways

Cllr. Shelton said he is frustrated that the County Council had lost information and a petition sent by the Parish Council, regarding the reduction of the speed limit on Cambridge Road and Hinton Way. Cllr. Kenney agreed to look into this.

He then expressed his concern regarding the volume of traffic along London and Cambridge Road between 8am and 9am. With increasing development the County Council will have to address this problem.

Cemetery

Referring to the Chancel Repair Liability Cllr. Harwood said Jesus College had informed the parish council that the college accepted full chancel repair liability and further that the CRL does not derive from land. The title entitlement of the lay Rector was redeemed by a payment to which liability for the chancel repair attached which resolved entirely the CRL issues regarding any liability of the Parish Council.

Planning

Cllr. Hodge went through her report.

Sustainable Shelford

Cllr. Winter talked about a proposed new grant for insulating older houses; a further meeting will be held in April and he hopes to bring further information to the next meeting.

5. NEW PAVILION

Cllr. Watson introduced provisional fees for the hire of the pavilion and recreation ground by the sport clubs. After some discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Watson should initiate discussions with the sports clubs using these figures.

Cllr. Seeking said the Bowls Club is worried about the security of the club grounds; it has been advised by the insurance company that the original fencing removed by the contractor needs to be reinstated. The club had been led to understand that when the fencing was removed it was put in to store and would eventually be replaced.

6. PAVILION FURNITURE

To commemorate Doug and Will the Ellum family has offered to purchase furniture for the new pavilion, the chosen style of chair and table was presented to the meeting. The family would like a small commemorative plaque placed in the alcove where the chairs will be stacked when not in use. Approval was given for both the furniture and the plaque.

7. PAVILION CLEANING

Cleaning the new pavilion is becoming problematic, not only is it taking more of the village mans time than envisaged but specific cleaning methods also need to be used. With this in mind Cllr. Knowles and Cllr. Hodge met with a professional cleaner to look at what this involved, how many hours it would involve and whether she would be prepared to undertake the work. Following a heated discussion it was proposed that the Architect should be asked to collate the manufacturers cleaning instructions before further action is considered.

8. FEAST INSURANCE

On a proposal from Cllr. Coggins, seconded by Cllr. Talbott it was **agreed** that as in previous years the Parish Council would pay the Feast insurance of approximately £500.

Cllr. Shelton said sponsorship for the majority of the Festival of Wheels has been obtained but asked for back up from the parish council to cover the £150 insurance fee, should it be necessary. On a proposal from Cllr. Amis, seconded by Cllr. Nightingale approval was **agreed**.

9. MOBILE WARDEN SCHEME

A request has been received for financial assistance towards the cost of renewing Police Checks for staff and helpers, at a cost of approximately £400. Cllr. Hodge proposed, seconded by Cllr. Shelton, that the Parish Council should offer a donation to cover this expenditure – **agreed**.

10. LIBRARY READING SCHEME

Plans are underway for this year’s library Reading Challenge “The mythical Maze”. Last year the Parish Council’s donation helped to fund additional staffing hours and enabled the library to host a number of activities to support the reading challenge. Since its inception the Parish Council has made a contribution each year towards the scheme. On a proposal from Cllr. Talbott, seconded by Cllr. Amis, it was **agreed** that a donation of £250 should be offered.

11. APRIL MEETING

It was agreed that the April meeting will be held on Monday 14th April 2014.

12. FINANCE

It was **resolved** that 20 accounts totalling £19,054.90, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

An irresponsible person or persons who is dropping bags of dog waste on the footpath between Elms Avenue and the High Street, making the area hazardous for children who use the footpath on their way too and from school. Environmental Health will be asked to consider installing a dog bin.

14. ANY OTHER BUSSINESS

The village signpost on the junction of High Street and Woollards Lane needs to be re-furbished, also the original telephone kiosks around the village are in need of attention. Cllr: Harwood reported a further epidemic of vandalism at the railway station and would inform the PCSO.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Chairman.....